



FUNDING

Dance Factory has great pleasure in announcing that it has secured funding of its full and part time Dance, Dance teaching and Musical Theatre courses through the Victorian Government's "Skills First" training scheme. This means that students that qualify will benefit from **SUBSTANTIAL savings of up to 80%** off normal course prices thanks to the Government subsidies. "Skills First" is an initiative where **the government will directly cover a substantial proportion of the course fees of eligible students**. This is not a loan scheme such as VET help where there is a requirement to repay an amount to government.

To be eligible for funding you must be:

1. Under 20 years of age (15-19) **Or**
 2. Over 20 years of age applying for a qualification higher than what you already hold **Or**
- You must also be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or be a holder of a permanent visa

To be eligible for funding with concession

1. A student with a Health Care Card **Or**
 2. A student with a Pensioner Card **Or**
 3. A student with a Veteran's Gold Card **Or**
 4. A student of Indigenous/Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent
- *Also applies to a dependant spouse or dependant child of card holder of above

WHO CAN APPLY

- Students aged 15-19 years as of 1st January can apply for any course. You do not need to be "upskilling."
- Students aged 20 & over as of 1st January must be "upskilling", applying for a qualification higher than what you already hold.
- Eligible students can enrol in 2 government subsidised courses per year
- Eligible students may enrol in a maximum of 2 government subsidised courses **at the same level** in a lifetime.

HOW TO APPLY

- COMPLETE Section B of the Skills First Evidence of Student Eligibility and Student Declaration. Do not include any VCE, VET, VCAL, International Baccalaureate Diploma or senior secondary certificates when listing courses you have completed.
- You must provide evidence of eligibility as listed in Section A of the Skills First Evidence of Student Eligibility and Student Declaration either by producing a hard copy of the original or sending a certified photocopy of the original.
- For students aged 15-19, you must also provide proof of age as listed in Section A.
- Students eligible for a concession must also provide a copy of your health care card, pensioner card or Veteran's gold card in either a hard copy or electronically via a screenshot generated via a digital wallet through a Centrelink Express Plus mobile application.

ASYLUM SEEKER VET PROGRAM

Dance Factory may exempt a student from the citizenship eligibility criterion above if it sights and retains a referral letter from either the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre or the Australian Red Cross Victims of Human Trafficking Program.

LATROBE VALLEY INITIATIVE

With respect to administration of assistance to individuals in the Latrobe Valley, when an individual presents a *Training Referral Letter* signed by the Executive Director, Industry Engagement and VET Systems Division of the Department of Education and Training, Dance Factory may exempt an individual from the following eligibility criteria:

- a) Upskilling
- b) Two at level in a lifetime and/or
- c) 'Two "courses in..." in a lifetime'

BACK TO WORK SCHEME

Where Dance Factory has sighted and retained a copy of the standard email issued by the State Revenue Office to the individual's employer that confirms the individual's status as a 'Back to Work' participant, Dance Factory may exempt an individual from the following eligibility criteria:

- a) Upskilling
- b) Two at level in a lifetime and/or
- c) Two "courses in..." in a lifetime

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