

Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarships



What is concession-eligible?

The NSW Government's *Reskilling NSW* initiative includes the creation of **Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarships**.

Fee-Free Scholarships help young people (15-30 years old) who are eligible for concession fees to complete their training under Smart and Skilled without paying a student fee.

Qualifications from Certificate I to Certificate IV levels, including qualifications that support Apprenticeships and Traineeships, are covered.

Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarships provide for 200,000 fee-exempt training places over four years. There are 50,000 places available in the 2015/16 financial year, with priority given to people living in social housing.

What is concession-eligible?

Concession-eligible means the student receives a Commonwealth Government payment/allowance or holds one of the pensioner concession cards issued by Centrelink as listed overleaf

OR

their parent or guardian or spouse or partner receives a Commonwealth Government payment or holds one of the concession cards listed overleaf, and they are a listed dependant.

Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarships and NSW Social Housing residents

Young people who meet the Fee-Free Scholarship eligibility criteria and are living in NSW Social Housing, or on the waiting list for NSW Social Housing, are given priority under Fee-Free Scholarships.

These students will be guaranteed a fee-exemption under Fee-Free Scholarships even if the yearly limit is reached.

What does "NSW Social Housing" mean?

For the purposes of Fee-Free Scholarships, NSW Social Housing includes tenants of:

- public housing (owned and managed by the NSW Government or managed by a community housing provider)
- community housing (owned and/or managed by community housing providers)
- Aboriginal housing (owned and/or managed by the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) and Aboriginal Community Housing Providers)
- clients receiving crisis accommodation/supported accommodation (Specialist Homelessness Services)
- clients receiving private rental assistance funded by Family and Community Services (for example: private rental subsidy, rental bond loans, tenancy guarantees).

Providers should ensure that potential students are able to identify if they fall within the above definition.

For more information:

For more information see smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/fee-free-scholarships or contact 1300 772 104 or smartandskilled.enquiries@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Training Providers should contact Training Market Customer Support on training.market@industry.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9266 8008.

Commonwealth benefits and allowances

- **Age Pension**
- **Austudy**
- **Carer Payment (see comment below)**
- **Disability Support Pension**
- **Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment**
- **Farm Household Allowance**
- **Family Tax Benefit Part A (maximum rate)**
- **Parenting Payment (Single)**
- **Newstart Allowance**
- **Special Benefit**
- **Sickness Allowance**
- **Veterans' Children Education Scheme**
- **Veterans' Affairs Pensions**
- **Widow B Pension**
- **Widow Allowance**
- **Youth Allowance**
- **Wife Pension**

Note:

- A NSW Apprentice on a Newstart Allowance is not eligible for a concession fee.
- A NSW New Entrant Trainee on a Newstart Allowance is not eligible for a concession fee.
- The Carer Payment is a specific benefit paid by the Commonwealth, this category does not include the Carer Allowance or Carer Adjustment Payment.

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