

**ELIGIBILITY & LIMITATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT FUNDING – 2015**

- a) Must be an Australian Citizen or holder of a permanent residence (PR) visa or a New Zealand Citizen
- b) Must Enrol between January 01 of current year and 31 December of current year
- c) If over 20 years of age, you must be upskilling (meaning you cannot be funded for a qualification at the same AQF level or higher to what you have already acquired)
- d) Must be residing in Victoria
- e) Limited to a maximum of 2 qualifications in a year
- f) Limited to 2 qualification at a time (per year)
- g) Limited to maximum 2 qualifications at the same level in your lifetime
- h) If you are below 20 years of age, you are exempt from upskilling requirement but must keep to the 2 same level qualifications in lifetime limit as well as maximum 2 qualifications funding limit per year per student

**INELIGIBLE IF:**

- You are still in school
- If you hold same AQF level or higher to what you intend to enrol in
- Your Overseas Qualification have been assessed in Australia and recognised as being of the same AQF level or higher to what you want to enrol in.
- If you already have enrolled and completing or intending to complete maximum 2 courses in the same year

**EXEMPTIONS**

- Asylum Seeker and Victims of Human Trafficking but must meet all eligibility criteria except citizenship/residency
- Retrenched Employees but must meet all eligibility criteria except upskilling requirement
  - Must present Workers in Transition Program Eligibility Letter prior to 3/11/2014 or a Training Referral Letter dated from 03/11/14 onwards issued by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
  - Must also present a copy of a notification of employment separation such as:
    - separation certificate,
    - a letter of separation from previous employer on a letter head,
    - statement of service including cessation of employment,
    - letter specifying retrenchment will occur or
    - A Centre Link Employment Separation Certificate citing redundancy, work shortage, unsuitability of kind of work.
- Automotive Supply Chain Training employees must meet all eligibility criteria except upskilling. Must present Automotive Supply Chain Training Initiative Eligibility Letter issued by the Department and evidence of their current or recent employment in the automotive supply chain
  - separation certificate
  - a letter of separation from previous employer on a letter head,
  - statement of service including cessation of employment,
  - letter specifying retrenchment will occur or
  - a Centre Link Employment separation certificate citing redundancy, work shortage, unsuitability of kind of work.
  - A payslip

All these exempted students must commence training within 12 months from referral date

**TUITION FEE WAIVER/EXEMPTIONS FOR GOVERNMENT FUNDED STUDENTS:**

- If you are from Judy Lazarus Transition Centre (as a prisoner within the meaning of the Corrections Act 1986)
- If you are required to undertake the course pursuant to a community based order made under the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005

**CONCESSIONS:**

- Concession fee is 20% of the standard tuition fee
- If you had a concession card at the time of enrolment and this eligibility is lost during the course, your concession status shall not be affected
- All concession proof documents must be produced for sighting before concession rates can be granted
- Acceptable documents for concession
  - Health Care Card issued by the Commonwealth
  - Pensioner Card
  - Veterans Card
  - Alternative Card or Concession Eligibility criterion approved by the Minister
- Concession cards cover dependant spouse or child of a card holder
- If you are a Job Seeker referred for Training by a JSA, you need to submit the Job Seekers Referral Form so that GTPS can invoice the referring JSA for the 80% fee once you have paid the concession rate
- If you are of ATSI background, you are entitled to a concession rate

**Please contact 03-93564646 or 0414376163 for a thorough assessment by a GTPS staff**