



Free Apprenticeships for under 25s Eligibility Process

Document Type	Process
Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2025	Outcome Standards Quality Area 2: VET Student Support <i>Standard 2.1: VET students have access to clear and accurate information concerning the organisation, the relevant training product, and students are made aware of any changes that may affect them.</i> Compliance Requirements Division 1 - Information and Transparency <i>Clause 7: Marketing and advertising</i>
Career Start Program Policy 2025-2028	Student Support: <i>"Students enrolled in fee-free training initiatives, such as Free Apprenticeships for under 25s, which focus on specific priority qualifications"</i>
Skills Assure Supplier Policy 2025-28	Clause 2: Performance Standards Performance Standard 1: Provide information before enrolment to inform and protect prospective students Performance standard 6 - Comply with all funding terms and conditions Clause 8: Appendix 1: Fee Conditions Additional Conditions: Apprenticeships and Traineeships F. Free Apprenticeships: <i>The SAS must not charge a fee to any individual who is eligible for a Government subsidy under the Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s initiative. The Department will cover the Co-contribution fee.</i>
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Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s offers fully subsidised training for more than 130 priority apprenticeship and traineeship qualifications.

To be eligible for free apprenticeships for under 25s, students will need to commence training in a high priority qualification with an approved Skills Assure Supplier (SAS) training provider within one of the high priority apprenticeship or traineeship qualifications commencing from 1 January 2021 to 30 Jun 2027.

Fee free training also applies to students who commenced in a high priority apprenticeship or traineeship in previous years, where they are under 25 years of age on 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2027 and are still in training.

For More information:

[Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s - for training providers](#)

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Date	Update summary	Version
08/10/2022	Process updated to reflect extension to Free Apprenticeships for under 25s from 30/09/22 to 30/06/23	V5.3 081022
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