

CENTRAL OUTBACK TRAINING

User Choice Traineeship Programs

User Choice is a national policy whereby State and Territory Governments fund RTOs to provide structured training to Australian Apprentices (Trainees). These funds reduce the cost of the training that an Australian Trainee or the employer will have to pay under an Australian Traineeship.

The amount of funding and training available under User Choice is different in each State and Territory, with each State and Territory having different priority areas to direct their User Choice funds.

Central Outback Training is approved as a pre-qualified supplier to deliver funded traineeships in Western Australia, Queensland and Northern Territory to eligible employees.

Eligibility

Each state or territory has their own funding guidelines, generally an employee must be a new worker (within 3 months of employment)

- be signed up under a training contract that has been registered with the relevant state/territory training authority by an Australian Apprenticeship Centre (AAC)
- be undertaking paid work and structured training
- undertaking a negotiated training plan that involves obtaining a nationally recognised qualification
- have not received User Choice funding for the exact same qualification

Trainees may be eligible for the living away from home allowance (LAFHA) this can be discussed at enrolment.

Student Co-contribution Fees

These are a compulsory contribution towards publicly funded training and are set by each state or territory. These fees may be paid for by the Employer or a third party.

For more information on state fees and charges please refer to the table on the following page.

Fee Caveat

The student tuition fees are indicative only and are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Additional fees may apply such as student services and resource fees.

Apprenticeship Support Australia - Employer Incentive Program

The Australian Government is committed to supporting the development of skills labour across the country. They provide a range of financial incentives and benefits to employers and Australian Apprentices.

Here is a snapshot of what businesses may be eligible for:

- Standard incentives of up to \$4000
- Workers Compensation exemption
- Extra incentives to assist in the employment of those with a disability, mature aged, school-based and Indigenous Australians
- Extra incentives for Declared Drought Areas

Student Co-Contributions Fees with Central Outback Training

The below table shows the amounts we must charge per State for fully funded Traineeship Course and additionally;

- There are no extra fees charged by Central Outback Training
- Invoices are generated per unit of competency **after** training begins
- Training fees are GST exempt
- There are no refunds

State Funded Courses Available	Co-contribution Fee (<i>Calculated per nominal hour</i>)	
	Non Concessional	Concessional
<u>Western Australia – 20 – 21 User Choice Fees</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>AHC32816 Certificate III in Rural Operations</i> 	\$3.25	\$0.97
<u>Lower Fees, Local Skills Commencing 1 July 20 - 31 December 21</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>AHC30116 Certificate III in Agriculture</i> • <i>AHC40116 Certificate IV in Agriculture</i> <p>Funded via Jobs & Skills WA</p> 	\$1.62	\$0.48
<u>Queensland – 2020-21 User Choice Program</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>AHC30116 Certificate III in Agriculture</i> <p>Funded via Skills Assure QLD</p> 	\$1.60	\$0.64