



STUDENT INFORMATION HANDBOOK

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Welcome To ACE Training

Welcome to ACE Training, and congratulations on making a real commitment to improving your qualifications and skill set! Whether you are seeking employment or looking to gain the skills to advance your career, we are the trainer partner for you.

ACE was founded in 2001 to provide heavy machinery and construction training to customers in Gippsland, Victoria. Over the years, we have expanded our offering to include nationally recognised training (ASQA), Worksafe Victoria High-Risk Work licensing, and VicRoads accredited licensing, which is now available across our four campuses in Ballarat, Bendigo, Sale and Traralgon.

Today we service thousands of customers across & throughout regional Victoria in the oil & gas, mining, agriculture, power, water, paper, manufacturing, transport, and construction industries, for which ACE is recognised by corporations and government agencies as the go-to training provider in the region.

We pride ourselves on our course values:

EXPERTISE

Our Trainers are industry experts in their fields. We deliver best-in-class vocational education, preparing our students to excel in their careers.

RELEVANCE

We regularly engage with industry to keep our skills, knowledge and practices current. Our students need today's skills now. Beyond the textbook, we give them the practical knowledge required to achieve their goals.

ADVANCEMENT

Constant improvement is in our DNA. We push for daily progress in our students and ourselves.

This Student Handbook contains important information regarding the training, and roles and responsibilities of students, including their expected behaviour and conduct. Also included is information regarding a range of procedures and processes that a student may need to access or use during their training course. We hope that it helps to make your study experience manageable and enjoyable.

Please take your time to read and understand the information provided and ask any questions you may have.

We hope you enjoy your course and find it professionally and personally enriching. Good luck!

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Corporate Information

ACE Training Information	
RTO ID	21716
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Website	www.aceassessment.com.au
Office Hours	Monday to Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Campus Locations	
Ballarat	6 Kennedys Drive, Delacombe, 3356
Bendigo	17 Gildea Lane, Bendigo, 3550
Sale	64-66 Princes Hwy Sale, 3850
Traralgon	14 Stratton Drive, Traralgon, 3844

Application & Enrolment

The RTO accepts applications from all students who meet the entry requirements published in the course information. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis; however, if a course is full, you will be offered a place in another class at a later date.

To apply to enrol in a course, you must complete an Enrolment Form/Application.

Before you decide to enrol in a course, you are encouraged to fully understand:

- the course purpose and structure,
- the course entry requirements,
- scheduled delivery/course dates,
- associated personal commitment in terms of time and outside study requirements
- course costs shown in the Student Statement of Fees and Student Fee Agreement, especially those for consumable and equipment not covered by the course fees,
- the learning outcomes including any pathway opportunities.

If you are applying for a course with entry requirements, you will also need to provide the necessary evidence (as indicated on the Course Outline), such as verified copies of qualifications, CV or other evidence, prior to the course commencing.

If you are applying for Credit, you should indicate this on your enrolment and supply certified copies of your transcripts so that we can assess your application for Credit. See the section on Credits in this Handbook below.

Pre-Training Enrolment

As part of the entry requirements, you may be required to attend a Pre-Training Review (PTR) and complete an Enrolment Form to confirm your suitability for the course. You will also be required to complete a task participation and medical checklist and a language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) evaluation prior to enrolment. These outcomes will be used to determine the course suitability and will be reviewed by a qualified assessor to identify support requirements.

An RTO Delegate and administrative staff collate the comments and results from the Pre-Training Review and Enrolment Form. The student's details, where the assessor has identified as requiring support, such as language, literacy, numeracy, or disabilities, are passed on to the relevant Training Manager.

The Training Manager will review the information provided, assess the learning needs and determine whether the student's training and assessment program will be adjusted. The Training Manager will also liaise with the student to develop a strategy to support the student. The information collected as part of this process and the outcomes are entered into the Student Management System.

A report containing information regarding students who require additional support or adjustment to their training because of their learning needs is generated and provided to the trainer. The report advises students' learning support requirements and the strategy and support processes.

