

# JUMP AHEAD AT RMIT AND OBTAIN YOUR PIECE OF PAPER

Want to know more about changes to the TAFE system? Jump ahead of the competition and consider a diploma or advanced diploma from RMIT University.

RMIT's TAFE qualifications have a hands-on approach to practical learning. You'll be taught by industry professionals with extensive experience. Classes are flexible and teach the latest skills needed in your industry.

- » **Reputation**—RMIT is one of Australia's largest combined TAFE and universities, educating and training over 70,000 students annually. Students have better employment rates than the state average and your RMIT qualification is recognised overseas.
- » **Wide choice**—An extensive range of options on offer to you to help you design your own clothing label, start your own business or work on aeroplane engines.
- » **Rewarding**—Your prior skills and knowledge can be assessed and credited towards your study, which could save you time and money.
- » **Passionate teachers**—RMIT's teaching staff comes from industry. They are keen to share their years of hands-on experience with you.
- » **Convenience**—Centrally located campuses in the CBD and Brunswick are accessible by all forms of public transport.
- » **Flexibility**—Full-time or part-time, day or evening participation, classes to suit your needs.
- » **Resources**—You'll access facilities not normally offered by TAFEs. RMIT offers many services—from extended library hours, child care, and help preparing for tests, to student networking groups. Facilities at RMIT are of a high standard and are used by TAFE and university students.
- » **Pathways to uni degrees**—As a combined university and TAFE, RMIT gives you options to move into a university degree and complete it in less time due to your TAFE qualification.

## The Victorian TAFE system is changing

The Victorian Government has introduced changes to the TAFE system to encourage more people to train and gain a formal qualification. More government-subsidised places will be available and TAFEs will be allocated additional resources. A government-subsidised place is guaranteed to anyone who meets certain criteria.

### Am I entitled to subsidised training?

There are now more opportunities for mature workers to gain a piece of paper from TAFE.

Your entry to a government-subsidised place will depend on your citizenship and age:

#### Citizenship

You are eligible for government-subsidised training if you are an Australian citizen or have a permanent residency visa (includes New Zealand citizens).

#### AND

##### Age—Under 20 years

If you are under 20 years of age as at 1 January in the year you start studying, government-subsidised training will be available to you. Be quick to apply for a place at RMIT.

#### OR

##### Age—Over 20 years and prior education (Australian qualifications only)

If you are aged 20 years and over as at 1 January in the year you start studying, government-subsidised training will be available if you study for a TAFE qualification that is higher than the Australian qualification you currently hold. Be quick to apply for a place at RMIT.

### What happens if I am not eligible for subsidised training?

If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for government-subsidised training, you can still achieve your goal. You can choose to undertake full-fee training, which means you pay the full cost of the training.

Paying for the full cost may appear daunting, however, you may not need to pay fees upfront, and financial assistance may be available through the VET FEE-HELP scheme.

## What will it cost me?

Investing in your skills training has life-long benefits and rewards.

### Government-subsidised student

As a government-subsidised student, the maximum amount you will pay to study a diploma or advanced diploma in 2010 is \$2000 per year. This equates to \$3.25 per student contact hour of training.

### Full-fee student

RMIT has full-fee places in all diplomas and advanced diplomas. Full-fees are available from RMIT Info Corner.

### Speak with your employer—another option

Your training may be organised and paid for by your employer if you work for a small to medium sized business in Victoria and the business is registered with the 'Skills for Growth' government initiative.

### Financial assistance is available

The FEE-HELP loan scheme has been extended to TAFE students enrolling in diplomas and advanced diplomas. Conditions apply. RMIT is approved to offer VET FEE-HELP to students in government-subsidised places and full-fee places.

You can find more about VET FEE-HELP at [www.dest.gov.au](http://www.dest.gov.au)

## Things for you to consider

- » What can I study to add value to my career direction?
- » Will my current level of knowledge and experience exempt me from some study and reduce the length of training?
- » How many hours do I want to commit?
- » What support services from TAFE would be of most benefit while I study?
- » What pathways will be available to me should I decide to move onto another qualification after completing this one?

**'A TAFE diploma can increase earnings by about 14%'**

– Money magazine, April 2009

*Based on the finding of the 2008 study of 'Occupations and Earnings of Young Australians' by ACER*

## Personal advice is available

To explore your options and gain further information about Victoria's new skills system, contact RMIT Info Corner for a personalised consultation. Friendly staff will help you jump ahead.

Register your interest at [www.rmit.edu.au/infocorner/request](http://www.rmit.edu.au/infocorner/request)

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General information from the Victorian Government is available.

Contact the Skills Hotline on 131 823 or online at [www.skills.vic.gov.au](http://www.skills.vic.gov.au)