

## **ASVET Frequently Asked Questions:**

### ***1. What types of bridging visas and other protection visas are eligible for the ASVET Program?***

Please verify if the individual holds one of the specified visas and also if they have submitted an application for a protection visa.

#### **Bridging visas:**

- **Bridging Visa A (WA 010)**
- **Bridging Visa B (WB 020)**
- **Bridging Visa C (WC 030)**
- **Bridging Visa D (WD 040)**
- **Bridging Visa E (WE 050 and WE 051)**
- **Bridging Visa F (WF 060)**

#### **Protection visas:**

- **Temporary Protection Visa (TPV or 785)**
- **Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV or 790)**
- **Resolution of Status Visa (RoS or 851)**
- **Global Special Humanitarian Visa (subclass 202)**
- **Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) Visa (UJ 449)**
- **Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa (UO 786)**
- **Protection Visa (subclass 866)**
- **Refugee Visa (subclass 200, 201, 203 and 204)**

### ***2. Are people seeking asylum and refugees required to register with the ASVET program and receive referrals to training organisations to access Skills First Funding courses:***

People seeking asylum and refugees are **not** obligated to register with the ASVET program. Instead, they have the freedom to self-enroll in any public TAFE, Learning Locals, and private training institutions they prefer. However, they choose to utilise the ASVET program for guidance in selecting their desired courses. Additionally, they can obtain a referral letter from the program to present to their chosen training institutions.

### ***3. Do people seeking asylum and refugees need to approach the ASVET program if they wish to apply for a traineeship or apprenticeship?***

People seeking asylum and refugees aiming to pursue a traineeship or apprenticeship must initially secure an employer willing to hire them for the duration of their training/apprenticeship. Once an employer is found, both prospective trainee/apprentice and their employer can jointly approach the group training organisation (GTO), along with other stakeholders such as the Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority (VRQA) and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN), to initiate the process of signing up for their traineeship or apprenticeship contract.

#### ***4. How can training organisations verify VEVO entitlement for prospective students?***

To utilise the service, kindly create an immiAccount for your training organisation, which is offered free of charge at:

<https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/register>

Once your immiAccount is set up, you can then proceed to verify the study or work rights of the prospective students at:

<https://online.immi.gov.au/lusc/login>

For further details and guidance, please refer to the information provided here:

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

#### ***5. Are people seeking asylum and refugees able to study English at TAFE or at Learn Local?***

People seeking asylum and refugees are eligible for ACFE and Skills First Fundings. They have the option to enhance their English proficiency either by enrolling in an accredited certificate course in English as an Additional Language (EAL) at TAFE or by pursuing a pre-accredited course at a Learn Local or any AMEP service provider, focusing on foundation skills alongside English language learning.

#### ***6. Under Skills First Funding, what kind of courses are available for people seeking asylum and refugees to study?***

Under Skills First, people seeking asylum and refugees are eligible to study two courses throughout their lifetime, spanning from certificate to advanced diploma levels. Moreover, they are required to pay concession fees for each course they choose to undertake.

#### ***7. What additional services are available for people seeking asylum and refugees?***

People seeking asylum and refugees can access the below services

- Reconnect program: for wrap-around services

<https://www.vic.gov.au/reconnect-program>

- Jobs Victoria Mentors: for employment support

<https://jobs.vic.gov.au/help-for-jobseekers/personalised-support/mentors>

- TAFE-Skills and Jobs Centres: for employment support and free career counseling

<https://www.vic.gov.au/skills-and-jobs-centres>