



Fees Free quick guide

For learners starting study
or training in 2023

Are you planning to study or train in 2023?

If you are a first-time learner, or your first tertiary education was covered by the Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund, you may be able to get your fees covered for one year's study or two years' training.

Find out if you can get Fees Free, what you need to do, and how much you can get.



New learners can get one year of Fees Free study or two years of training

If you do provider-based study at Te Pūkenga, a private training establishment, university or wānanga you can get the equivalent of one year's full-time study (up to the value of \$12,000) Fees Free.

If you do work-based learning at Te Pūkenga or a private training establishment, your training costs can be covered for the first 24 months of your training programme (up to the value of \$12,000).

What does Fees Free cover?

Fees Free covers:

- tuition fees
- compulsory course costs, and
- student services fees.

For work-based learning, Fees Free will cover all training and assessment costs.

If you're doing provider-based study, you may also be able to get a Student Loan to help with course related and living costs. For more information on Student Loans and Allowances go to [studylink.govt.nz](https://www.studylink.govt.nz).

Who can get Fees Free?

Those at school or recent school leavers

You can get Fees Free if you have been enrolled in a school in or after 2021 (other than as an adult learner) and you meet the citizenship or residency criteria.

Those who left school before 2021

You can get Fees Free if you meet the prior study and training criteria and meet the citizenship or residency criteria.

How do I check if I can get Fees Free study or training?

Go to [feesfree.govt.nz](https://www.feesfree.govt.nz) and enter your National Student Number to find out your current eligibility status and next steps if required.

You'll also need to check that the course or training programme you're enrolling in is covered by Fees Free. You can find the course and programme eligibility criteria on the Fees Free website or ask your tertiary education organisation.

Other funds and Fees Free eligibility

If you have studied or trained using the Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund (TTAF), Māori and Pasifika Trades Training Fund (MPTT), Youth Guarantee Fund (YG) or Refugee English Fund, you may still be eligible for Fees Free. Check your eligibility at [feesfree.govt.nz](https://www.feesfree.govt.nz).

Where can I go for more information?

Go to [feesfree.govt.nz](https://www.feesfree.govt.nz) or call the Fees Free helpline on **0800 601 301**.