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Norfolk Island Vocational Education and Training Financial Assistance Initiative

Fact Sheet

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Are you interested in Vocational Education and Training?

In 2019, the Australian Government launched the Norfolk Island Vocational Education and Training (VET) Financial Assistance Initiative, making it easier for Norfolk Island residents to access VET. In 2021, the types of assistance available under the Initiative were expanded.

Available Financial Assistance

The VET Initiative assists eligible Norfolk Island students studying a VET qualification to pay tuition fees. Under the Initiative, Norfolk Island students will be reimbursed the difference in course fees incurred, with what a resident student of the state or territory of the institution would be required to pay, ensuring Norfolk Island students are not disadvantaged by location.

For example, from 1 January 2021 until 30 June 2023, Free TAFE for under 25s will be available to eligible Queenslanders in 26 priority Certificate III qualifications available at TAFE Queensland and Central Queensland University only. Should a Norfolk Island resident enrol with TAFE Queensland or Central Queensland University for the course component of an apprenticeship being undertaken on Island, the Australian Government will fully reimburse the course fees.

From 1 April 2021, Apprentices and Trainees have also been able to access travel and accommodation financial assistance, Job Trainer subsidised courses and training scholarships for mature-aged students.

Options for Financial Assistance

Financial assistance can be provided either:

- in one payment once you have paid the full course fees upfront, or
- monthly on receipt of evidence of payments made towards the course fees during the calendar month.
- Reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred.

Delivery of Financial Assistance

Asuria will deliver the VET Financial Assistance Initiative. Asuria will receive and assess all applications from students seeking assistance and provide reimbursements on receipt of satisfactory claims for payment.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to receive Financial Assistance you must be:

- At least 15 years of age or in year 10 or above for school-based VET courses including school-based apprenticeships, traineeships and distance education courses. Where a student is less than 15, their application must be accompanied by a letter from the School Principal approving their participation
- an Australian or New Zealand Citizen or holder of visa class 808
- a resident of Norfolk Island
- not receiving any other Commonwealth or state or territory financial support towards the course (VET Student Loans are not considered financial support under this Initiative).

How to Apply

To apply for Financial Assistance, you will need to submit an Application Form to Asuria by email at norfolkislandadmin@Asuria.com.au.

Further Information

Before applying for VET Financial Assistance, you should read the VET Financial Assistance Guidelines, Application Form and draft Letter of Offer that are available at infrastructure.gov.au/norfolk-island-vet or in hard copy from Asuria. If you have any further questions please contact Asuria on 22562 or by email at norfolkislandadmin@Asuria.com.au.