



Questions?

Can BVA/BVB/BVC/BVD visa holders enrol in an ASVET course?

The Victorian State Government will only subsidise courses for people holding BVE, SHEV and TPV visa types.

If people who hold different visa types would like to enrol in a VET course, they will have to pay all course fees at full international student rates.

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

From 1 January 2019, students who are eligible for Victorian Government subsidised training will not pay tuition fees for 30 priority non-apprenticeship courses, and an additional 18 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 holding BVE, SHEV or TPV visa types are eligible to enrol in **Free TAFE for Priority Courses**.

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Asylum Seeker Vocational Education
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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 refer up to 500 eligible people seeking asylum from July 2018 - June 2019 to Skills First Victoria training courses at TAFE institutes, Learn Locals and private training providers

Who is Eligible?

Eligibility is limited to people who hold the following visa types

- Bridging Visa Class E (BVE);
- Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV); or
- Temporary Protection Visa (TPV).



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

How do Students Enrol?

Students who know which TAFE or Learn Local course they would like to do, can enrol directly with the training provider. The ASRC will prepare a referral letter if requested.

For enrolment in courses at private training providers, the institution must receive a full referral from the ASRC. This includes the following documents:

- 'Referral to Government Subsidised Training - Asylum Seekers' form
- Acknowledgement of Enrolment
- Referral letter to the Admissions Officer
- Study Rights Agreement
- Confidentiality Agreement

The ASRC remains the sole organisation able to refer people on eligible visas to private training organisations during the ASVET 2018-2021 contract.