What is Smart and Skilled?

Smart and Skilled is a reform of the NSW Vocational Education and Training (VET) system. It’s helping people in NSW get the skills they need to find a job and advance their careers.

From 1 January 2015, Smart and Skilled provides eligible students with:
• 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.

State Training Services, in the NSW Department of Industry, is responsible for Smart and Skilled and leads policy, planning, funding, regulation and advice on VET and employment in NSW.

Your eligibility for a government-subsidised Smart and Skilled course depends on your previous qualifications.

If you haven’t completed a Certificate IV or higher-level qualification, you’re entitled to enrol in a subsidised course up to Certificate III.

Students with a Certificate IV or higher qualification will be able to access subsidised Smart and Skilled training up to Certificate III level. This means that even if you have a higher level qualification you may still be eligible to re-train to enter (or re-enter) the workforce.

Smart and Skilled Funding Available

How do I qualify for Smart and Skilled?
• Must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen
• Aged 15 years of age or older
• No longer attending school
• Live or work in New South Wales

If you answered ‘Yes’ to all four questions, then you may be eligible to enrol in a government-subsidised course with Strategix