Government-Subsidised Training

ACE Training is contracted to deliver training and assessment for nationally-recognised qualifications with Victoria's Department of Education, Training and Employment (DET). Government funding for training places, eligibility and levels change from time to time; therefore, all students should be aware that their enrolment in a qualification is being subsidised.

Skills First Program

This agreement allows ACE Training to offer government-subsidised training places to eligible students. This training is delivered by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments under the Skills First program and may affect future training options, and eligibility for further government-subsidised training under other Victorian and /or other Government Funded training programs. Further information is available at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/skillsfirst/Pages/about.aspx>

ACE Training abides by the Skills First Quality Charter in all aspects of its operations in the delivery of Victorian subsidised courses.

To view eligibility requirements or find out more about Government-subsidised courses, call us on 1800 456 094 or email info@aceassessment.com.au

Training Plans

The training plan is an agreement between the student and ACE Training which sets out the training conditions and the type of training to be undertaken. Students have the right to work with ACE Training to develop a plan that recognises the skills already attained and the best options for training delivery, supervision and workplace support.

Training plans vary but must include:

- Student details,
- RTO details,
- The qualification being undertaken and the core and elective competencies needed to achieve it,
- A list of units of competency for which RPL or Credit Transfer have been granted,
- Indicative starting and finishing dates,
- Delivery options, i.e. how, when and where the training will be delivered, e.g. on-the-job, in the classroom, self-paced learning,
- The name(s) of the Trainer(s) and Assessor(s) involved in the training and assessment of each unit of competency,
- Methods and indicative dates of assessment and records of results,
- Where and how will the training occur,
- Where and how will the assessment occur.

Credit Transfers

You may be eligible for a credit transfer for units or subjects in your course if you have completed those same units or similar as part of another course or learning program. You need to apply for a credit transfer on the appropriate form through your trainer.

Note: If you intend to apply for any credit transfers, you must do this at the commencement of your qualification or course since they must be reported to the relevant state funding body at this time.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), competencies may be attained in several ways, including formal or informal training and education, work experience or general life experience. To grant RPL, the assessor must be confident that you are currently competent against the endorsed industry or enterprise competency standards.

The evidence required for your application may include current certification, references from current and/or past employers, and/or testimonials from clients, work samples and demonstrations. Your assessor may also conduct some direct assessment of your competency to verify your skills and knowledge. If you wish to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning speak with your trainer. Fees do apply.

ACE Training will recognise and accept AQF and VET qualifications and VET Statement of Attainments issued by any other NVR R.T.O's. They must meet current AQF Standards and provide a Statement of attainment listing all units completed. For further information and clarification on your Certificate or Qualification, please email ACE Training at info@aceassessment.com.au.

All documents will then be reviewed to ensure they meet AQF standards and guidelines, and you will be contacted accordingly with the outcome.

USI - Unique Learner Identifier

From the 1st of January 2015, if you are undertaking nationally recognised training delivered by a registered training organisation, it is mandatory to have a Unique Learner Identifier (USI). A USI gives you access to your online USI account, which will contain all your nationally recognised training records from 1/1/2015 onwards.

When applying for a job, you will often need to provide your training records and results. One of the main benefits of the USI is that you will have easy access to your training records and results throughout your life.

As the USI is a legislative requirement, all learners must have a USI to obtain a Statement of Attainment or Certificate for their training.

You can create your own USI number through the USI website: www.usi.gov.au.

ACE Training can create one on your behalf with your written permission on our learner enrolment form or contact our administration staff for further information. Each learner must note to have read and agreed to the USI privacy notice at <https://www.usi.gov.au/documents/privacy-policy>.

Student Information

Course Induction

At the start of your course, you will be provided with a site induction. The induction will provide you with specific details about your course requirements and important dates and will be an opportunity to meet your trainer and the other students in your course.

The induction will also provide you with important information about health and safety requirements, including emergency evacuation procedures and incident reporting, and other important matters relating to your rights and responsibilities as a student.

The induction is your time to clarify any questions you have about studying with us. We also ensure that all the required forms and paperwork are correctly completed.

At your induction, you will receive your first set of learning materials so that you can start on your learning journey. General housekeeping arrangements are also discussed, as stated in the section below.

