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Grants and Scholarships

Initiatives of the *Disability Services Skilling Plan (DSSP)*

What Grants and Scholarships are available?

Grants and Scholarships under the *Disability Services Skilling Plan (DSSP)* are available for:

- Workers and practitioners in the non-government Disability Services sector
- Vocational and/or higher education practitioners in the disability services field

1. Vocational Training Assistance Grant (100 places per year)

This initiative provides for one-off training assistance grants to new and existing workers of the non-government disability services sector. Grants primarily support individuals to undertake compulsory Disability Services competencies under the Community Services Training Package offered by a Queensland registered training organisation (RTO). Priority will be given to those within areas where there is no subsidised TAFE delivery of Disability Services qualifications. (Where courses already attract government subsidies, assistance may support educational resources.)

Am I Eligible?

- you are employed by a Queensland non-government disability service, or identified and sponsored as a future employee
- you are nominated and sponsored by your employer organisation
- you are undertaking or plan to undertake compulsory Disability Services competencies under the Community Services Training Package www.ntis.gov.au offered by a Queensland RTO
- you provide an applicant statement outlining expected benefits to yourself, your disability service agency and the disability services sector

2. Skills Development Scholarship Grant (25 places per year)

This Skills Development Scholarship Grant will support existing professional and para-professional practitioners from non-government disability services providers to complete a qualification or professional development program specific to the disability services sector. This initiative is aimed primarily at workers and practitioners who identify with one of following population groups: Aborigine, Torres Strait Islander, migrant from a non-English speaking background, refugee or Australian South Sea Islander. This initiative provides for one-off study and professional development opportunities.

Am I Eligible?

- you identify with any of the following key population groups:
 - Aborigine and/or Torres Strait Islander
 - refugee or migrant from a non-English speaking background
 - Australian South Sea Islander
- you are employed by or plan to be employed by a Queensland non-government disability services provider
- you are nominated and sponsored by a disability services provider
- you plan to undertake a skills or a professional development program in the disability services field. The programs must be offered by a professional development agency endorsed by the Department of Education and Training and Department of Communities (Disability Services)



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- you provide an applicant statement outlining your professional development proposal, including the expected benefits and outcomes for yourself, your disability service agency and the disability services sector

3. Educators and Trainers Fellowship Grant (20 places per year)

The aim of this one-off fellowship grant is to provide individual vocational and/or higher education practitioners' access to a relevant professional development program. The programs must be offered by an Australian Higher Education Institute or by a professional development agency endorsed by the Department of Education and Training and Department of Communities (Disability Services). It provides access to relevant professional development programs.

Am I Eligible?

- you are a Vocational Education and Training or higher education practitioner, with a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or equivalent
- you are nominated and sponsored by one of the following: a Queensland RTO, a higher education institute, or a Queensland-based disability services provider
- you plan to undertake a professional development program being offered by an Australian higher education institute or by a professional development agency endorsed by the Department of Education and Training and Department of Communities (Disability Services)
- you provide an applicant statement outlining your professional development proposal including the expected benefits and outcomes for yourself, your disability service agency and the disability services sector

How do I apply?

You can obtain the application form from the Department of Education and Training website www.det.qld.gov.au and forward your completed application to:

**The Grants and Scholarship Officer
Disability Services Skilling Plan
PO Box 5252 SCMC
NAMBOUR QLD 4560**

Where can I get more information?

Please contact The Grants and Scholarship Officer, on **1800 835 866** or email dsspgrants@deta.qld.gov.au