

Contract Notification

CN No.	2022-24	Date: 23 December 2022
To:	Chief Executive Officer or equivalent	
Purpose:	Variation to Contract	
Scope:	2023 TAFE and Dual Sector VET Funding Contracts 2023 Guidelines About Eligibility	
Subject:	Clarification of CN 2022-19 and publication of updated 2023 TAFE and Dual Sector VET Funding Contracts and Guidelines About Eligibility	

Purpose

This Contract Notification is to advise that:

- We are correcting information **for TAFE and Dual Sector providers** about the changes to the 'once-in-a-lifetime limit' for some Free TAFE programs published in CN 2022-19 on 19 December 2022. The rest of CN-2022-19 is accurate and still stands.
- We've published version 2.1 of the 2023 TAFE and Dual Sector Contracts in the 'Documents' section of SVTS with changes reflecting these corrections.
- We've published version 2.1 of the 2023 Guidelines About Eligibility in the 'Documents' section of SVTS with changes to the Evidence of Eligibility and Student Declaration Form

Background

On 19 December 2022, we published CN 2022-19. This Contract Notification announced the publication of version 2.0 of the VET Funding Contracts (the contract), Guidelines About Eligibility and Guidelines About Fees.

We have now re-issued the TAFE and Dual Sector Contracts (version 2.1) and the Guidelines About Eligibility (version 2.1).

Main Points

TAFE and Dual Sector Contracts (version 2.1)

We've amended clause 16.3 of Schedule 1 that describes how students can access additional Free TAFE fee waivers.

Guidelines About Eligibility (version 2.1)

We've updated the Evidence of Eligibility and Student Declaration Form to improve the question logic and flow of section B1.

Correction of information for TAFE and Dual Sector Providers – change to 'once-in-a-lifetime' limit for some Free TAFE programs

In CN 2022-19 we announced we removed the once-in-a-lifetime limit for students who do select Free TAFE pathway programs. However, the way we described how students can access

additional fee waivers within these pathways was not correct. We provide the following summary (refer to clause 16 of schedule 1 for full details):

- Students who have **completed** a pathway program under Free TAFE can receive a fee waiver for another program in the same pathway.
Note: This corrects previous advice in CN 2022-19 that said a student could have previously commenced **or** completed a pathway program under Free TAFE.
- Students who have otherwise exhausted their fee waiver entitlement can access an additional fee waiver if they hold a qualification that is part of a Free TAFE pathway and are continuing in the same pathway. It does not matter if their previous qualification was completed by government-subsidised or fee-for-service training.
Note: This was not reflected in CN 2022-19.
- Students whose only Free TAFE fee waiver to date was under JobTrainer remain eligible for an additional Free TAFE fee waiver, **either** to start in a pathway program, **or** to do one additional non-pathway program.
- You must determine that each additional pathway program is suitable and appropriate for the student as part of a pre-training review.

We provided the Free TAFE pathways at Attachment 2 of CN 2022-19. We will also flag them on the funded programs report, in due course.

As noted in CN 2022-19, you must report training in Free TAFE pathway programs in the same way you would report any Free TAFE program. We will implement changes in SVTS to avoid triggering warnings or rejects and provide further advice about this in the new year.

Resources

The **current contracts and guidelines**, published in the 'Documents' section of SVTS are as follows:

- 2023 Standard VET Funding Contract (version **2.0**) (19 December 2022)
- 2023 TAFE VET Funding Contract (version **2.1**)
- 2023 Dual Sector VET Funding Contract (version **2.1**)
- 2023 Guidelines About Eligibility (version **2.1**)
- 2023 Guidelines About Fees (version **2.0**) (19 December 2022)
- 2023 Guidelines About Apprenticeship and Traineeship Training Delivery (version **1.0**) (25 November 2022)

Critical Dates

The updated contracts and guidelines take effect from 1 January 2023.

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