



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

VICTORIAN 2018/2019 BUDGET

Apprenticeships Matter views the announcement of the Victorian Government's 2018/2019 Budget regarding priority TAFE and pre-apprenticeship courses as a positive step in enabling more young Victorians to enter the workforce via a sustainable pathway.

There is ample evidence to support the belief that individuals undertaking Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathways have increased long term prosperity compared to those completing higher education. Many graduates of these programs become self-employed and/or have work security for life due to the nature of these pathways.

Apprenticeships for all Victorians

In recognising the need to support more Victorians into apprenticeships and traineeships, Apprenticeships Matter announced the launch of 'Apprenticeships for all Victorians' committing to a target of 50,000 Victorians into apprenticeships and traineeships by 2020.

State Government Initiatives

'In Victoria, skilled workers are in demand. We need skilled workers to remove level crossings, and build the big new roads and rail lines to get people home sooner. There are new jobs building schools and upgrading hospitals, as well as helping those who need it most – nurses for our hospitals and carers for an ageing population'.

The state budget announced funding for 'The right skills for the job' which encompasses:

- \$172 million - to make TAFE free for 30 priority courses. These quality courses will focus on the skills we need – building infrastructure projects, responding to family violence, and caring for older Victorians or people living with disability
- \$304 million - to train more Victorians
- \$44 million - to modernise apprenticeships including the reintroduction of trade papers

What does it all mean?

Apprenticeships Matter's initiative combined with the new Victorian Government announcements will present numerous opportunities for young Victorians. We anticipate that apprenticeships and traineeships will increase the overall skill base that our state desperately needs.

To find out how this can work for you and your business, contact Michael Jansen, General Manager on 03 9433 2000 for further information or email michaelj@appsmatter.com.au

See below link to the Victorian Government Budget 2018/2019 – <https://www.budget.vic.gov.au/explore-our-priorities/right-skills-job>