

# Smart and Skilled



## Fee-free pre-apprenticeships and pre-traineeships for school leavers

### Start your career through a fee-free pre-apprenticeship or pre-traineeship course!

Apprenticeships and traineeships are a great way to start your career. They involve gaining a recognised qualification while you earn money and learn your job.

The *Smart and Skilled Targeted Priorities Prevocational and Part Qualifications Program* offers a try before you buy approach, giving you a taste of what to expect if you go on to an apprenticeship or traineeship. If you decide you like what you've tried, then you are already on your way towards your full qualification.

### Will it cost me anything?

Approved pre-apprenticeship and pre-traineeship courses under this initiative are fully subsidised by the NSW government which means you won't have to pay anything.

### Who's eligible?

To secure a fee-free pre-apprenticeship or pre-traineeship, you'll need to:

- be 15 years old or over

- have completed year 10 (or its equivalent) and be eligible to leave school under *NSW Education Amendment (school leaving age) Regulation 2009*
- living or working in NSW
- an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen

You can check your eligibility to leave school by visiting [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool).

### How do I start?

Contact your local Department of Industry Regional Office on **13 28 11**.

### Where can I find more information on apprenticeships or traineeships?

For more information on apprenticeships and traineeships visit

[https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/individuals/apprenticeships\\_traineeships/index.html](https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/individuals/apprenticeships_traineeships/index.html)