



- 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 and build your future today - visit or contact your nearest Skills Store:

In Metropolitan Melbourne

Eastern Melbourne

Office in Box Hill and mobile service
Telephone: 9286 9761
Email: skillstore@bhtafe.edu.au

North Western Melbourne

Offices in Footscray, Preston, Meadow Heights and Broadmeadows and mobile service
Telephone: 9655 4863
Email: skillsstore@vetassess.com.au

South Eastern Melbourne

Offices in Dandenong, Frankston, Pakenham and mobile service
Telephone: 1300 135 008
Email: skillsstores@linkemploy.org.au

In Provincial Victoria

Central Gippsland

Office in Warragul and mobile service
Telephone: 1300 733 279
Email: cgskillsstores@gippstafe.vic.edu.au

Goulburn Ovens

Offices in Shepparton, Wangaratta and mobile service
Telephone: 1300 877 545
Email: skills@gotafe.vic.edu.au

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, Education Services and Employment, I am committed to ensuring that there are good jobs for Victorians and better economic outcomes for our state.

The Victorian Government is committed to increasing the skills of all Victorians.

As part of the \$241 million skills statement *Maintaining the Advantage: Skilled Victorians*, the Government has invested \$23.46 million in establishing Skills Stores to assist Victorians in recognising and developing their skills.

Skills Stores will provide you with free expert advice about your current skills, future skill development options and the training needed to turn your skills into qualifications.

If you are an employer, Skills Stores can discuss with you specific training options for your employees to assist in developing and expanding your business.

School careers advisers can also be assisted through Skills Stores to obtain training-related information.

Skills Stores commenced operation in June 2007 across five metropolitan and regional locations in Victoria.

Skills Stores currently service the Eastern, North Western and South Eastern areas of Melbourne, and the Central Gippsland and Goulburn Ovens regions of provincial Victoria.

By 2009, there will also be Skills Stores in the Ballarat, Geelong, Bendigo, Wodonga, Sunraysia, East Gippsland, South West Victoria and Central Melbourne regions.

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.