

# CSQ Higher Qualifications Building Program 2025-26 Funding Conditions



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TAFE Queensland is a proud provider of [Construction Skills Queensland](#)'s (CSQ) 2025-26 Higher Qualifications Building Program which provides eligible workers with funded training to complete either a Certificate IV, Diploma or an Advanced Diploma qualification. CSQ's Higher Qualification's 2025-26 Program provides funding for eligible workers in the Queensland Building and Construction Industry to expand their knowledge and skills, and open opportunities to move into higher level and paraprofessional roles.

Eligible workers, and relevant administration staff working for a Queensland building and construction business can apply if there is a clear career path to undertake this training and remain in the Building and Construction industry.

Funding is available between 1 August 2025 and 31 July 2027.

As a student studying a Higher Qualification under CSQ's 2025-26 funding period, you must meet both the Program and Participant eligibility requirements.

## Program Eligibility

To be eligible for CSQ funding, you:

- must pay or your employer pays the set CSQ co-contribution fee per qualification upon enrolment and in accordance with [TAFE Queensland Rules and Policies](#);
- must complete and pass one (1) unit of competency by **30 June 2026** to guarantee funding for all units of competency in your qualification. If you have not passed one unit by this date you are no longer eligible to be funded for that qualification and you may be subject to full fee for service for any study you have already undertaken;
- must complete your qualification on or before 31 July 2027;
- cannot have previously accessed CSQ funding for the same or equivalent qualification in a previous CSQ Higher Qualification Program term. CSQ will not allow students to study their qualification over multiple funding periods;
- can only be enrolled into one CSQ funded skill set or qualification at a time under CSQ's Higher Qualifications and Skills Assessment and Gap Training Program;
- cannot undertake training (claim funding) for any unit of competency or qualification that you have previously completed;
- cannot claim funding for more than 50% of the qualification through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Credit Transfer;
- must provide the required eligibility evidence prior to training commencement.

## Who is an Eligible Worker?

An eligible worker is someone who is an employee or self-employed worker, who can demonstrate primary and substantial direct involvement in the:

- Queensland Building and Construction industry doing:
  - construction, significant renovations and extensions of residential and commercial buildings
  - installation services for interiors of residential and commercial buildings in associated trades; electrical, plumbing, flooring etc.
  - works on a major infrastructure project
- Queensland Civil Construction industry doing:
  - land development and site preparation for the purpose of construction
  - works for civil infrastructure
  - works on a major infrastructure project

## Participant Eligibility

### Who is Eligible?

An Eligible Participant for this Program must be:

- a) an Australian or New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident;

or

- b) a Participant who has the right to work in Australia on a valid VISA prescribed by Construction Skills Queensland and has been employed in the Building and Construction Industry for a period of 6 months or more,

and is

- c) an Eligible Worker in Queensland (refer to exceptions),

or is

- d) an unemployed Eligible Worker who has been unemployed for a period not greater than 6 months in Queensland.

### Who is Not Eligible?

Participants must not be:

- a) an Apprentice or Trainee;
- b) undertaking the Training as part of an Apprenticeship or Traineeship;
- c) an Employee of an Authority, including Local Councils;
- d) currently enrolled and participating in a Queensland secondary school program;
- e) a contracted trainer or assessor or existing worker of an RTO;
- f) funded by an Authority or such other source for delivery of the same Training being undertaken as part of this Program;
- g) enrolled in more than one (1) CSQ funded Skill Set or Qualification at a time under this Program and the CSQ funded Skills Assessment and Gap Training Program which is 1 x Building or 1 x Civil in the same Program period;
- h) previously enrolled into the same or equivalent qualification in an earlier CSQ funded Program term;
- i) seeking a Verification of Competency;
- j) workers from other industries.

### Exceptions include:

- a) a Participant whose Employer is part of the Building and Construction Industry, undertaking relevant clerical, administration and professional roles.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who is an Employer in the Building and Construction Industry?

They are an employer who is in the Queensland Building and Construction Industry, who is responsible for performing the scope of work relevant to the industry.

