AVET as a Pathway to Higher Education

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TODAY I HOPE WE CAN EXPLORE

- The impact visa categories have on access to further study options
- Typical Pathways to Higher Education
- Some examples of pathways through ASVET to Higher Education
- Information sources and how to keep up to date



HUMANITARIAN VISA TYPES

PERMANENT (including Protection) = same access as local students **REFUGEE (V200) IN COUNTRY SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN (V201) GLOBAL SPECIAL HUMANITARIAN (V202) EMERGENCY RESCUE (V203) WOMEN AT RISK (V204) PERMANENT PROTECTION VISA (V866)**

Student's likely to share similar difficulties and or experiences of disrupted education as those with temporary protection

TEMPORARY (including Bridging) ~ limited access, categorized as international **BRIDGING VISA E (V050) BRIDGING VISA A/C (V201) TEMPORARY PROTECTION VISA (V785) SAFE HAVEN ENTERPRISE (V790)** SOURCE: https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/what-we-do/refugee-andhumanitarian-program



ASVET ASYLUM SEEKER VET PROGRAM

An amazing Victorian Government initiative!

Visa eligibility:

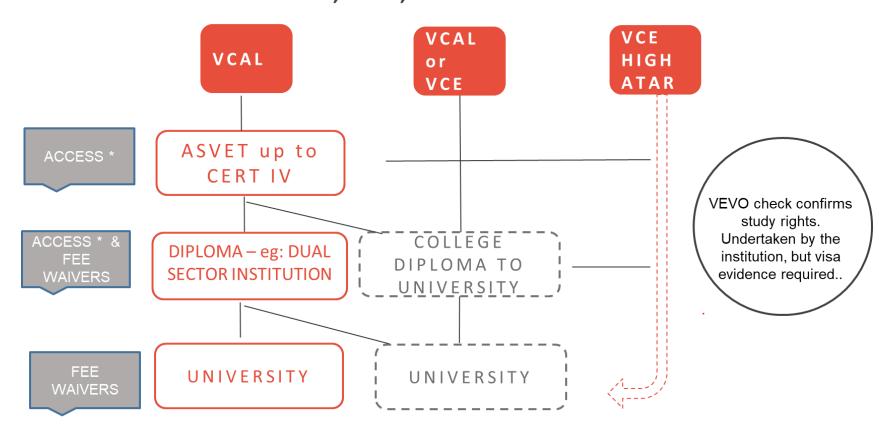
- Bridging Visa E
- Temporary Protection Visa
- Safe Haven Enterprise Visa
- Free TAFE priority
- Help desk for practitioners
- Education Advisers/ Appointments at the ASRC

https://www.asrc.org.au/vocational-education-training-vet/



3 TYPICAL PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

VISAS: TPV, SHEV, BRIDGING VISA E



Bridging Visa A * does NOT have access to ASVET. Also, excluded from access to diploma/degrees in dual sector institutions.



SOME PATHWAY JOURNEYS AND THEIR DESTINATIONS

Pathway Journey	Destination
Year 12	Bachelor of Health Science Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Civil)
Cert IV (not always at Swinburne)	Diploma of Visual Design Diploma of Screen & Media Diploma of Accounting Bachelor of Health Science/Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Health Science Bachelor of Business
Cert IV – Diploma (not always at Swinburne)	Bachelor of Computer Science Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Health Science Bachelor of Animation Degree course at a different University in Melbourne and another in N.S.W.
Previous study either in Australia or country of origin	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Civil) Bachelor of Design (Architecture)
Swinburne Diploma (not TAFE)	Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Civil) Bachelor of Health Sciences



ONLINE RESOURCES

Asylum Seeker Resources Centre (ASRC)

https://www.asrc.org.au/vocational-education-training-vet/

Refugee Education Special Interest Group – University Scholarships

https://refugee-education.org/scholarships

Check Visa Details and Conditions

https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/already-have-a-visa/check-visa-details-and-conditions/check-conditions-online

Universities and TAFE websites – go to scholarship pages

All are international scholarships e.g.: Welcome, Sanctuary, Humanitarian, Refugee and Asylum Seeker



Questions?

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