



Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Subsidised Pre-accredited Training @ CERES in 2022

Purpose of Government (ACFE) Subsidised Pre-accredited Training

Primary Purpose

The primary purpose of pre-accredited training is to provide opportunities for adult learners in Victoria to gain the educational capacity and core skills they need for study, work and life. Core skills are defined in the Ministerial Statement on the Future of Adult Community Education in Victoria 2020-25 as language, literacy, numeracy, digital and employability skills.

Pre-accredited training addresses the needs of adults who have experienced barriers to education in the past and find it difficult to undertake accredited courses as their first step into vocational training, particularly those learners who have not achieved Year 12 or an equivalent qualification.

Pre-accredited courses

Pre-accredited courses focus on creating pathways for learners to further education and training and to employment.

They are short modular courses which are unique and separate from accredited training programs designed to be:

- Flexible
- Meet learners' needs and support them to return to study
- Improve their literacy and numeracy skills, qualification pathways, and broaden their employment options.

Eligibility

To apply for an ACFE subsidised training place you must be:

- An Australian citizen, or
- A holder of an Australian permanent visa, or
- A New Zealand citizen, or

- An Asylum seeker that has been referred by Jobs Victoria Employment Network providers

All applicants must also:

- Not be attending school
- Have a place of residence in Victoria

Evidence of the above eligibility is required to be sighted by CERES. For further details see below:

<p>Evidence of citizenship or permanent residency</p>	<p>via ONE of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Birth Certificate (not Birth Extract) • Current Australian Passport • Australian Citizenship Certificate • Australian Certificate of Registration by Descent • Current New Zealand Passport • Current green Medicare card • Formal confirmation of permanent residence granted by the Department of Home Affairs (or its successor) AND the student's foreign passport or ImmiCard • A <i>Referral to Government Subsidised Training – Asylum Seeker's form</i> from the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre or the Australian Red Cross • Confirmation obtained from the Visa Entitlement Verification Online System (VEVO) that the student holds a valid Bridging Visa Class E, Safe Haven Enterprise Visa or Temporary Protection Visa
<p>Evidence of Victorian residency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any official photo ID showing Victorian residential address (eg passport, Driver's licence etc) <p>OR two documents that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract of sale, lease, or rental document that shows your current address • Water bill, gas bill, electricity bill or telephone that shows your current address • Current renewal notice for a driver licence or vehicle registration • ATO Assessment (last or current financial year) <p>OR, if unable to provide either of the above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a referee statement which must be signed by a Victorian driver licence holder who has known you for 12 months or more with the referee's name, licence number and signature
<p>Evidence of Age (where relevant)</p>	<p>ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current driver's licence • Current Learner Permit • 'Keypass' card • Proof of Age card
<p>Evidence of 'not enrolled at school'</p>	<p>Completion of a <i>Student School Attendance Status Declaration</i> for all learners AND For those under 17 years of age :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemption Form School endorsed by School Principal or a Department Regional Director

Which courses are available?

CERES currently offers ACFE subsidised places to eligible students undertaking the following vocational courses:

- Complete Urban Farmer (CUF)
<https://sustainability.ceres.org.au/programs/complete-urban-farmer/>
- Sustainable Gardening (SG)
<https://sustainability.ceres.org.au/programs/sustainable-gardening/>
- Environmental Education (EE)
<https://sustainability.ceres.org.au/programs/environmental-education/>
- Introduction to Therapeutic Horticulture (ITH)
<https://sustainability.ceres.org.au/programs/introduction-to-therapeutic-horticulture/>
- Introduction to Landscaping and Garden Maintenance (ILGM)
<https://sustainability.ceres.org.au/programs/landscaping-and-garden-maintenance/>
- Landscape Restoration & Indigenous Ecology (LRIE)
<https://sustainability.ceres.org.au/programs/landscape-restoration-and-indigenous-ecology/>
- Circular Economy & Zero Waste Systems (CEZW) - TBA
- Ready for Hospitality (RH) - TBA

How to apply

To determine your initial eligibility for an ACFE subsidised place you will need to contact our VET Coordinator, Karen Mengell, on (03) 9389 0127 or via email at karen.mengell@ceres.org.au

Fees

Tuition fees are calculated at \$1.08 per hour with a maximum of \$50* per annum for those holding the following current eligible concession cards:

- Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card (Age Pension, Carers Pension, Disability Support Pension, Partner Allowance, Widow Allowance, Wife Pension)
- Veteran's Gold Card

Admin/Amenities and **Materials** may also be charged in addition to Tuition fees.

Below are the fees for ACFE subsidised course places in 2022.

Course	Tuition \$	Admin/Amenities \$	Materials \$	Total \$
Landscape Restoration and Indigenous Ecology	Profile 43	10	12	65
	Conc 43*			65
Ready for Hospitality	Profile 64	tba	tba	
	Conc 50*			
Circular Economy & Zero Waste Systems	Profile 43	10	32	90
	Conc 43*			90
Introduction to Therapeutic Horticulture	Profile 43	10	10	63
	Conc 43*			63
Sustainable Gardening	Profile 30	10	25	65
	Conc 30*			65
Environmental Education	Profile 48	10	30	88
	Conc 48*			88
Complete Urban Farmer	Profile 83	17	40	140
	Conc 50*			107
Introduction to Landscaping and Garden Maintenance	Profile 49	11	25	85
	Conc 49*			85