### What does Primary and Substantial Direct Involvement mean?

It refers to your active and ongoing participation in hands-on construction work. This means that your main job tasks directly contribute to building or civil construction activities — not just support, administration, or coordination roles. You must be personally performing construction-related work as a core part of your role, regularly and meaningfully, not occasionally or indirectly.

### Are clerical and administrative workers eligible for CSQ's Higher Qualifications program?

Yes, administrative, clerical, and professional workers are eligible where their employer is in the Queensland Building and Construction Industry, and their role is relevant and directly connected to the construction activities of the business.

**Can an Eligible Participant Complete More Than One (1) Higher Qualification in a Program Term?**

Yes, an eligible participant may complete more than one (1) Higher Qualification within a program term, however, they must do so one after the other, not at the same time.

Eligible participants are not permitted to be enrolled in multiple qualifications at the same time, including enrolment across CSQ's:

- Higher Qualifications, and
- Skills Assessment and Gap Training, and
- Skill Set programs.

**Is a Participant Eligible for the Higher Qualifications Program if More Than 50% of the Qualification is Resulted Through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer?**

No, 50% of the qualification must be trained and assessed. No more than 50% of the qualification can be resulted through a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or a Credit Transfer outcome.

**Qualifications and Funding Available**

Qualification Code and Name	Max. Units Funded	CSQ Contribution Per Unit	CSQ Contribution Per Qualification	Student Co-Contribution Fee per Qualification
BSB40920 Certificate IV in Project Management Practice	9	\$400.00	\$3,600.00	\$500.00
BSB41419 Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety	10	\$400.00	\$4,000.00	\$500.00
CPC40120 Certificate IV in Building and Construction	19	\$400.00	\$7,600.00	\$500.00
CPC50220 Diploma of Building and Construction (Building)	27	\$400.00	\$10,800.00	\$750.00
CPC60220 Advanced Diploma of Building and Construction (Management)	10	\$400.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
UEE42622 Certificate IV in Hazardous Areas – Electrical	12	\$400.00	\$4,800.00	\$500.00

**Funding Application Declaration**

Upon submission of your CSQ funding application, you will need to agree to the below:

- I have read and understand CSQ 2025-26 Higher Qualifications Funding Conditions document and acknowledge I may be liable for full fee for service fees for non-conformance.
- I confirm the accuracy of the information contained within this application and provided identification/evidence documents and acknowledge that any false information may result in full fee for service fees to be paid.
- I acknowledge that CSQ provides the contribution amount for the selected course/s as listed and that funding is limited and not guaranteed.
- I understand that I must provide eligibility evidence at the time of enrolment, and that evidence supplied subsequent to my enrolment being processed will not be accepted.
- I consent to TAFE Queensland releasing my personal information to CSQ for the purposes of administering the funding program and consent to CSQ contacting me, including for conducting reviews, and destination surveys, and/or to provide information about CSQ products and services.
- I have read and agree to the [Privacy Notification](#)
- I have read and agree to abide by the [TAFE Queensland Rules and Policies](#) and acknowledge I will only use facilities made available to me in accordance with the relevant rules for acceptable use.
- I understand that TAFE Queensland reserves the right to withdraw or cancel my enrolment in accordance with the TAFE Queensland Rules and Policies and for the purposes of managing the health and safety of students, staff and other people at TAFE Queensland campuses and sites.

## Evidence Requirements

To apply for CSQ funding, you must provide the relevant evidence to meet **both** the Right to Work **and** Eligible Worker requirements. This evidence must be provided prior to the commencement of training.

### Right to Work Required Evidence

I confirm that I have the right to work in Australia:

You must select either A or B and provide the relevant evidence from the list to support your application

#### A. Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian Permanent Resident

Green Medicare Card (Current) or My.gov Medicare snapshot

**OR**

Australian or New Zealand Passport (Up to 6 months after the expiry date)

**OR**

Australian or New Zealand Full Birth Certificate or Extract\*

\*A commemorative birth certificate cannot be accepted

**OR**

Australian Citizenship Certificate

#### B. A valid Visa holder as per the CSQ listing\*\* and who has been employed in the Queensland Building and Construction Industry for 6 months or more.

