

### User Choice

The User Choice program is set up to contract RTO's to deliver government subsidies training to eligible students. A key feature of Australian Apprenticeships is more flexibility for the users (employers and Australian Apprentices) of the training system. User Choice is a model for achieving client responsive training which means that businesses and Australian Apprentices can select their own registered training organisation (RTO) and negotiate how, where and when the training and assessment is to occur.

The RTO are required to charge a tuition fee except where the student is exempt for a concession. Where a student is eligible for a concession, sustainable evidence must be provided. The mandatory minimum tuition fee for an Australian Apprenticeship is \$350

The User Choice Program is an annual grant program that provides training subsidies to RTO's to help cover the cost of providing quality training and assessment for nationally recognised qualifications to Tasmania apprentices and trainees.

Eligible learners can be new workers, existing workers, year 10, 11 and 12 students and previously qualified apprentices and trainees. Eligibility will be determined prior to facilitating the signing of a training contract and will be carried out by an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network.

#### *New Workers*

New workers are those that have been employed as an apprentice or trainee who have been employed by the employer for less than three months full-time or twelve months part-time or casual. If an employee (including an apprentice or trainee) has had a break in employment of six (6) months or more from their employer, they are deemed to be a new employee.

#### *Existing Employees*

An existing employee is an individual who has been employed for more than three (3) months on a full-time basis or more than 12 months on a part-time or casual basis by the employer with whom he/she is entering into a training contract.

Other eligible criteria include:

- Citizenship
- Be of working age
- Not at school
- Reside in Tasmania

ABC Training and Consulting require a learner fee towards training and assessment. Depending on circumstances students may be eligible for a fee concession. Students who are deemed eligible will need to supply sufficient evidence. Please contact ABC Training and Consulting for more information.

For more information on Australian Capital Territory Apprenticeship and Traineeships please use the following link:

- [http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/enterprise-canberra2/skillscanberra/individuals/apprenticeships\\_and\\_traineeships](http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/enterprise-canberra2/skillscanberra/individuals/apprenticeships_and_traineeships)

#### *Delivery Modes available:*

- Employment

- Online/Electronic
- Combination of both

The duration of the course will depend on the students experience and flexibility. Students can discuss this with an ABC Training and Consulting staff member upon enrolment to find what delivery modes suits them best.

### Funded User Choice Courses:

Qualification Code and Name	Student Contribution Fee	Employer contribution	Total costs
MSL20116 Certificate II in Sampling and Measurement	\$350	\$1,500	\$1,850
<i>This qualification covers the skills and knowledge required to perform a range of sampling and measurement activities as part of laboratory, production or field operations in the construction, manufacturing, resources and environmental industry sectors. Employment outcomes targeted by this qualification include samplers and testers, production personnel, plant operators, production operators, field assistants, drivers, sample couriers and many others.</i>			
MSL30116 Certificate III in Laboratory Skills	\$350	\$1,950	\$2,300
<i>This qualification covers the skills and knowledge required to perform a limited range of laboratory operations across all industry sectors and is the entry level required for laboratory personnel across all industry sectors. Employment outcomes targeted by this qualification include laboratory technicians, instrument operators and similar personnel.</i>			
MSL40116 Certificate IV in Laboratory Technology	\$350	\$2,250	\$2,900
<i>This qualification covers the skills and knowledge required to perform a range of laboratory techniques to conduct tests and sampling in a variety of industry sectors. Employment outcomes targeted by this qualification include technical assistants, technicians, instrument operators and similar personnel.</i>			
MSL50116 Diploma of Laboratory Technology	\$350	\$2,100	\$2,450
<i>This qualification covers the skills and knowledge required to apply a range of laboratory technologies to conduct scientific-technical tests and sampling in most industry sectors. Employment outcomes targeted by this qualification include technical officers, laboratory technicians, analysts and similar personnel.</i>			
PMC40116 Certificate IV in Manufactured Mineral Products	\$350	\$3,600	\$3,950
<i>The PMC40116 Certificate IV in Manufactured Mineral Products covers the skills and knowledge required to perform a range of technical operations within the manufactured mineral products industries. The qualification is suitable to develop existing workers or to prepare new entrants to perform a plant technician role.</i>			

\*Please note the prices listed above are only used as a guide. Where an enquiry progresses to a formal engagement of our services, an individualised proposal will be laid out and agreed to prior to commencement.