

Certificate 3 Guarantee

Student fact sheet

What is the Certificate 3 Guarantee?

The Certificate 3 Guarantee supports eligible individuals to complete their first post-school certificate III level qualification and increase their skills to move into employment, re-enter the workforce or advance their career.

The program also supports school students to access training and Queensland's Year 12 graduates to transition to employment by providing free training in high priority qualifications.

What qualifications are subsidised?

Under the Certificate 3 Guarantee, the Queensland Government provides a subsidy for a range of certificate III level vocational qualifications. Foundation skills training and lower-level vocational qualifications may also be subsidised in certain circumstances.

Are you eligible to participate?

The program is open to any Queensland resident aged 15 years or over who is no longer at school (with the exception of VET in Schools students) and is an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident (including humanitarian entrants), or a temporary resident with the necessary visa and work permits on the pathway to permanent residency.

Prospective students must not have or be enrolled in a certificate III level or higher qualification, not including qualifications completed at school and foundations skills training.

How can you participate in the program?

It is important that you choose the right course for you to take full advantage of the program.

The Queensland Skills Gateway displays the courses available under the Certificate 3 Guarantee and provides information about what they cover, the careers they can lead to, and the training providers approved to deliver them — visit www.training.qld.gov.au/skillsgateway.

For information on choosing a training provider, read the [training consumer tips](#) on the department's Training website.

As a condition of your enrolment, you will be required to complete a student training and employment survey within three months of finishing or discontinuing your training.

What level of subsidy is available?

The subsidy represents the level of government contribution for a qualification, and varies between qualifications based on a number of factors.

The investment priority or importance of the training influences the size of the government subsidy.

Training in vocational areas that align with important economic and industry skills needs will receive a higher government subsidy.

A higher subsidy will also be paid to support participation by disadvantaged learners (concessional students). More information on concessional student status is detailed in the *Certificate 3 Guarantee Program Policy* at www.training.qld.gov.au/certificate3guarantee.



Do you need to contribute to the cost of training?

Given the benefits that training provides to individuals, students undertaking certificate III level training and non-concessional students undertaking lower-level vocational training are required to contribute to the costs of their training through a co-contribution fee.

The amount of your out-of-pocket expense will vary depending on the course you undertake and the training provider you choose.

The fee may be paid on your behalf by an employer or another third party, but cannot be paid or waived by the training provider or any organisation related to the training provider unless approved by the Department of Employment Small Business and Training.

The Queensland Government covers the full cost of training through the Certificate 3 Guarantee for high priority qualifications as part of [free training for Year 12 graduates](#).

More information

For more information on the Certificate 3 Guarantee, including eligibility requirements, subsidy information, concessional student status and program related documents, visit www.training.qld.gov.au/certificate3guarantee.