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**SUBJECT: Ministerial Statement on the Future of Adult Community Education in Victoria 2020-25**

## Actions / Critical Dates:

* Download a copy of the Ministerial Statement from the Department of Education and Training’s website, see: [Ministerial Statement on the Future of Adult Community Education in Victoria 2020-25](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/providers/learnlocal/Pages/min-statement-adult-education.aspx)

## Ministerial Statement on the Future of Adult Community Education in Victoria 2020-25

The Minister for Training and Skills and the Minister for Higher Education, the Hon Gayle Tierney MP, has released a Ministerial Statement outlining a six-year reform agenda for adult community education in Victoria.

Adult community education plays an integral role in Victoria’s broader education sector. Victoria leads Australia in providing accessible and tailored lifelong learning opportunities for adult learners seeking to develop the skills they need for work, further study, and to participate fully in the Victorian community.

This Ministerial Statement aims to fulfil the Victorian Government’s commitment to uniting the adult community education sector with a focus on learners, and to build recognition of the distinct and invaluable role the sector plays.

It establishes a reform agenda for the six years 2020 to 2025, focusing the Adult, Community and Further Education Board and the adult community education sector on adult literacy, numeracy, employability and digital skills training.

It also identifies a strengthened role for the sector in supporting students to enter and successfully complete TAFE and university courses; and in upskilling and reskilling low-skilled workers who may be vulnerable to becoming unemployed as work changes.

The Ministerial Statement on the Future of Adult Community Education in Victoria 2020–25 is the first Victorian Government statement on adult community education since that made by the Hon Lynne Kosky as Minister for Education and Training in 2004.

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