

Smart and Skilled

Fee-free pre-apprenticeships and pre-traineeships

Start your career through a fee-free pre-apprenticeship or pre-traineeship course!

Apprenticeships and traineeships are a great way to start your career. They involve gaining a recognised qualification while you earn money and learn your job.

The *Smart and Skilled Targeted Priorities Prevocational and Part Qualifications Program* offers a try before you buy approach, giving you a taste of what to expect if you go on to an apprenticeship or traineeship. If you decide you like what you've tried, then you are already on your way towards your full qualification.

What does it cost?

Approved pre-apprenticeship and pre-traineeship courses under this initiative are fully subsidised by the NSW Government which means you won't have to pay anything.

Who is eligible?

To secure a fee-free pre-apprenticeship or pre-traineeship, you'll need to:

- be 15 years old or over, and
- live or work in New South Wales, and
- an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen, and
- no longer be at school or equivalent (Note: A home schooled student is eligible).

You can check the school leaving age by visiting <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/new-school-leaving-age>

How do I start?

Contact your local Training Services NSW Regional Office on **13 28 11**.

Where can I find more information on apprenticeships or traineeships?

For more information on apprenticeships and traineeships visit https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/apprenticeships_traineeships/index.html