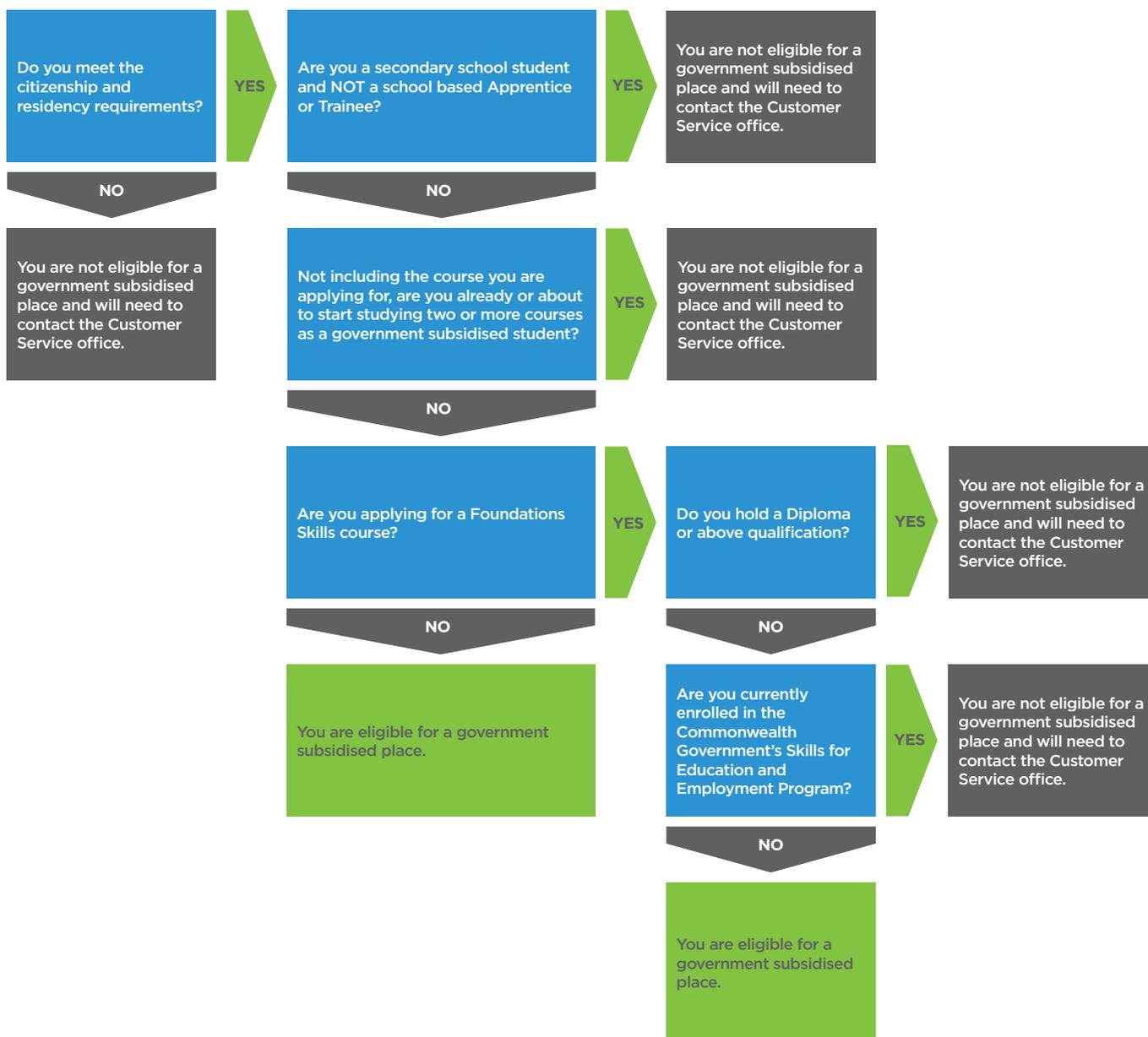


Skills First Eligibility Criteria



Note: Apprenticeships: If you are seeking to enrol into an apprenticeship (and any course that you are about to enrol into or are currently completing is an approved pre-apprenticeship pathways course), then you may still be eligible for a Government subsidised place.

[Click here](#) for full list of Foundation Skills courses.

Please contact our Customer Service Office on 03 5225 0800 for more details.

