

# Smart and Skilled: Student eligibility and fees – examples

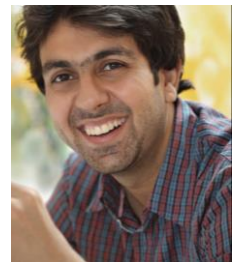


**Lisa** has no prior qualifications, lives in NSW, is an Australian citizen and 20 years old. She wants to commence a [Certificate III in Business](#) in 2015.

Lisa is eligible for subsidised training as an entitlement. As a first post-school qualification, Lisa will pay a full qualification fee of \$1,310 regardless of how long it takes her to complete the course.

**Ravi** meets the personal eligibility criteria for Smart and Skilled and wants to commence a [Certificate III in Business](#) in 2015. He successfully completed a Certificate III in Retail Operations in 2009.

Ravi is still eligible for the entitlement and subsidised training, but he will have to pay a slightly higher student fee than Lisa, because he already has a post-school qualification below Certificate IV. Ravi will pay a fee of \$1,570 for the full qualification.



**Tara** is currently studying a [Diploma of Nursing \(Enrolled/Division 2 nursing\)](#) and meets the personal eligibility criteria for Smart and Skilled. Tara wants to build on her studies and commence an [Advanced Diploma of Nursing \(Enrolled/Division 2 nursing\)](#) in 2015.

Tara is Aboriginal so she is eligible for a fee exemption for her qualification. Tara's training provider will also be entitled to a disadvantaged learner loading of \$965 in addition to the normal government subsidy.

**Cameron** meets the personal eligibility criteria for Smart and Skilled and has previously completed a Certificate IV in Information Technology. In 2015, he wants to commence a [Certificate III in Plumbing](#) as an apprenticeship.

Although Cameron has a Certificate IV already, he is still eligible for an entitlement to subsidised training as an apprenticeship. In 2015, the fee for Cameron's full apprentice qualification will be \$2,000.

Cameron lives in a remote area so his training provider will be entitled to a remote loading of \$2,110 to cover the extra costs of his training in addition to the normal government subsidy.





**Michelle** graduated from university in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She is currently working and in 2015 wants to commence studying a [Certificate III in Dental Assisting](#).

Since Michelle already has a previous qualification (ie "at Certificate IV or higher"), she is not eligible for the entitlement.

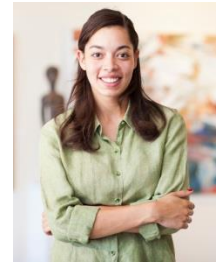
Michelle will be able to enrol in this qualification but will be required to pay the full cost of her training, regardless of where she completes it.

However Michelle would be eligible for a government subsidy if she chose to enrol in a Certificate IV or higher qualification.

**Julia** meets the personal eligibility criteria for Smart and Skilled and has completed a [Certificate II in Community Pharmacy](#). She is currently unemployed and receiving Newstart payments.

Julia wants to commence studying a [Certificate III in Aged Care](#) in 2015.

Julia is eligible for the entitlement and is eligible for a concession. Julia will pay a concession fee of \$240 for the qualification.



**James** meets the personal eligibility criteria for Smart and Skilled and wants to study a [Certificate IV in Civil Construction Design](#).

James has a disability and is eligible for one fee exemption per year.

James already commenced a [Certificate IV in Business](#) in the first half of 2015, but decided that it was not the right fit for him. Because he already commenced another course in 2015 and has already had one fee exemption, if James decides to undertake the [Certificate IV in Civil Construction Design](#) in 2015, he will pay the concession fee of \$240.

James' training provider will also be entitled to a disadvantaged student loading of \$1,440 in addition to the normal government subsidy. This will assist in providing support to James to complete his studies.

If James were to wait until 2016 to commence this qualification he would again be eligible for a fee exemption.

**Li Wei** is 21 years old and has recently become an Australian citizen. He has no prior qualifications and is eligible to do a [Certificate III in Telecommunications Cabling](#) under the entitlement. Before doing this, he has been advised to undertake a [Certificate II in Routine English Language Skills](#) to improve his English.

Li Wei will pay \$320 for his qualification in Routine English Language. Because Foundation Skills qualifications on the Skills List are not counted as a first qualification, Li Wei will pay the first qualification student fee of \$1,720 for the [Certificate III In Telecommunications Cabling](#).



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