



## Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) Vocational Education and Training (VET) Tuition

### Background

ITAS aims to maximise the educational opportunities of eligible Indigenous students and to improve their educational outcomes.

From January 2007, Indigenous students undertaking vocational education and training courses leading to the attainment of a Certificate Level III or above qualification will be eligible for assistance under a new ITAS element – ITAS Vocational Education and Training (VET) Tuition.

Under this new element, the Australian Government is providing \$12 million over 2007-2008 to assist eligible VET students with their education and training.

### Description

ITAS VET Tuition provides supplementary tuition for eligible Indigenous students undertaking courses leading to the attainment of a Certificate Level III or above qualification.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Q: Who is eligible to receive ITAS VET Tuition?

ITAS VET Tuition is available to VET students who are:

- Indigenous; and
- enrolled in a VET course leading to the attainment of a Certificate Level III or above qualification.

Indigenous students studying units for a Certificate Level I or II qualification may be eligible for assistance under ITAS VET Tuition only if those units are being undertaken as prerequisite work, and part of a course of study, towards attainment of a Certificate Level III or above qualification.

#### Q: Who can apply for ITAS VET Tuition?

Eligible students will usually apply for assistance through their VET provider.

VET providers may apply for funding from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to provide VET Tuition to eligible students.

#### Q: How do you apply for ITAS VET Tuition?

VET providers can apply for ITAS VET by completing an application form available on the DEEWR internet site at [www.dest.gov.au](http://www.dest.gov.au).

VET providers must provide the following details in their application:

- the number of eligible students that they are applying for;
- the educational needs of the students who will be participating in the tuition program; and
- specific details about how ITAS VET Tuition will be delivered by the provider.

If ITAS VET Tuition is not available through the VET provider, then the student or parent/caregiver can make an individual application for assistance through the local DEEWR Office.

#### Q: How will ITAS VET Tuition be delivered?

VET Tuition will usually be delivered by tutors recruited and contracted by VET providers. The VET providers must ensure that tuition is delivered to meet each student's educational needs.

In some cases, tutors may be contracted directly by DEST.

#### Q: Can students receiving ITAS VET Tuition also receive tuition under another element of ITAS?

No. Where students are in receipt of ITAS VET Tuition they are not eligible for any other form of ITAS assistance, i.e. In-Class Tuition, Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Tuition, or Remote Indigenous Students Tuition.

#### Q: How much tuition is available?

Eligible Indigenous students may receive up to 2 hours tuition per week for up to 34 weeks in an academic year.

#### Q: Where can I get more information about ITAS VET Tuition?

More information about VET Tuition is available in the *Indigenous Education Programs Provider Guidelines 2005-2008* available at [www.dest.gov.au](http://www.dest.gov.au) or by contacting your local DEEWR Office on 1800 800 821.