

# Contract Notification

<b>CN No.</b>	<b>2018-22</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>10 September 2018</b>
<b>To:</b>	Chief Executive Officer or equivalent		
<b>Purpose:</b>	Variation to Contract		
<b>Scope:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2018-19 TAFE VET Funding Contract</li> <li>• 2018-19 Dual Sector VET Funding Contract</li> </ul>		
<b>Subject:</b>	Free TAFE for Priority Courses List		

## For all Training Provider staff

### Purpose

- This Contract Notification is to advise training providers of the publication of the *Free TAFE for Priority Courses List* in the 'Documents' section of SVTS.

### Background

- Free TAFE for Priority Courses is a State Budget initiative targeted at reducing financial barriers for eligible students who are seeking to commence training in a priority course at a TAFE or Dual Sector University from 1 January 2019.

### Main Points

- Correspondence sent from the Department to TAFE Institutes and Dual Sector Universities on 14 August 2018, included a contract variation to incorporate the Free TAFE for Priority Courses initiative into 2018-19 *Skills First* VET Funding Contracts.
- The *Free TAFE for Priority Courses List*, as referenced in the contract variation, is now published in the 'Documents' section of SVTS.
- The *Free TAFE for Priority Courses List* is the specific list of courses for which TAFEs and Dual Sector Universities must apply a fee waiver to eligible individuals under the Free TAFE for Priority Courses initiative. The list will be issued by the Department from time to time, including to update courses on the list as they are superseded or replaced.
- To note, usual national regulatory requirements for the treatment of superseded Training Package Qualifications and expired Accredited Courses apply to courses on the *Free TAFE for Priority Courses List*. As such, eligible individuals may commence in superseding versions of courses on the *Free TAFE for Priority Courses List* as they occur, or in superseded versions during the approved period for transitioning.
- Also to note, previous communications regarding courses selected to be Free TAFE priority courses included the course 22209VIC Certificate II in Engineering Studies. This course expired on 30 June 2018, and as such the

published *Free TAFE for Priority Courses List* includes the re-accredited version of this course, 22470VIC Certificate II in Engineering Studies.

### Resources

- *Free TAFE for Priority Courses List* published in the 'Documents' section of SVTS.

### Critical Dates

- Commencements in courses on the *Free TAFE for Priority Courses List* at a TAFE or Dual Sector University on or after 1 January 2019 may be eligible to receive the Free TAFE fee waiver.

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