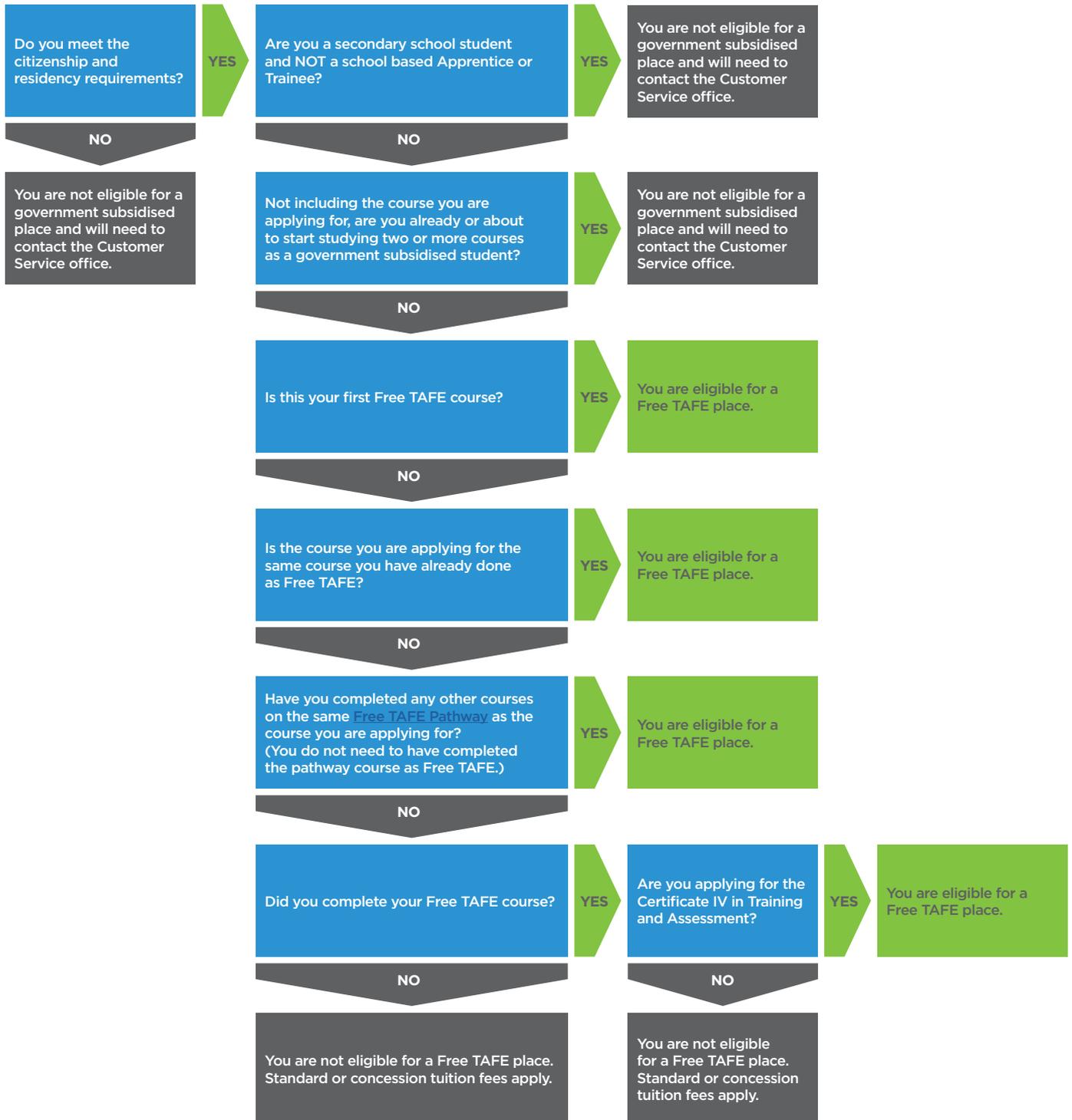
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Free TAFE

Eligibility Criteria



*Other criteria may apply to Free TAFE for short courses

Free TAFE

Fees and Charges

Frequently Asked Questions

Q Are there other costs involved?

A If you are eligible for a Free TAFE course, the Victorian Government will cover your tuition fee. You will still need to pay for other fees, such as student services fees or materials fees. Once you have chosen a course, we can provide you with a Statement of Fees that outlines the costs you will incur.

Q How many courses can I study under Free TAFE?

A We've removed the once-in-a-lifetime limit for students who do selected Free TAFE **priority pathways** programs. This allows you to study under Free TAFE if you have completed one of the other courses on the same designated pathway. The Free TAFE **priority pathways** can be found at [Free TAFE courses at The Gordon TAFE](#).

NOTE:

- You have access to only **one** Free TAFE non-pathway program.
- You cannot mix courses from different pathways.
- If you started or completed a **priority pathways** program under Free TAFE before 1 January 2023, you can receive the additional fee waivers for any subsequent programs in the same pathway. This is subject to The Gordon determining that each program is suitable and appropriate for the student as part of a pre-training review.
- If you started or completed a program under Free TAFE before 1 January 2023 that is **not a pathway program**, you **are not** entitled to receive an additional fee waiver.
- If you started or completed a Free TAFE program under Job Trainer before 1 January 2023, you can access an additional Free TAFE fee waiver either to start a **priority pathways** program or to do one additional non-pathway program.

Q Can I change courses half way through?

A Yes, you can change TAFE courses at any stage. However, to receive an additional Free TAFE Fee Waiver for multiple programs within the same **priority pathway**, you must complete each program before receiving the waiver for the next one. This applies whether the program you completed was government subsidised or Fee for Service.

Q How do I enrol?

A You simply need to visit The Gordon's website to complete an online application.

Q Can an apprentice or trainee apply for a Free TAFE place?

A Trainees are eligible to access the **priority pathways** courses if the course is approved for delivery to trainees. Apprentices, including school-based apprentices, are not eligible for the free training. Under most apprentice awards, employers are required to pay or reimburse tuition fees.

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