



JobTrainer explained: How you can access free and low-fee courses for in-demand jobs

What is JobTrainer?

JobTrainer gives eligible people access to free or low-fee courses in some of Australia's fastest-growing industries, including aged care, digital skills, disability support and childcare. Courses are open to job seekers, young people, and people looking to reskill or upskill in priority areas.

JobTrainer can help you gain nationally accredited qualifications such as certificates, diplomas, and short courses, for free or for a low fee. Each course prepares you for work in one of the country's most in-demand fields.

That means if you're leaving school, looking for a new career path or out of work due to COVID-19, JobTrainer may be able to help you gain the skills needed for work in resilient, future-focused industries.

The JobTrainer Fund was established in 2020 by the Australian Government in partnership with the state and territory governments. JobTrainer has recently been extended, and the courses on offer expanded.

Am I eligible for JobTrainer?

JobTrainer funded courses are available to young people aged 17–24 and job seekers aged 25+. You are a job seeker if you are out-of-work and/or receive income support payments.

Even if you aren't 17-24 or a job seeker, you can still upskill or reskill with free or low-fee training. Courses in the highest priority areas, including digital skills or care and support, will be available to those who wish to study these areas, regardless of their age or employment status.

Each state and territory government may have different eligibility criteria for JobTrainer course places. You can contact your relevant state or territory education department to find out what training you are eligible for.

Learn more about the eligibility requirements at yourcareer.gov.au/jobtrainer

What institutions can I study at?

JobTrainer is available through Registered Training Organisations. Every Registered Training Organisation that offers JobTrainer funded courses guarantees a high standard of training.

You can find providers for JobTrainer courses in your state or territory on the MySkills website: www.myskills.gov.au/jobtrainer.

What kinds of courses can I study through JobTrainer?

You can choose from a range of nationally accredited qualifications like diplomas, certificates and short courses. These courses will prepare you for exciting careers in hundreds of occupations like trades, IT, aged care, childcare or disability support.

Where can I find out what courses I can do?

A wide variety of courses are available through JobTrainer. You can search for providers in your area and find the course that's right for you at www.myskills.gov.au/jobtrainer.

Why should I study through JobTrainer?

JobTrainer offers nationally accredited qualifications and short courses in areas of identified skills need, that are offered free or low fee. JobTrainer provides you with the opportunity to reskill or upskill into industries or careers that are in demand.

How do I apply?

Applying for JobTrainer is as simple as picking the eligible course you want to study and the Registered Training Organisation that offers it.

You can find available courses on the MySkills website: www.myskills.gov.au/jobtrainer

Once you've chosen an eligible course, contact the Registered Training Organisation running it. Let them know you want to enrol in a JobTrainer course, and they will guide you through the enrolment process.

Will JobTrainer help me get a job? What are employment opportunities like?

All JobTrainer funded courses are in areas of identified skills need. What you learn will prepare you for real jobs in industries that are looking for workers now and in the future.

You could gain the skills to join an industry with opportunities available as soon as you finish your training and, in some cases, while you're training.

Why is the government funding this training?

Australia's workforce is changing, and we need to change with it.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for many people, industries and businesses. Some Australians have lost their jobs and others are leaving school into a different economy. The Australian Government created the JobTrainer Fund to support our country's economic recovery by reskilling or upskilling Australians into areas of demand.

Since launching in October 2020, the JobTrainer Fund has helped more than 270,000 Australians enrol in free or low-fee vocational education courses tailored for jobs in demand.

The Australian Government has now invested an extra \$500 million into the JobTrainer Fund, to be matched by state and territory governments. The injection of \$1 billion will help extend the Fund until 31 December 2022. Under the extension, around 160,000 more people will be eligible for aged care, digital skills, disability care and childcare courses through JobTrainer.

To support the country's most in-demand sectors, JobTrainer has allocated approximately 10,000 digital skills training places and 33,800 training places in the aged care sector nationwide. These places are open to those who wish to study in these areas, regardless of age or employment status.

That means if you're leaving school, looking for a new career path or out of work due to COVID-19, you may be able to study a free or low fee course through JobTrainer, to help you reskill or upskill for the country's fastest growing industries.

Find out more at: www.yourcareer.gov.au/jobtrainer