Important Changes to TAFE NSW for 2015

The NSW Government is making significant changes to its vocational education and training system. These changes are known as the Smart and Skilled reforms and include a Skills List which identifies qualifications which will be subsidised by the government.

From 1 January 2015 TAFE NSW, like all Registered Training Organisations, will implement the Smart and Skilled reforms. If you are enrolled in a government subsidised course, these reforms will affect you as a new or continuing student into 2015.

TAFE NSW students who enrol and study in fee for service courses are not affected by the Smart and Skilled reforms.

If you are a student of TAFE NSW in Semester 2, 2014

Until 31 December 2014, you can continue to enrol and study in government subsidised courses, if you live or work in NSW and meet the current eligibility conditions. You will pay the relevant 2014 TAFE NSW Fee.

If you are a student of TAFE NSW in Semester 2, 2014 and continuing into 2015

If you are a student of TAFE NSW in Semester 2, 2014, enrolled in a 2014 Skills List course and continuing this course into 2015, you will pay pro-rata Smart and Skilled fees in 2015 to complete your qualification. Concessions and exemptions will be available to students who meet eligibility criteria.

If you are a student of TAFE NSW in Semester 2, 2014, enrolled in a non-Skills List course and continuing this course into 2015, you will be required to pay a fee for service in 2015 to complete your qualification.

As a new student of TAFE NSW in 2015

From 1 January 2015, if you wish to enrol in a new 2015 Skills List government subsidised course the new Smart and Skilled fee structure will apply and you will need to meet eligibility requirements to access these subsidised training places.

Concessions and exemptions are available to students who meet specific criteria. VET FEE-HELP loans will also be available for government subsidised diploma, advanced diploma, and specific certificate IV courses.

If you wish to enrol in a non-Skills List course, these are offered as fee for service courses. You may be able to access a VET FEE-HELP student loan.

Where to from here

TAFE NSW will continue to provide you with a wide range of courses at a consistently high standard to ensure the best outcome for your career.

Our staff are available to advise and guide you through the changes to the fee structure and how this might affect you in 2015. Information is also available on the TAFE NSW website.

In October 2014, TAFE NSW will advertise the Skills List courses and fees we will be offering for 2015.