Future Skills WA will guarantee eligible students a subsidised training place in State priority courses. It's a new way to ensure more people are better equipped with the skills WA needs. Funding is now available for Certificate III in Aged Care under the WA Priority Industry Training (PIT) program.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible for a guaranteed training place if you have left school and you are:

- an Australian citizen; or
- a permanent visa holder; or
- a holder of visa subclass 309, 310, 820, 826 or 851; or
- a dependent or spouse of the primary holder of a visa subclass 457; and
- must be at least 15 years old (in 2015, these students will be born on or after 1 July 1997); and
- If under 18 years of age, must have a Department of Education (DoE) Notice of Arrangement (please contact Aged Care Training Services for further information regarding this requirement)

Under Future Skills WA:

- There is no upper age limit
- There are no restrictions based on your previous level of awarded qualification; however you will need to meet any course entry requirements

How many courses can an eligible individual do?

Students in all equity groups, but not jobseekers; may on completion of one qualification; enrol in a second qualification at the same or a higher level. Students who fail to complete one qualification may enrol in a second qualification with the prior approval via Aged Care Training Services.

Proof of eligibility

For proof of eligibility you will need to provide prior to the commencement of training, evidence of citizenship or residency. Evidence could include:

- an Australian birth certificate; or
- a current Australian passport; or
- a current New Zealand passport; or
- a Naturalisation certificate; or
- a green Medicare card

A Future Skills WA course, subsidised by the Department of Training and Workforce Development. Century Group Pty Ltd TOID 6127 trading as Aged Care Training Services and Arrow Training Services. We encourage people from diverse backgrounds and disabilities to apply for training. *Eligibility criteria applies for concession fees
### How much will I pay?

For students born on or after 1 July 1997 and must be at least 15 years old, the maximum course fee chargeable in 2015 is $410.00. This maximum applies to the total course fees for one or more courses for both concessional and non-concessional students.

### How do I qualify for concession?

The following students are entitled to the concession rate on course fees:

- **a)** Persons and dependants of persons holding:
  - i. a Pensioner Concession Card; or
  - ii. a Repatriation Health Benefits Card issued by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs; or
  - iii. a Health Care Card

- **b)** Persons and dependants of persons in receipt of AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY

- **c)** Persons and dependants of persons in receipt of the Youth Allowance

- **d)** Persons who are inmates of a custodial institution

- **e)** Secondary school aged persons. In 2015, these students will be born on or after 1 July 1997 and must be at least 15 years old

Proof of eligibility for concession must be demonstrated prior to the commencement of training. If the concession is valid for the full enrolment period, then all eligible units commenced within that period attract the concession rate. If the concession is valid for part of the enrolment period, then only eligible units commenced prior to the expiry of the concession attract the concession rate.

### Payment Options

On enrolment, students will take up one of the following payment options:

- pay the full amount of fees and charges;
- pay fee by instalment;
- make application on the grounds of severe financial hardship for fees and charges to be waived

Students who fail to take up one of the above options will not be enrolled into the course.

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The student tuition fees are indicative only and are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Additional fees may apply such as student services and resource fees.
Deposit

To secure a place in an upcoming course, a $50.00 deposit is required. The $50.00 deposit is non-refundable once training has commenced. The deposit will be deducted against your enrolment fees.

Instalment Payments

Aged Care Training Services can offer you a payment option that allows you to pay your tuition fee in instalments.

Students are given a minimum of eight weeks from the commencement of training to finalise payment, when paying by instalment.

NOTE: Students, who fall behind in their payments, will not be enrolled into additional units unless appropriate arrangements have been agreed to by both the student and Aged Care Training Services to pay the amount outstanding.

Fee Waiver

Aged Care Training Services can waive the tuition fee for students that we assess as being in severe financial hardship.

To apply for a fee waiver, the below must be completed and submitted for assessment;
- Severe Financial Hardship Application Form
- an Income Statement from Centrelink
- must hold an eligible concession (please see ‘How do I qualify for concession’)

The decision to waive the fee will be at the discretion of Management at Aged Care Training Services. Students will be advised of the decision outcome.

Refund Policy

Students must advise in writing of their intention to withdraw from training. This is necessary to ensure they are eligible for refunds. Requests for refunds must be lodged within two weeks of the official withdrawal date.
Full refunds:

Students who withdraw are entitled to a full refund of fees and charges where:
- a course/qualification or unit is cancelled or re-scheduled to a time unsuitable to the student; or
- a student is not given a place due to maximum number of places being reached

The State Manager can approve a full refund of fees at any time during delivery, if a class is cancelled because of declining student numbers, no available trainer/assessor, or due to other circumstances caused by Aged Care Training Services.

Part refunds:

Students who withdraw for reasons other than those outlined above, and who lodge a withdrawal form before 20% of the way between the commencement and completion dates for the unit will be eligible for a full refund of the course fee for the unit, and:

- 50% of the resource fee where the course is below Diploma level and not included in the Certificate IV VET FEE-HELP trial in Western Australia

Pro-rata refunds:

Aged Care Training Services can approve a pro-rata refund of fees and charges at any time during the course of delivery if a student withdraws for reasons of personal circumstances beyond their control.

For example:

- serious illness resulting in extended absence from classes; or
- injury or disability that prevents the student from completing their program of study; or
- other exceptional reasons at the discretion of Aged Care Training Services

In all cases, relevant documentary evidence (for example, medical certificate) is required.

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