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- The Program is part of the Australian Government's *Skilling Australia* for the future initiative.
- The training will be delivered by training organisations in your local area.
- You can gain a new qualification or upgrade an existing qualification. Initially only qualifications at the Certificate II or Certificate III levels will be offered. From 1 July 2008, higher level qualifications will be available.

### What training is available?

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- The duration, timing and location for courses will depend on the qualification you choose. If you are registered with an employment service provider, you need to talk to your case manager about what courses are on offer and the type of training most suitable for you.
- For a list of industries where training places will be available, go to [www.productivityplaces.deewr.gov.au](http://www.productivityplaces.deewr.gov.au) and click on the "For People looking for training" link.

### What does it cost?

If you are looking for work, the Australian Government will fully fund training under the Program.

### Am I eligible for a training place?

To be eligible for a training place, you need to be currently looking for work. You also need to be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident of Australia and be over the age of 15. Some other eligibility criteria apply, this is available from your local training organisation, employment service provider or from the website [www.productivityplaces.deewr.gov.au](http://www.productivityplaces.deewr.gov.au)

You also need to be assessed by your employment service provider or training organisation as having capacity to benefit from the training.

*Please note, full-time students and people who are self employed are not eligible for the program.*

### How do I apply?

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- use the search function to choose a training provider from the list; and
- contact your chosen training organisation and discuss your interest in the program.

If you are an Australian Apprentice, you will need to contact your Australian Apprenticeships Centre for a referral to a training organisation.

If you are a CDEP participant, you will need to get a referral letter from your CDEP manager or supervisor.

### How do I find out more information?

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