Dress Code

ACE Training is an adult learning environment that prepares you for business and industry, as well as for further career-related training. You are expected to dress in a neat, clean and safe manner. There is no desire on the part of ACE Training to make dress standards too rigid; however, you should wear clothes appropriate to the vocation and, in particular:

- Be adequately clothed following occupational health and safety requirements. You must wear all personal protective equipment and/or clothing required in the qualification. You are responsible for wearing appropriate clothing that minimises risk to yourself and others.
- Wear appropriate footwear at all times. It is not permitted for anyone to enter buildings with bare feet.
- Not wear clothing that is likely to offend others due to lack of decency, modesty or cleanliness, slogans, cartoons, or any symbol or graphic worn to provoke, intimidate, condemn or ridicule others.
- Safety boots and high visibility vests are required for some courses. Refer to your booking letter for further details.

Food & Beverages

We advise all students attending ACE Training campuses to bring food and beverages for the day. While we are centrally located in the respective locations, travelling into town for lunch is not recommended. We have basic kitchen, heating and refrigeration facilities at all locations for students to use.

Food must be carried in secure containers/bags to minimise spills and leakage. You are responsible for the sensible storage and consumption of food in classrooms and the removal, and correct disposal of containers, from classrooms.

Training staff are responsible for monitoring and addressing any issues with the presence/consumption of food in classrooms.

- Beverages must be carried securely to minimise spills and leakage. You are responsible for the sensible storage and consumption of beverages in classrooms and the removal, and correct disposal of drink containers, from classrooms.

Student Code of Conduct

All students are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct during their participation in their course with the RTO. Students who do not abide by this Code of Conduct will be followed up through the disciplinary procedures.

1. Students' rights

All students have the right to:

- Be treated fairly and with respect by all students and staff,
- Learn in a supportive environment which is free from harassment, discrimination and victimisation,
- Learn in a healthy and safe environment where the risks to personal health and safety are minimised,
- Have their personal details and records kept private and secure according to our Privacy Policy,
- Access the information the RTO holds about them,
- Have their complaints and appeals dealt with fairly, promptly, confidentially and without retribution,
- Make appeals about procedural and assessment decisions,
- Receive training, assessment and support services that meet their individual needs.

- Be given clear and accurate information about their course, training and assessment arrangements and their progress,
- Access the support they need to participate in their training program effectively,
- Provide feedback to the RTO on the client services, training, assessment and support services they receive,
- Be informed of any changes to agreed services, and how it affects them as soon as practicable,

2. Students' responsibilities

All students, throughout their training and involvement with the RTO, are expected to:

- Treat all people with fairness and respect and not do anything that could offend, embarrass or threaten others,
- Not harass, victimise, discriminate against or disrupt others,
- Treat all others and their property with respect,
- Respect the opinions and backgrounds of others,
- Follow all safety policies and procedures as directed by staff,
- Report any perceived safety risks as they become known,
- Not bring into any premises, any articles or items that may threaten the safety of self or others,
- Notify us if any of their personal or contact details change,
- Provide relevant and accurate information to the RTO in a timely manner,
- Approach their course with personal commitment and integrity,
- Complete all assessment tasks, learning activities and assignments honestly and without plagiarism or infringing on copyright laws,
- Hand in all assessment tasks, assignments and other evidence of their work as required,
- Make regular contact with their Trainer/Assessor,
- Prepare appropriately for all assessment tasks, visits and training sessions,
- Notify the RTO if any difficulties arise as part of their involvement in the program,
- Make payments for their training within agreed timeframes, where relevant,
- ACE Training accepts no responsibility for the damage or loss of any tools, instruments, personal protective equipment or any other property belonging to students. Students must at all times accept responsibility for safeguarding their property.

3. Legislation

This Student Code of Conduct is informed by the following legislation, with which all students must comply.

Commonwealth

- Age Discrimination Act 2004
- National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011
- Privacy Act 1988
- Copyright Act 1968
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 – Education Standards 2005
- Sex Discrimination Act 1984
- Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986
- Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015
- National Standard for Licensing Persons performing High Risk Work

Victoria

- Equal Opportunity Act 2010
- Information Privacy Act 2000
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
- Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017
- Working with Children Act 2005
- Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001
- Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

ACE Training is committed to providing a safe training environment and to looking after the wellbeing, health and safety of all students and staff. Therefore, we have a NO ALCOHOL and NO DRUGS policy. This means using or possessing alcohol and/or drugs in our Training Centers is forbidden, and any breach will result in disciplinary action.

