



Questions?

Can people with bridging visas enrol in an ASVET course?

People with bridging visas may be eligible to apply for ASVET funding if:

- They have applied for a humanitarian, protection or refugee visa, or have made an application under s.417 or s.48b of the Migration Act (Cth) which is yet to be determine
- Their bridging visa is currently in effect
- They have study rights, and work rights if the program includes a work placement

Will the ASRC Education program pay course costs for people seeking asylum who do not have an eligible visa?

The ASRC does not pay for members to enrol in VET or any other courses.



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Free TAFE for Priority Courses

Students who are eligible for Victorian Government subsidised training will not pay tuition fees for select priority non-apprenticeship courses, and apprenticeship pathway courses, at TAFE institutes. *Free TAFE for Priority Courses* have been selected as they lead to employment opportunities in high growth industries.

People who are eligible for ASVET funding are eligible to enrol in *Free TAFE for Priority Courses*

Additional course fees such as materials and administration fees may apply.

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ASVET

Asylum Seeker Vocational Education
and Training Program
2021-2024



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The Role of the ASRC

The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) is both a place and a movement. We are an independent not-for-profit organisation whose programs support and empower people seeking asylum.

The Victorian State Government has contracted the ASRC to provide support to eligible people seeking asylum and refugees to gain access to Skills First Victoria VET courses.

Eligibility Criteria

Access is to Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses registered with Skills First Victoria.

General Eligibility:

- Must not have undertaken studies in Australia at a higher level than the intended course (except EAL; and VET in secondary schools)*
- Must not hold an overseas degree which has been formally recognised in Australia
- Can study a maximum of:
 - > two courses in a year;
 - > two courses at a time;
 - > two courses commenced at the same level in a lifetime.

Additional Criteria:

- Hold study rights for all courses, and work rights where work experience or job placement is required
- Have enough proficiency in English to participate effectively in the chosen course
- Live in Victoria
- Able to cover course concession fees, material fees, student amenities fees and transport costs whilst studying.

*Upskilling may be waived in some circumstances including for Free TAFE

How do Students Enrol?

Students who know which Skills First course they would like to do can enrol directly with their chosen training provider. The ASRC offers independent advisory sessions to support students to select a course and will prepare a referral letter if requested.

Who is Eligible?

Eligibility is limited to people who hold the following visa types

From 1 July 2023, eligibility to participate in the Asylum Seeker VET program is for individuals or dependants of individuals, who:

- hold any humanitarian, protection, or refugee visa in Australia, or
- have applied for a humanitarian, protection or refugee visa and hold a bridging visa for this purpose, or
- have made an application under s.417 or s.48b of the Migration Act 1958 (Cth) which is yet to be determined and hold a bridging visa.