

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 ACT 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 the ACT

ABC Training and Consulting require a tuition 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

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.

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Qualification Code and Name	Student Contribution Fee*
MSL20118 Certificate II in Sampling and Measurement	\$350
MSL30118 Certificate III in Laboratory Skills	\$350
MSL40118 Certificate IV in Laboratory Techniques	\$350
MSL50118 Diploma of Laboratory Technology	\$350
MSL60118 Advanced Diploma of Laboratory Operations	\$350

*Please note the prices listed above are only a guide. Concessions and other reductions to prices may apply on a case-by-case basis.