

Vocational education in schools (VETiS)

What is VETiS?

A core element of the Queensland Government's *Working Queensland* jobs plan is ensuring Queenslanders have access to quality training programs that deliver effective skills to meet employment and business demands.

Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) supports this aim by the delivery of nationally recognised qualifications to school students, providing them with the skills and knowledge required for specific industries.

VETiS qualifications can be undertaken in years 10, 11 and 12, and can count towards the Queensland Certificate of Education.

VETiS options

There are a variety of options available to students to undertake VETiS:

- as part of their school studies, delivered and resourced by a school registered training organisation (RTO)
- through fee-for-service arrangements where a parent/student pays for the qualification with an external RTO
- enrolling in a qualification with an external RTO which is funded by the Department of Education and Training's VET investment budget.

Foundation skills required to complete a VETiS qualification are resourced by schools, regardless of how the qualification is funded.

School students can also undertake a vocational qualification through a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT), where students are engaged in an employment arrangement and are paid as employees while undertaking nationally recognised qualifications.

VETiS funded by the VET investment budget

DET's VET investment budget funds those VETiS qualifications at the certificate I and II level which have been identified in consultation with industry, national skills shortages, Queensland Government priorities, and other evidence relating to effective training pathways that support employment.

These qualifications range across a number of industries and can be viewed by visiting the [Queensland Training Subsidies List](#)

The VET investment budget will provide funding for students to complete one VETiS qualification listed on the Queensland Training Subsidies List while at school.

Students are able to undertake any qualification while at school, however students wishing to access the VET investment budget for certificate III qualifications should do so as a SAT.

Other certificate III qualifications may be delivered and funded outside of the SAT pathway, subject to the submission of an [Industry Proposal Funding Submission](#) that outlines localised arrangements between schools and employers.

Such arrangements are a key feature of high quality VETiS.

For a certificate III qualification to be considered for VET Investment funding, submissions must demonstrate:

- local arrangements brokered between employers and schools for employment of VETiS graduates, with evidence of employer consultation
- employers guarantee employment of successful VETiS graduates
- consultation with Department of Education and Training (DET) regional offices and schools.

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Choice of RTO

Schools and students undertaking VETiS funded by the VET investment budget will be able to choose any RTO approved by DET as a pre-qualified supplier (PQS) under the Certificate 3 Guarantee for the eligible qualification.

The final choice of RTO and arrangements for enrolment with the selected RTO should be made by the school, in consultation with students and their parents.

A list of PQS approved to deliver each subsidised qualification is published on the [Queensland Skills Gateway](#).

RTOs that wish to deliver VETiS (funded by the VET investment budget) must first be approved as a PQS. Under the PQS system, funding follows the eligible student to their chosen PQS and is paid directly to the PQS on submission of the student's validated training data.

Visit the Training Queensland website for further information on how your RTO can [become a PQS](#).

Fees

VETiS funded by the VET investment budget must be fee-free for students. The government determines the level of subsidy available as a public contribution to the cost of the training, and provides the maximum subsidy for VETiS students in most circumstances. It is intended that the level of subsidy for each VETiS qualification should cover the costs associated with participating in the training.

However, in some instances there may be a shortfall between the subsidy level and the fees charged by the PQS, which is referred to as a co-contribution fee, and this cost is paid by the school to the PQS.

A PQS must disclose its fees upfront and clearly publish them on their website. This allows

schools and students to be informed of all training costs and compare co-contribution fees (if any apply) across different PQS.

Certificate 3 Guarantee and Fee-free training for Year 12 graduates

Regardless of how it is funded, participation in VETiS or a SAT does **not** affect a student's access to fee-free training for Year 12 graduates or subsidised training through the Certificate 3 Guarantee - even if the student has completed a certificate III level qualification at school.

For more information visit www.training.qld.gov.au/year12feefree

Further information

DET regional offices can assist schools with information on VETiS and funding available through the VET investment budget.

Further information is also available from Training Queensland on 1300 369 935 or Apprenticeships Info on 1800 210 210.

Parents and students with queries about VETiS and SATs should approach their school in the first instance.

For further information on VETiS in Queensland, visit www.training.qld.gov.au/training-organisations/funded-programs/vetis.