



Food Processing & Primary Services Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund - Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible for Free Trades Training?

Primary ITO approved TTAF programmes range from micro credentials though to full qualifications at levels 2, 3, 4 and 5. Further information can be found on our website [here](#).

How long will my fees be covered for?

Free Trades Training will cover training fees from 1 July 2020 until 31 December 2022.

Do I need to apply to the fund to get my training paid for?

Where Primary ITO charges a fee and the programme is approved by TEC nothing else needs to be done.

We have a new process for fees, on approved TTAF programmes, that sit with assessors and providers to deliver ITO programmes. Where you have been invoiced by an assessor or provider for training after 1st July 2020 please invoice us as per the policy set out.

What fees are covered?

If you train in one of the eligible programmes with Primary ITO, Free Trades Training covers all the fees that you (or your employer) would previously have had to pay to enable training and assessment. Costs of accommodation and travel for workplace training and assessing are covered given the deliver model used.

I have external affiliated provider or independent assessor costs how do I claim these costs back?

Primary ITO has developed a policy to cover this off and can be found on the website [here](#).

Can I still benefit if I am already studying or have paid my fees for 2020?

If you have already enrolled or started an eligible programme that is continuing past 1 July 2020, then your fees will be partly covered. This means your training will be free for the part of the programme that happens after 1 July, and you may receive a part-refund.

If you are in a programme that started just before 1 July 2020, the training for this slightly earlier start date may also be covered.

Will the Government cover the fees for non-New Zealand residents?

Yes. Free Trades Training will also pay the training fees of non-residents providing they meet the conditions of a training agreement.

What's the sign-up process for New Zealand Apprenticeships going to look like?

The sign-up process for New Zealand Apprenticeships will be the same as it is currently, and the training agreement will still state that fees may be charged. However, the fees will be paid by the Tertiary Education Commission and not by the trainee or the employer (for up to the first 20 months of an apprenticeship).

I am already training under the Government's existing "Fees Free" scheme? Can I use this new Free Trades Training instead?

Yes. The Tertiary Education Commission will automatically pay for your training under the new Free





Trades Training instead. That means your remaining “Fees Free” entitlement is paused and can be used later.

If you are currently on the existing Fees Free scheme, and are not training in programme eligible for the new Free Trades Training, you will continue on Fees Free until your eligibility expires.

Is the new funding eligibility criteria the same as for "Fees Free"?

No. The eligibility for Free Trades Training is wider than for Fees Free. It is available even if you have already trained in tertiary levels 3-7 previously.

What does the Apprenticeship Boost entail for employers?

For more information click [here](#).

Under the apprenticeship boost with MSD my staff will be unemployed for 2 to 6 weeks a year.

How do I tell MSD?

MSD require employers to verify that apprentices are still with them each month. When they are technically unemployed the employer must uncheck the box for payment

If my programme of training is not covered under fees free part of TTAF can I still get the Apprenticeship Boost?

MSD look after eligibility for the Apprenticeship boost and may cover apprenticeships where fees are not covered under TTAF. You will need to apply with MSD [here](#).

The Process indicates that providers/assessors charge the company who then pay us, and they then invoice Primary ITO for payment. Will the company get paid by you within a typical 30-days, or will they need to wait for all assessments to be completed?

We will be paying on the 20th of the following month as per the company invoice for provider costs.

Is there a standard rate for the likes of providers, assessors and PTEs to use for quoting the companies? Or, do we just do it as we have been?

For the short term, providers invoice at the normal rates to companies to provide training and assessing of ITO approved programmes. We will work with TEC on any revision and update as appropriate.

