

# NSW Fee Free Traineeships



## A \$54.3 million initiative will make traineeship training fee free to help improve access to traineeships.

The NSW Government is investing the additional funding over five years to cover the qualification fees for 70,000 trainees starting their traineeship qualification from 1 January 2020.

## The NSW Government's Fee Free Traineeship initiative will:

- save trainees or their employers from having to pay up to \$1,000 for training costs per trainee

## How Fee Free Traineeships work

The NSW Department of Education will pay the student fee on behalf of trainees who fit the eligibility requirements below. The fee will be paid directly to the approved Smart and Skilled training provider.

The trainee or their employer will not be required to pay the fee.

## Eligibility

Eligible trainees can access up to three fee free training places over the life of the initiative.

Access to fee free training is available to trainees, including school-based trainees, whose training:

- is funded under the NSW Government's Smart and Skilled program, and
- commences on or after 1 January 2020

Details on eligibility criteria can be found on [vet.nsw.gov.au/fee-free-traineeships](http://vet.nsw.gov.au/fee-free-traineeships)

## About Smart and Skilled

Smart and Skilled is a NSW Government program that offers subsidised training for courses on the NSW Skills List.

Smart and Skilled supports the skills development of the NSW workforce to meet the state's future demand for jobs. Individuals and employers in NSW have a wide range of government-subsidised courses to choose from.

Approved training providers include TAFE NSW, adult and community education colleges and private training providers.

Traineeship qualifications on the NSW Skills List are subsidised when delivered by an approved Smart and Skilled provider, and are fully subsidised for eligible trainees under the fee free traineeship initiative.

## For more information

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