VET FEE-HELP Certificate IV Trial information for students

VET FEE-HELP is a Commonwealth Government loan to cover the cost of tuition fees. It is usually available to students undertaking a diploma or advanced diploma qualification.

For a limited period, VET FEE-HELP will be available for some subsidised Certificate IV courses. Read on to find out if it will apply to your study.

Am I eligible?
You may be eligible to participate in the Trial if you meet the VET FEE-HELP citizenship and residency requirements, and you must also be eligible for a subsidised place in the specific Certificate IV courses that are part of the Trial in your state or territory.

The Trial does not extend to full fee for service students. Visit www.studyassist.gov.au to find out more.

Which qualifications are eligible?
Each state and territory has selected the Certificate IV qualifications.

To find out what qualifications apply in your state or territory, you can visit the Study Assist website www.studyassist.gov.au.

You can also access a list of providers that offer the subsidised qualifications.

Is there a loan fee?
No.

How do I access VET FEE-HELP?
If you meet the eligibility requirements for VET FEE-HELP, you will need to follow your VET provider’s enrolment procedures. To access VET FEE-HELP you must:
- read the VET FEE-HELP booklet
- fill out the Request for VET FEE-HELP form available from your provider
- submit the form to your provider before the census date.

Can I access VET FEE-HELP for my Certificate IV and diploma at the same time?
There is no barrier to you accessing VET FEE-HELP for both your Certificate IV and diploma as long as you don’t exceed your FEE-HELP limit.

In 2014 the general FEE-HELP limit is $96,000. Your ability to access more than one of the selected Trial qualifications will depend on state/territory eligibility requirements.

In accessing VET FEE-HELP, you will have the same protections under the Higher Education Support Act 2003 as other HELP students.

When does the Trial commence and conclude?
Trial commencement dates vary for each state and territory. The Trial is to conclude on 31 December 2016.

Only those VET units of study that are commenced, and end (as determined by the VET provider at time of enrolment) before 31 December 2016, will be eligible to be included in the Trial.

Need more assistance?
You can visit the Study Assist website www.studyassist.gov.au and click on ‘Contact us’ for more assistance.