



# Victorians winning with **Free TAFE for Priority Courses**



**TAFEs experiencing  
a boom across  
Victoria**



**Industry getting the  
skilled workers they  
need**



**Students loving  
it and staying  
longer**

## In 2018 we recognised we needed more Victorians enrolled in skills and training.



We needed to get more Victorians into jobs in high demand – including where the government was creating new jobs.



We also needed training courses to be easier to access.



## Our solution was to introduce Free TAFE

Nobody had tried this before – and we didn't know what Victorians would think.

The report card is now in... Free TAFE has been an overwhelming success.

## In 2019 (compared to 2018) we had:

**More people enrolled - in fact enrolments nearly doubled. ✓**

**More people who previously missed out including:**



118% more women in TAFE ✓



75% increase in enrolments in Regional Victoria ✓



Double as many learners with a disability ✓



Double the number of culturally and linguistically diverse students ✓

## Courses aligned to where the jobs are:



Construction and trades



Disability support



Family violence services



Agriculture & Horticulture



Hospitality



Nursing

Students stayed in their courses for longer – they **knew** it was worth completing their course because there was a **job** at the end.



Victorians have given Free TAFE the big **THUMBS UP**



Victorians have overwhelmingly come back to TAFE

## And we're going to keep making it better.

In 2020 we introduced two new Free TAFE courses (in Early Childhood) to ensure we have staff for the rollout of 3-year old kindergarten.

We'll make sure TAFEs keep delivering courses aligned with jobs in demand and are relevant to Victorians.

## TAFE's got an exciting future ahead:

- Pride in hands on and applied learning is back
- More industries getting the skilled workers they need
- High quality courses for everyone
- New world class training facilities being built across Victoria



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