CAREER START PROGRAM - GENERAL TRAINING PATHWAY STUDENT FACT SHEET

WHAT IS CAREER START - GENERAL TRAINING PATHWAY FUNDING?

Career Start is one of the Queensland Government's core funded vocational education and training (VET) programs, managed by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training (DTET).

The core VET programs provide subsidised training opportunities for Queenslanders aligned to the priorities set out in the DTET Training Priorities Plan.

Career Start provides individuals with the skills and support to start their career. The program provides training to help individuals find a job and supports those already employed to move into more skilled roles or full-time employment, including after completing an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Career Start supports delivery of entry level training to students, apprentices and trainees aligned with the skill outcomes required by industry. Career Start offers **either** a ***general training pathway*** or ***employment-based apprenticeship or traineeship pathway***.

HOW MANY TIMES CAN I ACCESS CAREER START FUNDING?

Under Career Start, an individual may access up to two subsidised training places through one of the following options:

• a general qualification at certificate III and an apprenticeship/traineeship, noting that if the apprenticeship/ traineeship is done first, the individual is no longer eligible to access a general qualification under Career Start; or

• two apprenticeships/traineeships at either certificate II or III, including school based apprenticeships or traineeships (SATs). In addition, under Career Start, individuals may access one subsidised introductory level skill set.

Eligible individuals are unable to complete more than one lower-level vocational qualification funded under Career Start (such as a Certificate II qualification).

An individual cannot do two general pathway qualifications under Career Start. This is to ensure equitable access for all eligible Queenslanders to a training opportunity.

WHAT ARE THE TWO PATHWAYS?

Apprenticeship/Traineeship Pathway
For apprenticeships and traineeships, an individual must be employed as an apprentice or trainee. This pathway is part of the Australian Apprenticeships system and requires all parties to sign an Apprenticeship and Traineeship Training Contract (the Contract) as defined by the Further Education and Training Act 2014 (the Act).

The employer of an apprentice/trainee must provide or arrange to provide adequate facilities, range of work, supervision and on the-job training required by the Act and training plan. The Supervising Registered Training Organisation (that is us) is required to assess these employment arrangements, complete an Employer Resource Assessment and develop the training plan in consultation with the employer, apprentice and/or trainee to ensure compliance with the Act.

General Training Pathway
Qualifications and introductory skill sets delivered through a general training pathway are available for direct enrolment and do not require the student to enter into a training contract (apprenticeship/traineeship) with an employer.

ARE THERE ANY COSTS INVOLVED AND WHO PAYS THEM?

As part of the Career Start Program – General Training Pathway, co-contribution fees must be collected. This fee can be paid by the student themselves or on behalf of the student by a third party. The applicable fee is paid upon enrolment and prior to commencement of training and is the final & only fee the student must pay.

The co-contribution fees are charged and must be collected prior to your course being opened. We will charge you for up to 30% of the fees upfront and then once you have commenced, we will invoice you for the balance of the co-contribution fees. However if you prefer, and only if you opt for it, we can provide you an invoice for the whole amount upfront.

You could be eligible for a concessional fee if you:

- hold a concession card (Health Care, Pensioner, Veteran); or
- identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; or
- have a disability; or
- are from a non-English speaking background

Co-contribution fees are not payable for units that are awarded a Credit Transfer. If you are awarded a Credit Transfer, you will be refunded the co-contribution fee paid for that unit.

COURSES AVAILABLE

- AHC30624 - CERTIFICATE III IN PRODUCTION HORTICULTURE
- AHC30722 - CERTIFICATE III IN HORTICULTURE
- AHC30921 – CERTIFICATE III IN LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION
- AHC31024 - CERTIFICATE III IN PARKS AND GARDENS
- AHC31424 - CERTIFICATE III IN CONSERVATION AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT
- AHC32822 - CERTIFICATE III IN RURAL OPERATIONS
- AHC20422 - CERTIFICATE II IN HORTICULTURE

COURSE	NON-CONCESSIONAL FEE	CONCESSIONAL FEE*
AHC30624 - Certificate III in Production Horticulture	$10 per unit (15 units x $10 = $150)	$5* per unit (15 units x $5 = $75)
AHC30722 – Certificate III in Horticulture	$10 per unit (17 units x $10 = $170)	$5* per unit (17 units x $5 = $85)
AHC30921 - Certificate III in Landscape Construction	$10 per unit (17 units x $10 = $170)	$5* per unit (17 units x $5 = $85)
AHC31024 - Certificate III in Parks and Gardens	$10 per unit (16 units x $10 = $160)	$5* per unit (16 units x $5 = $80)
AHC31424 - Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management	$10 per unit (16 units x $10 = $160)	$5* per unit (16 units x $5 = $80)
AHC32822 - Certificate III in Rural Operations	$10 per unit (16 units x $10 = $160)	$5* per unit (16 units x $5 = $80)
AHC20422 – Certificate II in Horticulture	$10 per unit (15 units x $10 = $150)	$5* per unit (15 units x $5 = $75)

OVERVIEW OF COURSES AVAILABLE

The courses that we have available under the Career Start Program - General Training Pathway are listed below. The amount of units to be completed for each course is listed. Please also refer to our website landscapeskills.edu.au for further information about the courses.

