





Reconnect Program

– Provider information

Reconnect is a Victorian Government support program that assists people experiencing disadvantage to overcome their barriers to engaging in education, training, and employment.

PROGRAM DELIVERY

Reconnect is delivered through 4 program stages:

 1. Engagement	 2. Learner wrap-around supports	 3. Education, Training and Employment	 4. Pathways
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage participants via outreach/ in-reach activities. Develop and maintain place-based partnerships and connections to facilitate referral pathways. Assess participant suitability for the program. Provide 1:1 participant support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify participant support needs. Refer participants to appropriate support services. Identify personal interests and facilitate community participation. Assess and refer to relevant wrap-arounds services and provide available financial brokerage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify education and training needs and goals. Facilitate participation in pre-accredited training. Facilitate participation in Accredited Vocational Education and Training. Assess and provide necessary brokerage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support participants to transition into their chosen VET pathway. Facilitate employment opportunities (with industry partners). Guide understanding of workplace culture; rights and responsibilities under the Fair Work Act. Financial provision to improve access.

PROVIDER INFORMATION

There are 34 Reconnect providers across Victoria with coverage in all 79 Local Government Areas. Providers include TAFEs, Learn Locals and Community Service Organisations.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Reconnect is free and can provide support for up to 18 months. Participants facing barriers to engaging in education, training and employment who fit one or more of the following criteria, are eligible:

Young people

- A person aged between 17 to 19 years not engaged in education or training for six months or more (or engaging less than 8 hours per week).

Mature age participant

- A person aged between 20 to 64 years who has been unemployed (less than 8 hours per week) and has not engaged in education or training for six months or more (or engaging less than 8 hours per week).

Youth Justice

- A person aged between 17 to 24 years who has been or are currently subject to, Youth Justice Orders.

Out of Home Care

- A person aged 17 to 64 that has current or previous experience with Child Protection.

Asylum Seekers

A person without citizenship but holds a valid:

- humanitarian, protection, or refugee visa in Australia
- has applied for a humanitarian, protection or refugee visa and holds a bridging visa for this purpose
- holds a bridging visa and has made an application under s.417 or s.48b of the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth), which is yet to be determined.

MORE INFORMATION

Program information including the list of program providers and eligibility criteria details is available on the Reconnect webpage at www.vic.gov.au/reconnect-program or use this QR code.



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