Department of Education and Training

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Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement Branch Memo

**TO:** Learn Local providers, PIRE Branch staff, ACFE Board, ACFE Regional Councils, adult education institutions, peak bodies, key stakeholders

**FROM:** Eduard De Hue, A/Director — Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement Branch

**DATE:** 15 / 9 / 2019

**SUBJECT: The Reconnect Program (2021) to commence in January 2021 is now open for applications.**

Actions

* Applications to deliver the Reconnect Program in 2021 are **open from 15 September 2020** and will **close on 4 October 2020.**
* Please carefully read through the *Reconnect Program (2021) Guidelines*; *Reconnect Program (2021) Application Handbook*; *Reconnect Program (2021) Application Terms & Conditions* and; *Victorian Department of Education Common Funding Agreement (CFA) and Terms & Conditions* prior to applying.
* These documents can be found on the Department of Education and Training Reconnect webpage: [Reconnect Program](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/reconnect-program.aspx)

Reconnect Program (2021) applications open

The Reconnect Program (2021) grant to commence in January 2021, is now open for applications. The Reconnect Program (2021) has introduced a number of changes to ensure the program is participant centred, provider enabled, and outcome driven. The Reconnect Program (2021) Guidelines provides details of the program strategy, structure, operations, funding and supports.

Applicant eligibility

In order to be eligible to apply for the Reconnect Program (2021), organisations must meet a number of criteria. Please refer to the *Application Handbook* for this detail.

Application form and process

The application form is an online form, the Department requires the Applicant to be a registered user in order to save or submit an application form. The online application form will be available after the online forum is held on 18 September 2020.

Online information forum 11:30 Friday, 18 September 2020

On Friday, 18 September 2020 at 11:30am, the Department of Education and Training will hold a live information forum to present the information contained in the Reconnect Program (2021) Guidelines. Potential applicants will have the opportunity to ask questions.

* Link to live information forum hosted on Webex: <https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/k2/j.php?MTID=t5a576b3a8e1547a8d4d475f9c90ad846>
* Session password: ZXmp2rwy4g2

Timeline



Contact

Please contact the Department’s Reconnect Program team via Reconnect.Program@education.vic.gov.au or speak to Stefanie Wale, Senior Project Officer, Program Management Unit on 03 7022 0606.