Employer letter on letter head, dated and signed by the employer which confirms:

- the participant has the right to work in Australia and undertake study and
- the visa number and
- the participant has been employed for 6 months or more

This information can also be included on the relevant Eligible Worker evidence below.

\*\* Refer to CSQ's Prescribed List of Visas

\*\* International Student Visas are not accepted

### Eligible Worker Required Evidence

I confirm that I permanently work in Queensland within the Building and Construction industry.

You must select either A, B or C and provide the relevant evidence from the list to support your application.

#### A. Employed and substantially engaged in the Queensland Building and Construction Industry.

**OR**

#### B. Unemployed for less than 6 months, in a role which would meet the employed and substantially engaged requirements of an Eligible Worker.

**OR**

#### C. Self Employed and substantially engaged in the Queensland Building and Construction Industry.

Employer letter on letter head, dated and signed by the employer which confirms:

- the role of the participant; and
- the duties being undertaken by the participant that demonstrates their primary and substantial direct involvement in the building and construction industry

**OR**

Statutory Declaration providing details of employment (employer name and address) which would ordinarily be on the employer letter (as above). If unemployed, also include the duration of how long they have been unemployed for).

Official copy of ABN / ACN registration (downloaded or issued copy, **no screen shots**) showing ownership and invoices detailing recent and substantial work in the Queensland building and construction industry.

**OR**

Statutory Declaration providing substantial engagement in the Queensland Building and Construction Industry, details of business registration and recent work in the industry.

# 2025/26 CSQ PRESCRIBED LIST OF VISAS



## WORKING & SKILLED VISAS

- Business innovation and investment (Permanent)- Subclass 888
- Business innovation and investment (Provisional)- Subclass 188
- Business owner- Subclass 890
- Global Talent Visa - Subclass 858
- Employer nomination scheme- Subclass 186
- Investor- Subclass 891
- Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional) visa (subclass 191)
- Regional sponsor migration scheme- Subclass 187
- Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (provisional) visa (subclass 494)\_Employer Sponsored stream
- Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (provisional) visa (subclass 494)\_Labour Agreement stream
- Skilled independent- Subclass 189
- Skilled nominated- Subclass 190
- Skilled regional provisional- Subclass 489
- Skilled regional- Subclass 887
- Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) visa Main applicant (subclass 491)
- State or territory sponsored business owner- Subclass 892
- State or territory sponsored investor- Subclass 893

## FAMILY & PARTNER VISAS

- Adoption-Subclass 102
- Aged dependent relative-Subclass 114
- Aged dependent relative-Subclass 838
- Aged parent-Subclass 804
- Carer-Subclass 836
- Carer-Subclass 116
- Child-Subclass 101
- Child-Subclass 802
- Contributory aged parent (temporary)- Subclass 884
- Contributory aged parent-Subclass 864
- Contributory parent-Subclass 143
- New Zealand citizen family relationship (temporary)-Subclass 461
- Orphan relative-Subclass 117
- Orphan relative-Subclass 837
- Parent-Subclass 103
- Partner (Migrant)-Subclass 100
- Partner (permanent)-Subclass 801
- Prospective marriage-Subclass 300
- Remaining relative -Subclass 115
- Remaining relative -Subclass 835



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## REFUGEE & HUMANITARIAN VISAS

- Pacific Engagement – Subclass 192
- Global special humanitarian– Subclass 202
- Protection Visa – Subclass 866
- Refugee category– Subclass 200
- Refugee category– Subclass 201
- Refugee category– Subclass 203
- Refugee category– Subclass 204
- Humanitarian Stay – Subclass 449
- Temporary protection– Subclass 785
- Temporary Humanitarian Concern – Subclass 786
- Safe haven enterprise– Subclass 790
- Resolution of Status visa–Subclass 851

## OTHER VISAS

- Former resident– Subclass 151
- Resident return visa–Subclass 155 and 157
- Special category visa –Subclass 444
- Confirmatory residence–subclass 808