



## Funding

Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Community College Inc (HKCC) is an approved Smart and Skilled Provider with the Department of Education and has access to various funding options for vocational training:

- Smart and Skilled
- NSW Fee Free
- Adult Community Education (ACE)
- Targeted Skills for Small Business

***HKCC has been recognised as a High Performing Smart and Skilled provider by the NSW Department of Education.***

## Smart and Skilled

Smart and Skilled is a **NSW Government program that helps people get training in in-demand skills and industries.**

Smart and Skilled gives eligible students:

- an entitlement to government-subsidised training up to and including Certificate III
- government funding for higher-level courses (Certificate IV and above) in targeted priority areas.

### **Eligibility criteria:**

Are you:

- 15 years old or over?
- No longer at school?
- Living or working in NSW?
- An Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen?

If you answered yes to all four questions, you're eligible for Smart and Skilled funding. The amount you will receive towards your qualifications will depend on your individual circumstances. Some students may receive full funding, while others may have a student contribution.

You can find out more about Smart and Skilled [here](#).

## NSW Fee Free

As a Smart and Skilled provider, our students in nationally accredited priority courses will have access to the new NSW Government initiative **NSW FEE FREE** during 2023. This means that [eligible Smart and Skilled students, as above](#), will be able to study a full qualification **without attracting a student contribution**.

HKCC currently has the following accredited [qualifications on scope](#):

- FSK10119 Certificate I in Access to Vocational Pathways\*
- FSK10219 Certificate I in Skills for Vocational Pathways\*
- FSK20119 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways\*
- BSB20120 Certificate II in Workplace Skills~
- BSB30120 Certificate III in Business ~
- ICT30120 Certificate III in Information Technology~
- CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support~
- CHC43015 Certificate IV in Ageing Support~
- CHC43115 Certificate IV in Disability~

*\*These qualifications are fee free under Smart and Skilled for [Smart and Skilled eligible](#) students*

*~These qualifications are fee free for [Smart and Skilled eligible](#) students under Smart and Skilled or NSW Fee Free, depending on individual circumstances*

## Adult Community Education (ACE)

[Training Services NSW](#) manages the ACE Program, which is designed to assist disadvantaged learners with barriers to participation in training under the Smart and Skilled Entitlement Program or other Smart and Skilled Program. The program funds individual units.

### Eligibility criteria:

- You are [eligible for Smart and Skilled funding](#), as above
- And meet at least one of the criteria below:
  - I am Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
  - I receive Centrelink Benefits (or am the dependent child, spouse or partner of a recipient)
  - I have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits major life activities
  - I have a disability or am the dependent child, spouse or partner of a person with a disability
  - I have low language, literacy, numeracy and digital skills
  - I identify as culturally and linguistically diverse AND meet one of the following criteria:
    - My main language spoken at home is not English
    - My proficiency in spoken English is below the required standard to complete vocational training and/or employment



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- I experience cultural barriers or social isolation
- I experience social isolation
- I require additional employability skills, as I am one of the below:
  - Unemployed
  - Underemployed (working less than 25 hours per week)
  - Returning to the workforce after a gap of 12 months
  - Looking to reskill or upskill
- I am experiencing by an economic disadvantage, such as:
  - Not having sufficient resources to achieve a reasonable standard of living
  - Experiencing negative impacts on social and emotional wellbeing, physical health and the ability to create a stable home environment
  - Prevented from participating in communities
- I am experiencing personal circumstances which require additional support to access educational opportunities, such as:
  - Domestic Violence, family violence, coercion
  - Recovering from drug/alcohol abuse
  - Exited the criminal justice system or at risk of entering the criminal justice system
- I am aged 15-24 and at risk of not progressing to further education, training or employment
- I have not achieved year 12 or equivalent
- I am the owner or employee of a small business or not-for-profit organisation

## Targeted Skills for Small Business

This program is funded under the ACE Program and funds accredited and non-accredited training in targeted courses in information technology, business services or foundation skills.

### Eligibility criteria:

- You are eligible for Smart and Skilled funding, as above; and
- are an owner of a small business\*: **or**
- an employee of a small business\* or not-for profit organisation.

*\*A small business is defined as a business with less than 20 full time equivalent employees.*