

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy and procedure is to provide an outline of Skills Training Australia's admission and enrolment processes for domestic students.

Policy Outline:

Skills Training Australia implements a process of selecting and admitting domestic students into courses delivered by the College.

Skills Training Australia also ensures that students are informed of the services they are to receive, their rights and obligations and the college's responsibilities under the legislative and regulatory requirements before he/she applies.

Procedure:

Whilst most staff members may receive course enquiries, the Student Recruitment Coordinator is responsible for conducting course counselling and enrolment process. The Program Manager determines academic eligibility and suitability of the student to the chosen course.

Application and Enrolment Process

- Skills Training Australia receives a course enquiry from the applicant.
- The Student Recruitment Coordinator provides general information about Skills Training Australia, explains the course requirements, Statement of Fees including tuition fees, eligibility, Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) requirements, Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and credit transfers processes, and assists to match a course of applicant's desire and checks that the intended course meets the applicant's academic interest and it is an appropriate course for the student based on their existing skills and competencies.
- The student is provided with the following documentation:
 - Course flyer if relevant
 - Student Application Form
 - Student Handbook
 - Link to Statement of Fees information or copy
 - Pre-training Review Form
- The student submits the completed Student Application and certified supporting documentation (in colour) to Student Recruitment Coordinator.
- The student undertakes the LLN test via VetAssess to identify entry level LLN skills according to the Australian Core Skills Framework (One re-sit of VetAssess is permissible. Refer to the LLN Policy and Procedure for more details). The student then completes the Pre-Training Review form and submits it to the relevant Program Manager for assessment.

Note: Credit transfer or RPL requests are also assessed by the Program Manager.

(Refer to LLN, Pre-training Review, and Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning Policies and Procedures for more details)

- The Program Manager determines whether the student is eligible for enrolment to the course based on the pre-training review, LLN results and application documents.
- The Training Plan, Individual Learner Support Plan, if required, and timetable are developed by the Program Manager.
- The enrolment documentation is handed to the Administration Officer for review to ensure that all details are complete and correct. Checks are also conducted ensuring correct funding source and payment rates.
- Administration Officer enrolls the student into the qualification on student management system (VetTrak).
- Administration Officer assigns the allocated Trainer/Assessor as per the timetable created by the Program Manager for the individual.
- The Student Services Officer prepares/orders the relevant resources and textbooks allocated for the qualification.
- The Program Manager sends 'Welcome Letter' to student advising successful enrolment
- Administration Officer sends the first invoice to the student.
- The Student Services Officer contacts the student prior to orientation reconfirming details, schedule.

VET Student Loans (VSL)

Application and Enrolment Process

1. Student Recruitment Coordinator provides the following information to the prospective student:
 - course requirements
 - eligibility requirements including the documentation required to support their application
 - student entry procedure specific to students wishing to access VSL
 - if the student is under 18, advice that one of the signatories to the application must be a responsible parent of the student
 - census days and loan commitment information
 - Skills Training Australia's policies and procedures relating to VSL
 - log-in details to access an online VSL application form (eCAF)
 - loan fee
 - HELP balance

The Student Recruitment Coordinator also provides a copy of the VSL Information for Student to the prospective student.

2. Student expresses intention to apply for VSL and provides documents to evidence the following:

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- Student identity
- Date of birth
- If a student is under 18, please provide information that:
 - one of the signatories is a responsible parent of the student (by submission of the signed parental consent form at:
<https://docs.education.gov.au/documents/vet-student-loans-parental-consent-form>) or
 - the student has received youth allowance (evidence such as the Centrelink Income Statement is required)
- Australian citizenship and residency requirements
- A tax file number (TFN), or, a certificate from the Commissioner that an application for a TFN is received.
- A unique student identifier (USI)

The student also provides supporting documents to evidence academic suitability and course entry requirements. (Refer to the VET Student Loans – Student Entry Policy for more details)

3. Student undertakes the LLN test via VetAssess.
4. Program Manager assesses student's eligibility against the academic suitability and course requirements.
5. If the student meets the requirements, the Administration Officer uploads student enrolment information into the eCAF system.

The Administration Officer notifies the student of the census days for the units of study. The student is also advised that an application for VSL must be submitted by 11:59 pm AEST on the census day for the first unit of the course for which the student is requesting a loan and no less than 2 business days after the student enrolls in the unit.

6. The student requests VSL using eCAF.

Commencement of Course

1. Administration Officer sends the VSL Statement of Covered Fees after enrolment but before census day.

The VSL Statement of Covered Fees covers:

- the date of the notice;
the enrolment is accepted on the basis that some or all of the tuition fees for the course will be covered by a VET student loan;
- the student's name, residential address, phone number and email address;
- the provider's name, any other business name that the provider uses and the provider's RTO;
- registration code;
- the student's student identification number as issued by the provider;
- the student's Commonwealth Higher Education Student Support Number (CHESSN), if available;
- the student's student identifier (USI);
- the name of the course.

2. Administration Officer sends a VSL FEE Notice advising of the debt that will be incurred.

Note: The notice must be sent at least 14 days before census day in the fee period.

3. Administration Officer sends the student a Commonwealth Assistance Notice (CAN) within 28 days of the census day passing for the VET unit of study thereby confirming the VSL debt has been incurred.

The student is advised that should the student believe the information in the CAN is incorrect, he/she may, within 14 days of the CAN being issued, can request in writing for the CAN to be corrected.

Approval Authority:

This Policy and Procedure is approved by Skills Training Australia Management as indicated and the control copy is one that is maintained within the Quality Management System and as such all hard copies need to be verified.

Documents Referenced:

- DOC009 Student Handbook
- FM012 Student Application
- FM055 Student Pre-training Review
- PP043 Preferred Packaging
- PP060 Recognition of Prior Learning
- PP069 Credit Transfer
- PP178 Individual Learning Support Plan Log
- Training Plan
- Training Schedule
- Practical Placement Documentation