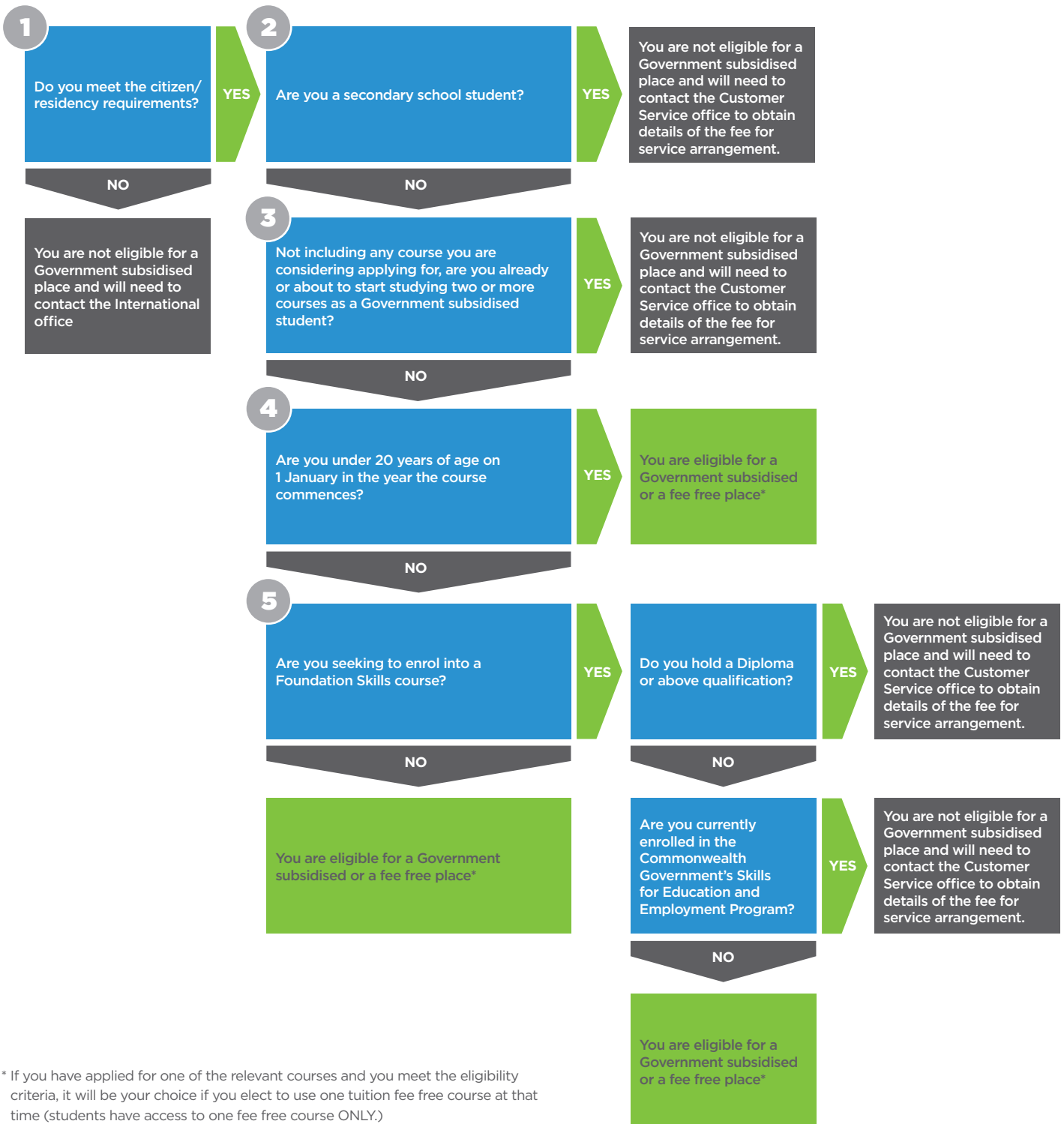


Free TAFE Eligibility Criteria



* If you have applied for one of the relevant courses and you meet the eligibility criteria, it will be your choice if you elect to use one tuition fee free course at that time (students have access to one fee free course ONLY.)

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'll 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 do for free?

A One course only! Once you have commenced your training in a free TAFE course you can't get another tuition free place again, even if you do not complete the course. Therefore you need to be sure about which course is best for you. If you are unsure of what course you would like to complete, contact our Jobs and Skills Centre for industry advise career counselling.

Q Can I change courses half way through?

A Yes, but once you have commenced your training in a free TAFE course you won't be able to undertake another tuition free place, even if you do not complete the course. If you choose to withdraw or swap you will not be able to access free tuition again.

Q I am currently doing a course that is on the Free TAFE Priority Course list. Can I drop out and enrol in the same course in 2019 to get free tuition?

A If you are studying a course on the Free TAFE Priority Courses list and want to formally withdraw from your training provider to enrol at a TAFE in the same course for 2019, the Free TAFE initiative will cover the tuition expenses for the unfinished portion of your course. If you are happy with the course you are currently training, it is recommended that you stay and complete it. Fee reimbursement policies vary at different training providers. Therefore, if you withdraw you may not get reimbursed for the course fees that you have already paid. When deciding what is your best option, you should be aware:

- You may be disadvantaged by delaying your course completion and potential wage earning.
- There will be an increased number of graduates seeking employment from late 2019 onwards so completing your course sooner may improve your employment prospects.
- There will be a high demand for free TAFE courses which may mean not all students wishing to study a free course will be offered a place.

If you are thinking of dropping out to enrol again in 2019, please speak to a careers advisor at your training provider or visit a Skills and Job Centre for guidance.

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 free TAFE priority courses if the course is approved for delivery to trainees. 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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