



Skills First Reconnect Program

The Reconnect program strives to support Victorians experiencing disadvantage. The program assists participants to overcome the barriers preventing them from engaging in education & training and provides supports into further study or employment pathways.

Who is delivering the Reconnect programs?

GOTAFE is delivering the Skills First Reconnect program across the following Local Government areas: Wangaratta, Benalla, Greater Shepparton, Mitchell Shire, and the Moira Shire.

The funding will allow GOTAFE to:

- Undertake outreach and engagement activities to locate, engage and attract disengaged, high-needs learners back into a learning environment.
- Assess the learning and non-learning needs of Reconnect participants and develop an agreed learning plan to transition participants to further training or employment.
- Coordinate and provide access to support services that help participants start and stay in training.

To be eligible applicants must be:

Young People

Aged between 17- 19 years: not engaged in education or training for six months or more (less than 8 hours per week).

Mature Participants

Aged between 20-64 years: Unemployed for six months or more (less than 8 hours per week) and not engaged in education or training for six months or more (less than 8 hours per week).

Young People Impacted By Justice System

Young people (17 to 24 years of age) who have been, or are currently on, Youth Justice Orders.

Asylum Seekers

A person without citizenship but holds a valid: Bridging Visa Class E (BVE); Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV); or Temporary Protection Visa (TPV).

Other

From time to time, the Department may approve the accommodation of additional target groups during the term of the program (for example, this may include groups such as people impacted by bushfires, COVID-19 or retrenched workers etc.). Currently, no additional groups have been added.

Reconnect Referral Process

If a person is identified who may be eligible for the program you can email reconnect@gotafe.vic.edu.au to register interest in obtaining more information.

A reconnect advisor will then be in contact to respond to your email and to obtain information about the potential client.

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