

Asylum Seeker VET Program 2016-2018

Role of ASRC

The Victorian State Government has contracted the ASRC to refer up to 1000 eligible people to VTG courses at TAFE institutions, Learn Locals and private training organisations.

Helpdesk services & resource supports via our website will be provided to assist TAFE and Learn Local RTOs to enable people with eligible visas to access an additional 2000 places.

Who is eligible?

People who hold the following visas:

- People seeking asylum on Bridging Visa Class E (BVE)
- Refugees on:
 - Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV)
 - Temporary Protection Visa (TPV)

Eligibility Criteria for Victorian Government Subsidised VET courses

Eligibility in common:

- Upskilling requirement: not have undertaken studies in Australia at a higher level than the intended course (except EAL and VET in Schools)
- Not hold an overseas degree which has been formally recognized in Australia
- Two in a year: a maximum of two courses in a year
- Two at a time: a maximum of two at a time
- Two at a level: a maximum of two courses commenced at the same level in a lifetime (except where recommencing training in the same qualification)

Additional criteria:

- Hold study rights for all courses and work rights for some
- Have proficiency in English to participate effectively in the chosen course
- Must live in Victoria
- Must be able to cover course concession fees, material fees, student amenities fees and transport costs while studying

Access VET courses registered with Skills First Victoria and **linked to employment outcomes**.

Enrolment in VET courses

From January 2017, people with eligible visas:

- Will be referred by the ASRC Education Program (1000 places)
 - Or they may directly enrol in a VET course either through a TAFE or a Learn Local RTO (2000 places)

The ASRC will remain the sole organisation able to refer people on eligible visas to private training organisations during the VTG 2016-2018 Contract.