The possession, use and sale of illegal drugs or controlled substances (including stimulants, depressants, narcotics, hallucinogens, or marijuana) on ACE premises is against the law and will be reported to the police. If you are taking prescription medication, it is your responsibility to ensure that it does not affect your safety or the safety of others.

ACE Training reserves the right to enforce a student to undertake a breath or blood test before we agree for the student to undertake any training and or assessment.

Students thought to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be removed from the training program immediately without exception. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or delegate will conduct an interview of any student removed from a training program if suspected under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Further investigation will determine if the student is fit to return to training.

The RTO reserves the right to enforce the student to undertake a formal medical, breath or blood test before we agree for the student to return to training. Students found in possession of, or under the influence of, drugs and/or alcohol may be withdrawn from the course and lose the right to a refund of any fees paid.

If you are taking any prescription medication, we ask you to disclose this information to your Trainer Assessor. Some medications may affect behaviour and cause drowsiness or other symptoms that may present as if you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Victorian law prohibits smoking in outdoor areas within education and care service premises under the Victorian Tobacco Act 1987 (Vic) as amended. All ACE Training premises are “Non-smoking” areas, including offices, training rooms or outdoor areas used for training, assessment, equipment storage or external car parks.

The Administration Team and your Trainer will advise you on suitable smoking locations during your induction.

Mobile Phones

The use of mobile phones in classrooms, during practical activities and assessments is strictly prohibited. At the commencement of training, mobile phones must be turned off and placed in a secure location.

If there is a genuine reason for the mobile phone to remain in service during the period of the Assessment, the Student may discuss this with the Assessor, and alternative arrangements may be made.

This policy is to ensure:

- Students can undertake classroom activities & assessments without distraction and/or interruption,

- Students' performance within the theory and practical assessments are sufficient, valid, reliable and fair,
- Students participating in the class are not subjected to or distracted by, others personal calls.

Training Expectations & Requirements

The training and assessment offered by the RTO focuses on providing you with the knowledge and skills required for standard industry performance. This is known as competency-based training and assessment. Each of the components of your course is a "unit of competency". You may be studying one or a few units of competency or a set of units that make up a total qualification. Each unit of competency links to specific skills and knowledge required in the workplace.

Many of our courses are delivered in clusters. This means groups of similar units are packaged together to avoid repetition. You will receive training and assessment for all units in a cluster simultaneously. Our course outlines include the details of how we deliver the training to you and the assessment methods that will be used to assess whether you have reached the required standard of performance.

Assessment methods vary from course to course but usually include written questions and practical observations.

Course Progress

All students are required to maintain satisfactory course progress. Students are required to have satisfactorily completed 50% of the scheduled assessment tasks in the units delivered in the first half of their training program schedule (e.g. if a course is scheduled to run for a total of 12 weeks, the student must have successfully completed 50% of the assessment tasks undertaken in the first SIX weeks of the training program).

Where a student's course progress is unsatisfactory, ACE Training may decide to initiate the student's withdrawal from the training program. The student has the right to appeal the decision and can refer to the Complaints and Appeals Policy and Procedure and Form. Note that course progress may also be referred to as academic progress.

Attendance & Homework Requirements

If you are enrolled in a class-based course, you are expected to attend every class so as not to fall behind. Please notify your trainer at least 30 minutes prior to class if you are unable to attend.

All students are required to be punctual in their attendance to class out of courtesy and respect to the trainer/assessor and fellow students. Trainer Assessors reserve the right to restrict students from entering the class until an appropriate break, e.g. morning tea and lunch.

All students are required to maintain satisfactory course attendance. The RTO may initiate the withdrawal of a student from a training program when a student is:

- absent for four consecutive scheduled class days; or
- their absence exceeds 10% of the scheduled course duration.

