

# Youth Access Initiative



**A program helping young people with care or youth justice experience, and those in Education First Youth Foyers, to access vocational education and training, with tuition fees waived under Skills First.**

## WHAT IS THE YOUTH ACCESS INITIATIVE?

Young people on child protection orders, youth justice orders and those residing in Victorian Education First Youth Foyers are among the most disadvantaged in our community. They often face complex challenges that make it harder to access education and training.

The Youth Access Initiative aims to improve young people's awareness, access and involvement in vocational education and training. It is part of the Skills First initiative, which helps disadvantaged learners succeed in their education and training. The initiative supports this by reducing training costs and waiving student tuition fees for eligible young people.

To be eligible for the Youth Access Initiative, you must:

- be aged 24 years or under, and
- have been or are currently on a Child Protection Order or a Youth Justice Order (but are not currently in custody), or
- a young person who has participated or is participating in the Children's Court Youth Diversion Service, or
- be a young person who is a part of the Refugee Minor Program, or
- be a resident of an Education First Youth Foyer, and
- be an Australian citizen, an Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen

**For more information refer to the guidelines on the website  
<https://www.vic.gov.au/youth-access-initiative>**