Complex Institute of Education is pleased to announce that in partnership with Higher Education and Skills, and the Federal Government – Department of Education and Training, it has secured a 2017 Standard Vet Funding Contract to offer Government Subsidised Training as part of the Skills First Program. One of our friendly Authorised Delegates will work through all eligibility criteria with students to see if they qualify for this funding.

The Skills First Program is making vocational education and training more accessible to people who do not hold a post-school qualification, or who want to gain a higher level qualification than they already hold. This is a great initiative that will see more training subsidised for more people.

Am I eligible for a government-subsidised training place?

Generally, you are eligible for a government-subsidised training place if you are:

- an Australian citizen
- an Australian Permanent Resident (holder of a permanent visa)
- a New Zealand citizen

and are any of the following:

- under 20 years of age
- seeking to enrol in a Foundation Skills List course (and do not hold a Diploma or above qualification or are receiving core skills training in other sectors)
- seeking to enrol in VCE or VCAL
- seeking to enrol in an apprenticeship
- 20 years and older and ‘upskilling’ by seeking to enrol in a course at a higher level than your existing qualification.

If you are enrolled at a school, you will not be able to receive a government-subsidised training place for a course through the Skills First Program, unless you are undertaking the course as part of a School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship. The Government supports schools in other ways to offer vocational training to their students, so you should discuss all your options with your school.

How many courses am I eligible for?

You are eligible to commence a maximum of two subsidised courses at the same qualification level in your lifetime. This restriction applies whether or not you complete the courses. For example, this means if you have already commenced two courses at the Certificate III level, you may only commence courses at the Certificate IV level (or above).

This restriction does not apply to courses on the Foundation Skills List or to students recommencing training in the same qualification (at the same or a different provider).

In addition, eligible students can begin up to two subsidised courses in a year as long as you are not doing any more than two courses at a time.

This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding. People with Disability(s) are encouraged to apply.