



- Are you looking to re-train or re-enter the workforce?
- Do you have lots of skills and experience but no 'piece of paper' to prove it?
- Do you need information on courses or training for employment or career improvement but don't know where to start?
- Are you a business looking to increase the skills of your workforce?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, then a visit to your nearest Skills Store can help you recognise your skills or the skills of your staff and build your future.



Recognise Your Skills: Build Your Future

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For more information on locations of Skills Stores and mobile services, visit the Skills Stores website at www.otte.vic.gov.au/skillsstores

Or call the Victorian Government's Course Information and Referral Service Line on 1800 809 834



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Minister's Message



As the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation, and the Minister for Regional and Rural Development, I am committed to ensuring that there are good jobs and better economic outcomes for Victorians across the state. An important part of meeting this commitment is to support all Victorians to increase their skills. This is particularly important at this time for people in rural communities that have been severely affected by drought.

As part of its \$241 million skills action plan, the Victorian Government has invested \$23.46 million in establishing Skills Stores throughout the state which assist people to recognise and develop their skills.

Skills Stores provide you with information about vocational education and training courses and providers in the local area and beyond. Skills Stores staff are also trained to help you identify the skills you have, and the skills you may need for a new job. They will provide you with a personalised referral to a training organisation for an assessment of your skills and possible credit towards a qualification.

If you are an employer, Skills Stores can discuss with you specific training options for your employees which will assist to develop and expand your business. School careers advisers can also obtain training-related information from Skills Stores.

Skills Stores are located in easily accessible, community places such as shopping areas. In addition, every Skills Store has a mobile facility so its services can reach people and businesses across its region.

I am pleased to say that the Victorian Government has brought forward the opening of several Skills Stores in regional and rural Victoria by up to a year.

Skills Stores now operate across regional and rural Victoria: in the Central Gippsland, Goulburn Ovens, Ballarat, Geelong, Bendigo, Wodonga, Sunraysia, East Gippsland, and South West regions of Victoria; together with the Eastern, North Western, and South Eastern areas of Melbourne.

I encourage all Victorians interested in gaining recognition for their skills, updating their qualifications, finding training solutions for their business, or pathways for their students, to visit a Skills Store and discover the possibilities that Victoria's training system has to offer.

JACINTA ALLAN, MP
Minister

Skills Stores provide friendly, expert advice on the many opportunities and options available through Victoria's vocational education and training system.

Visit or contact your nearest Skills Store today and receive:

- An opportunity to talk about your skills and how they can help you gain a qualification
- A profile of how your skills match all or part of a qualification
- Course information and referral to a training organisation in your area.

Recognise your skills. Build your future!



Skills Stores are a new Victorian Government service.

The service has been designed to make Victoria's vocational education and training system accessible and easy to understand.

Skills Stores help you gain recognition for your current skills and provide guidance on how best to update or improve your qualifications.

Skills Stores can be found in fixed locations – such as education providers or retail outlets – or they can be mobile. Mobile Skills Stores services visit public spaces such as shopping centres, libraries and, by arrangement, workplaces.

What happens when I visit one?

When you visit a Skills Store, you can make an appointment with one of the consultants. The consultant will provide you with information about the Victorian vocational education and training system and will then talk with you about your current skills.

The consultant will help you identify the skills you already have and how they may be counted towards a nationally recognised qualification. The consultant can then give you a personal referral to a TAFE institution or other registered training organisation to have those skills formally assessed. That way, your existing skills and experience may be recognised by a qualification or part of a qualification without you having to repeat training unnecessarily.

How much does it cost?

All Skills Stores services – including advice, obtaining an initial skills profile and referral to a registered training organisation – are free-of-charge. There may be fees and charges associated with training provided by a registered training organisation to which you are referred.

