

SSP - Strategic Skills Program

Participant Eligibility & Fees 2012



To be eligible to enrol in training under the SSP participants must be:

- An Australian Citizen; or
- A foreign national with Australian permanent residency; or
- A New Zealand passport holder who has been resident in Australia for at least six months; or
- A humanitarian refugee; and
- Not enrolled in secondary or tertiary education; and
- A NSW resident or a person who works in NSW.

JOB SEEKER means someone who is:

- Registered with a Jobs Services Australia Provider, or
- An income support recipient who is not currently required to meet activity test or participation requirements, or
- A participant in the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme, or
- Not currently working and seeking or intending to seek paid employment or self-employment after completing training, or
- A participant in the Commonwealth's Access Program, or
- Not working and participating in volunteering activities, or
- A person aged 15 years and over, not involved in any form of work (including casual, self employment and commission based) for one hour or more per week for pay, profit, commission or in kind payment.

EXISTING WORKER is defined as a person 20 years of age or older who has been in paid employment for at least one hour in the week prior to commencement of training; or a person 15-19 years of age who is not formally enrolled in school and has been in paid employment for more than 15 hours in the week prior to commencement of training.

FEES

For enrolment into a government-subsidised course participants are required to pay an enrolment fee indicated in the table below. Fee exemption and concessions are available.

Fees are payable once an application is approved. A place in a course is not secured until all fees are paid. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Qualification Level/Category	Fees*
Diploma	\$654
Certificate IV	\$492
Certificate III	\$362
Statements of Attainment/ Short courses	\$231
Government benefit recipients (see next page)	\$53
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	\$0
Students with a Disability (first course per year)	\$0

**these fees relate to enrolments of one semester or less*

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CONCESSIONS

Students who receive one or more eligible Commonwealth benefits or allowances at the time of their enrolment may be eligible to pay a concession fee rather than the full fee. The concession fee for 2012 is \$53 per course enrolment.

Eligible benefits include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Age Pension▪ Austudy (including Veterans' Children Education Scheme)▪ Carer Payment▪ Disability Support Pension▪ Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment▪ Family Tax Benefit Part A (Maximum Rate)▪ Farm Help Income Support▪ Mature Age Allowance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Newstart Allowance▪ Parenting Payment (Single)▪ Sickness Allowance▪ Special Benefit▪ Veterans' Affairs Payments▪ Widow Allowance▪ Widow Pension (including Widow 'B' Pension)▪ Wife Pension▪ Youth Allowance |
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If you are a recipient of an eligible benefit or allowance, the concession fee may also be available to your dependent child, spouse or partner.

FEE EXEMPTIONS

Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are exempt from paying the fee.

Students who receive a disability support pension and students with a disability (clients of a Teacher/Consultant for students with a disability) are exempt from paying the fee for one course enrolment per year (and are eligible for a \$52 concession fee for each subsequent course enrolment in that year).

A **Fee Concession/Exemption form** must be completed in order for a concession or exemption to be granted. Evidence will be required to support an application.