

# Victoria's Free TAFE success



Increasing access  
to training



Building the  
knowledge and skills  
of our workforce



Meeting high demand  
industry sectors  
with more courses



Free TAFE has benefited more than  
**122,200\***  
students since 2019.

The Government has made priority TAFE courses free, to meet the needs of Victoria's priority industries.

Free TAFE gives more Victorians the opportunity to develop the skills they need for jobs in Victoria's growth industries, now and in the future.



## The impact of Free TAFE is clear.

In its first three years, Free TAFE enabled more people to commence a course, including:



**59%**  
more women



**46%**  
more culturally and  
linguistically diverse  
students



**42%**  
more learners  
with disability



**50%**  
more unemployed  
Victorians



**22%**  
more students in  
regional Victoria

\*as at September 2022

## Most popular Free TAFE courses in 2021:



Nursing



Accounting and Bookkeeping



Community Services



Cyber Security



Early Childhood Education and Care



Building and Construction



Individual Support

**Providing the skills and knowledge that meet industry demands.**



Higher completion rates in Free TAFE courses



Free TAFE has saved students more than **\$297 million\*** in tuition fees

## TAFE's got an exciting future ahead

- The Government has invested **\$4.1 million** to further expand the Free TAFE Course List, adding the Diploma of Auslan and Advanced Diploma of Interpreting (Auslan English) to the current offering, due to commence on 1 January 2023.
- These commitments are in addition to the expansion of the Free TAFE initiative to offer more than **60 courses** in 2022, helping to address Victoria's skills and training needs for its future.
- From 1 July 2022, the current Course in Working Safely in the Solar Industry will be available as a Free TAFE Short Course. **Nine of 12 TAFEs** will offer the Working Safely in the Solar Industry Free TAFE Short Course in Semester Two. This commitment also enables additional TAFEs across the TAFE network to deliver the course to meet emerging community need and industry demand.



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# Free TAFE for lots of jobs



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