



ADULT EDUCATION – DIAGRAM

Definition and information about education system for adults in Australia

LEARNING ENGLISH



Free unlimited hours of English classes to help eligible migrants and refugees reach vocational English level. You can study **full-time** or **part-time** in a class or with a **volunteer tutor** at home. Your service provider will arrange free childcare if your child is under school age.

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<https://www.melbourneamep.com.au/contact-us/>

TAFE



TAFE (Technical and Further Education) is the largest tertiary and training provider in Victoria. TAFE offers **vocational** courses with job-specific training in a wide range of industries such as childcare, hospitality, carpentry etc.

Some TAFE courses are cheaper and shorter than university. Some courses are about six months or one year in length.

TAFE have **apprenticeships** courses that involve class attendance and on-the-job training, such as in hairdressing, carpentry and plumbing. At the end of the apprenticeship, you will have a qualification in that field.

UNIVERSITY and COLLEGES



Universities are mostly government-owned tertiary education institutions with a wide range of fields of study. Students start with undergraduate course or bachelor degree and continue with postgraduate studies such as master's or doctorates degree. Students can study full-time or part-time.

Colleges also offer undergraduate and postgraduate courses however they usually specialise in particular field of study, for example creative arts, business and agriculture. Some colleges are privately-owned and aligned by a religious belief, for example a Christian or Islamic College.

FEES – TAFE, University, College

- Fees and charges for universities, TAFE and public colleges is payable by students and some are subsidised by the government.
- Undergraduate students who are citizen or permanent residents of Australia are eligible to apply for **Commonwealth Supported Places (CSPs)**, where the government covers part of the fee and students pay the rest.
- Only students enrolled in CSPs can apply for **HECS-HELP**, which is a loan to pay university/TAFE fees.
- Temporary residents or overseas citizens are not eligible for CSP and HECS-HELP, and must pay as full-fee paying international students.