## Victorians continuing to win with Free TAFE

Building a pipeline of skilled workers. Removing financial barriers to training. More training places available

Free TAFE grew in its second year with more than 70,000 enrolments.

In 2020, to support the state-wide roll-out of Three-Year-Old Kinder, two Early Childhood courses were added to the Free TAFE list.

Early Childhood courses were two of the most popular Free TAFE courses and enrolments doubled.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and in supporting Victoria’s economic recovery, TAFEs continue to deliver high quality Free TAFE courses.

Free training gets more Victorians job-ready.

The impact of Free TAFE is clear.

In its first two years, Free TAFE enabled more people - who may have previously missed out - to commence a course, including:

* 50% more women
* 45% more culturally and
* linguistically diverse students
* 41% more learners with disability
* 43% more unemployed Victorians
* 26% more students in regional Victoria

Most popular Free TAFE courses in 2020:

* Nursing
* Accounting and Bookkeeping
* Community Services
* Cyber Security
* Building and Construction
* Individual Support
* Early Childhood Education
* and Care
* Disability

Courses are aligned with where the jobs are.

Higher completion rates in Free TAFE courses.

Saved students $150 million in course fees in its first two years.

And we’ve added more courses to Free TAFE to help respond to the big issues:

* Bushfires: Cert III in Civil Construction Plant Operations to help rebuild affected communities.
* COVID-19: Cert III in Health Services Assistance to deliver essential workers where they’re needed most.
* Royal Commission into Victoria’s Mental Health System: Cert IV in Mental Health Peer Work means more people bringing their lived experience to support others.

TAFE’s got an exciting future ahead:

• Almost $2 billion invested into TAFEs – providing the skilled workers Victoria needs to recover from COVID-19.

• TAFE’s world class standard of training continues with almost $450 million of works in development across all TAFEs.

• 60,000 extra Free TAFE places means more people securing in-demand jobs.

Free TAFE for lots of jobs.

For more information about Free TAFE contact the TAFE and Training Line on 13 18 23 or visit freetafe.vic.gov.au