Students are asked to call the Administration Team at Phone: 1800 456 094 to advise of absence.

Absences due to illness require a medical certificate to be provided (certificate courses only). There may also be an expectation that you complete a certain amount of homework each week to finish the learning and assessment tasks required to complete your course. Your trainer will guide you on what to do during this time and how much is expected. This is also outlined in the Course Outline and Student Workbook.

Assessments

At the beginning of each unit or cluster, your assessor will go through the arrangements for assessment with you and provide all details about the assessment requirements.

You will:

- Be provided with detailed assessment instructions for each task/requirement, which includes the criteria that you'll be assessed against.
- Be informed of relevant due dates or timing of assessments to be conducted.

Your assessor will go through all of the arrangements with you, and you can ask them any questions you may have.

Submitting your assessments:

You must complete all assessment tasks as required for each competency/cluster/module unit. Unless otherwise advised, written assessment tasks will be submitted directly to the trainer/assessor. The cover sheet asks you to declare that the work is your own.

You must keep a copy of all tasks you submit, as we cannot return copies due to regulatory evidence requirements. Additionally, we will not be held responsible for any missing items in the post. If this occurs, you will be asked to re-submit the work.

Your assessor will provide you with feedback as you progress through the training and assessment and confirm the outcome of the final assessment result.

Assessment outcomes

Each assessment task will be given an outcome of either Satisfactory (S) or Not Satisfactory (NS). You must complete all tasks for a unit satisfactorily to achieve an overall outcome of Competent (C) for a unit. If one or more of your tasks are assessed as Not Satisfactory, you will be given an overall outcome for the unit of Not Yet Competent (NYC).

You can have two further attempts to complete the task and achieve a Satisfactory outcome. You will be given a timeframe for your reassessment/resubmission and advised what you must include in your re-submission.

If, after the third attempt, you are still assessed as Not Satisfactory for a task, you will need to complete additional training and assessment to support you in achieving a Competent outcome. This may incur an additional fee for self-funded students as identified in the fees and charges information.

In some cases, no additional attempts are provided due to regulatory requirements, such as in the case of industry-specific regulatory and/or licencing units.

Reasonable adjustment in assessment

Some students may need modifications to assessments due to disability, illness or special considerations; this is called a reasonable adjustment.

Reasonable adjustment can involve:

- Making training and assessment resources and methods more accessible e.g. providing learner workbooks in an audio format or on different coloured paper.
- Adapting physical facilities, environment and/or equipment e.g. setting up hearing loops.
- Making changes to the assessment arrangements e.g. more time allowed for assessments.
- Making changes to the way evidence for assessment is gathered e.g. written questions asked orally.

Please speak to your assessor if you think that you may need an adjustment made. Note these adjustments are made at the discretion of your assessor based on your identified needs.

Appealing assessment decisions

If you do not agree with any assessment decision, you can lodge an assessment appeal. Please refer to the Complaints and Appeals section in this handbook for information about how to lodge an appeal.

Practical Training Off site arrangements (where/if applicable)

The safety of our staff and participants in the course is our priority. Where training is undertaken within an employer worksite, the responsibility for safe work systems is with the employer. Our Trainer Assessor reserves the right, without recourse, to cease training at any point where there are unsafe work practices and/or risks to the safety of themselves and their participants.

Educational & Support Services

Educational Support

We are committed to ensuring that you get all the support you need to succeed in your studies. You may not have studied for a while, and you might need help with your study skills. You may also need assistance with reading, writing, and math skills. The enrollment forms you complete will help us identify any support you need. Depending on the course you are enrolling in, you may also be required to complete a test that assesses your language, literacy, and numeracy skills. Based on the information you provide in your enrolment and/or your language, literacy and numeracy test results, we will contact you to discuss your support needs.

We provide students with a broad range of educational and support services, including qualified trainers and assessors, learning resources, training facilities and equipment, and student support services. Support is offered to students throughout the entire training and assessment process commencing from the time of enrolment through to completion.

Your support needs can also be discussed during the course induction.

Services that we can offer to you include

- One to one support from our trainers/assessors,
- Study groups where you can work with your fellow students,
- Referral to relevant external services.

