Skills for Life - the Victorian Training Guarantee

‘Securing jobs for your future’

– Delivers $316 million in extra funding over 4 years
– Demand driven system - guarantees subsidised training
  ▪ for people up to 20 years of age
  ▪ for people over 20, for all training at the foundation level and for any qualification at a higher level than the qualification already held

BUT.......
Eligibility criteria for government subsidised places

- Citizenship
  - Australian citizen
  - Permanent resident
  - East Timorese asylum seeker
  - Special category visa holder
Eligibility criteria for government subsidised places

• **AGE**
  – Students under 20 are guaranteed a government subsidised place

  – Students over 20 (as at 1 January of year of enrolment): eligible only if they enrol in a qualification higher than the qualification they currently hold.

  – 1 January 2011: New eligibility criteria applies to all TAFE qualifications apart from foundation level
## 2010 government subsidised fees

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Cost of full fee places - 2011

Some examples:

- Certificate IV in Business (Advertising) - $5,500

- Diploma of Arts (Prof Writing & Editing) - $13,250

- Diploma of Conservation & Land Management - $12,000/year (2 year program)

- Advanced Diploma of Aviation Maintenance (Mech)- $10,250/year (2 year program)
VET FEE HELP Student loans

VET FEE-HELP supports both
– Government subsidised students, and
– Full fee paying students

in Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas, vocational Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas.

Student application process: same as Fee-HELP

• NZ citizens, TPV and East Timorese asylum holders and permanent residents are not eligible for VET FEE HELP
What happens to students who commenced prior to 1 July, 2009?

- Students who enrolled in a program which commenced prior to 1 July 2009 remain on ‘fee maintenance’ until end 2012.
- Fee maintenance won’t apply if a student changes program or withdraws.
- Students who start a new program after 1 July 2009 will not be eligible for fee maintenance and must pay the new fees.