

# Contract Notification

<b>CN No.</b>	<b>2022-03</b>	<b>Date: 13 January 2022</b>
<b>To:</b>	Chief Executive Officer or equivalent	
<b>Purpose:</b>	Variation to Contract	
<b>Scope:</b>	All 2022 VET Funding Contracts (version 1.0)	
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Release of updated versions of 2022 Contracts and Guidelines About Eligibility</b>	

## Purpose

This Contract Notification is to advise training providers that version 2.0 of the VET Funding Contracts and the Guidelines About Eligibility are published in the 'Documents' section of SVTS.

## Background

It is standard process that the Department may vary the VET Funding Contract and Guidelines from time-to-time to reflect changes to policy, reflect new or updated initiatives or to make minor administrative edits. See **Attachment 1** for a list of changes to the Contracts and Guidelines.

## Main points

### Expansion of eligibility for the Asylum Seeker VET program

Following the recent unrest in Afghanistan, the Australian Government announced an initial 3,000 humanitarian visa places will be allocated to Afghan nationals. This includes Afghan evacuees with Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) (subclass 449) visas.

The eligibility criteria for the ASVET program is expanded to include people who hold a valid Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) (subclass 449) visa. This applies to new commencements from 1 January 2022. See Attachment 1 for a list of changes to the Contracts and Guidelines.

Access to the ASVET program will enable these asylum seekers to engage in supported education and training with a pathway towards employment upon arrival in Victoria. This will increase their ability to settle in the community, develop economic independence and participate in Australian society.

### Update to response to training to support the 10-year industry plan for family violence prevention and response.

In 2021, this bursary initiative allowed eligibility exemptions for practitioners referred by GEN VIC to enrol in the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment at a TAFE or Dual Sector University.

As the bursaries are now fully subscribed, we've removed this Clause from the TAFE and Dual Sector Contracts.

## Resources

The following documents are published in the 'Documents' section of SVTS and replace versions 1.0:

- 2022 Standard VET Funding Contract (version 2.0)
- 2022 TAFE VET Funding Contract (version 2.0)
- 2022 Dual Sector VET Funding Contract (version 2.0)
- 2022 Guidelines About Eligibility (version 2.0)






All changes are highlighted in grey within each document.

## Critical Dates

Version 2.0 of the Contracts and the Guidelines About Eligibility take effect from 1 January 2022.

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## Attachment 1: list of changes

Contract type	Change	Clause	Summary of change
All	<b>NEW WORDING</b> 	Clause 13 of Schedule 1	New sub-clause 13.1(b)(v) is added to expand the eligibility for the ASVET program to holders of the Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) (subclass 449) visa.
TAFE and Dual Sector	<b>DELETION</b> 	Clause 15 of Schedule 1	Clause 15.6 is deleted.
<b>Guidelines About Eligibility</b>			
N/A	<b>NEW WORDING</b> 	Attachment 1	Section A – ‘Evidence of citizenship/residency and age’ has been edited to include the Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) (subclass 449) visa as a form of evidence for the ASVET program.
N/A	<b>NEW WORDING</b> 	Attachment 2	The ASVET program section has been edited to include the Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) (subclass 449) visa.
N/A	<b>DELETION</b> 	Attachment 2	The ‘Delivery of training to support the 10-year industry plan for family violence prevention and response’ section has been edited to remove the reference to eligibility exemptions for practitioners referred by GEN VIC to TAFE and Dual Sector Universities.