AHC30624 - CERTIFICATE III IN PRODUCTION HORTICULTURE

This qualification is designed to meet the needs of individuals working in production horticulture. To achieve this qualification, the candidate must demonstrate competency in:

15 units of competency:

- 3 core units plus
- 12 elective units

AHC30722 - CERTIFICATE III IN HORTICULTURE

This qualification is designed to meet the needs of individuals working in amenity horticulture. To achieve this qualification, the candidate must demonstrate competency in:

17 units of Competency

- 11 core units
- 6 elective units

AHC30921 - CERTIFICATE III IN LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION

This qualification is designed to meet the needs of individuals working in Landscaping operations on residential and commercial projects. To achieve this qualification, the candidate must demonstrate competency in:

17 units of Competency

- 10 core units
- 7 elective units

AHC31024 - CERTIFICATE III IN PARKS AND GARDENS

This qualification is designed to meet the needs of individuals working in operations on residential and commercial projects. To achieve this qualification, the candidate must demonstrate competency in:

16 units of Competency

- 11 core units
- 5 elective units

AHC31424 - CERTIFICATE III IN CONSERVATION AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT

This qualification is designed to meet the needs of individuals working in the conservation and ecosystem management industry. To achieve this qualification, the candidate must demonstrate competency in:

16 units of Competency

- 2 core units
- 14 elective units

AHC32822 - CERTIFICATE III IN RURAL OPERATIONS

This qualification is designed to meet the needs of individuals working in the conservation and ecosystem management industry. To achieve this qualification, the candidate must demonstrate competency in:

16 units of competency:

- 3 core units plus
- 13 elective units

As part of the Career Start funding for this qualification - the following units of competency and their direct replacement are not funded under this qualification from 1 July 2023: RIICOM201E, RIIERR205D, RIIERR302E, RIIGOV201E, RIIRIS201E & RIIWHS201E.

AHC20422 – CERTIFICATE II IN HORTICULTURE

This qualification is designed to meet the needs of individuals entering the horticulture industry. To achieve this qualification, the candidate must demonstrate competency in:

15 units of competency:

- 8 core units plus
- 7 elective units

ELIGIBILITY

To access a subsidised training place under Career Start General Pathway an individual must meet the following criteria:

- Aged 15 years or older
- Not be a school student
- Permanently reside in Queensland
- Be an Australian citizen, or Australia Permanent resident or a temporary resident who holds a valid visa and working rights on the pathway to permanent residence, or a New Zealand citizen
- Not already have a certificate III or higher qualification completed within the last 10 years immediately preceding the individual's enrolment (qualifications completed as a school student do not impact eligibility)
- Not be enrolled in another DTET-funded qualification, even if it is on hold or deferred (foundation skills qualifications and self-funded/fee-for-service qualifications do not impact eligibility)

To assist in confirming eligibility the RTO will:

1. Conduct an AISS Search to confirm any of my previous study; and

2. Obtain information from any RTO in relation to prior enrolment in any qualification/course

Students will be offered RPL at the time of enrolment and this will be discussed with the trainer at the first visit.

SUPPORT SERVICES

As part of the pre-enrolment process students will be asked to undertake a language, literacy and numeracy assessment. This is an indicator only on whether any assistance may be required. The students are also asked whether any extra support or adjustment is required for their learning or assessment and a Support Plan is put together within the course, where required.

The Support Plan is accessible by the student and trainer, in the Student Portal, at all times and can be updated throughout the course. The plan covers the different support available for all areas of support including:

Learning and Digital Support
Literacy and Numeracy Challenges
Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing
Physical Health and Disability
Financial Hardship

If at any time throughout your course you require any assistance or support, please discuss these needs with your trainer or you can contact us at support@qsbc.edu.au.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

All of our courses provide online theory tasks through our Student Portal.
Practical components of our courses are assessed through online tasks and direct practical observation.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Please refer to our website at landscapeskills.edu.au for any of the courses listed to refer to specifics about the course. This may include:
- Delivery Mode and Locations
- Duration - Timeline
- Entry Requirements
- If you'd like to learn more regarding the Career Start Program please refer to the Queensland Government's website: https://www.qld.gov.au/education/training/funded/career-start