

Answer to question on notice – Ethnic Community Services Co-operative

Fee-Free TAFE is a joint initiative of the Australian, state and territory governments, providing tuition-free courses to students wanting to train, retrain or upskill.

Fee-free places are targeted to priority groups including **First Nations Australians, women aged 25-54, young people aged 17-24, unpaid carers, people with a disability, people aged 25-54 years who are out of work, receiving income support, or who want to change careers.**

Fee-Free TAFE aims to provide all Australians with access to the education, training and support needed to obtain well-paid, secure jobs. The Australian Government is introducing legislation to make Free TAFE an ongoing feature of the **national VET system from 2027.**

Examples of qualifications relevant to this question on notice include:

1. Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
Course ID: CHC30121
Standard fee: **\$9,790.00**
Fee Free Estimated fee: **\$0.00 to \$1,000.00**
2. Certificate IV in Community Services
Standard course fee: **\$8,990.00**
Fee Free Estimated fee: **\$0.00 to \$2,320.00**