Student Welfare

General student welfare assistance is available for further support services through outside agencies. Below is a list of contact details for several outside agencies.

- Intrepid Centre For Counselling & Therapeutic Services - Should you wish to use this counselling service ACE Training will contact the counselling service with whom we have a mutual agreement. Phone: (03) 5144 1044.
- The Salvation Army – 24 hour homelessness assistance - Phone: 1800 825 955
- Lifeline – for emotional support 24 hours a day - Phone: 13 11 14
- Safesteps Family Violence Response Centre - Phone: 1800 015 188
- DirectLine Alcohol and Drug Information Services - Phone: 1800 888 236

- VincentCare Support Services - Phone: 03 9304 0100
- Welfare Assistance - Phone: 1800 305 330
- VincentCare Adult Outreach - Phone: 03 9321 2977

Feedback & Surveys

Your feedback is important to us and assists in ensuring that our services meet your needs. We use feedback from students and employers to contribute to our continuous improvement processes, so we are always striving to do better.

Feedback and input from students and other stakeholders will be sought, analysed and acted upon, where necessary, on a regular basis. The information gained will form part of any review of materials and in the validation and moderation processes. Most important is the collection of data from learners and employers relating to their expectations and experience of our services. Data sources have been selected to provide a balance of qualitative and quantitative information.

Course evaluation forms are provided via email upon completion of their course. All students and employers will be provided with a Quality Indicator Survey issued by the National Centre for Vocational Education and Research (NCVER) that they are required to complete.

Additionally, Students may receive a NCVER survey and/or an invitation to participate in a Department of Education endorsed project and/or being contacted by the Department of Education (or persons authorised by the Department for audit or review purposes.

Please help us by completing the email surveys provided to you. We also welcome feedback from you by email and phone or via the Feedback Form.

Rights to Information

Access

Under the Privacy Act, clients have the right to access personal, participation and progress information. These records are available upon written request to the Branch Manager who will arrange a time and date for this access. The Branch Manager must verify the client's identity through either presentation or appropriate identification. As an official record of the access and identity verification, both the client and the Branch Manager must sign the request for access form. There may be a waiting period of up to seven (7) days before access is granted. At no time will documentation be allowed to be removed from our premises.

Amendments

If a student considers the information that the RTO holds about them to be incorrect, incomplete, out of date or misleading, they can request that the information be amended.

Where a record is found to be inaccurate, a correction will be made. Where a student requests that a record be amended because it is inaccurate, but the record is found to be accurate, the details of the request for amendment will be noted on the record.

Notifying You if Things Change

As an RTO under the VET Quality Framework, we must notify you promptly if there are any changes to our RTO, the course, or the arrangements for training and assessment.

This includes any changes of ownership, any new third-party arrangements or changes to third party arrangements that relate to your enrolment, or if we were unable to provide the services you agreed to in your Student Agreement because we are no longer able to deliver the course you have enrolled in, or no longer operating as an RTO.

If this occurs, the RTO will devise a strategy to minimise the impact on you and notify you of the changes and how you will be affected as soon as practicable.

Depending on the type of change, we may send a letter to your home address or send you an email or SMS message. Please make sure we always have your most current home address, email address and mobile number on file so we can notify you of any changes if applicable. You can let us know of any changes to your details by using the Change of Details Form.

Fees, Charges & Refunds

The RTO sets and collects fees and charges for its services and facilities, including facilitating access to subsidies and financial support for eligible students, in accordance with relevant regulatory, contractual and business requirements.

This policy and procedures apply to fees, charges, refunds, and fee protection applicable to the provision of training, including clients undertaking training under a Government Funded Training Contract or fee-for-service arrangements.

This policy and related procedures apply to those:

- Customers booking courses,
- Individuals enrolling and participating in courses.

It outlines referral requirements regarding short and structured courses booked by customers where a minimum number requirement is a condition of the course booking.

All refund applications must be submitted to Management or the Administration Team, who will assess the refund application.

All refund information is to be made available to clients prior to enrolment through:

- Student Information Handbook,
- The RTO's website,
- Policies & Procedures.

The Course Outline includes information about Course Fees and payment terms. Course fees are calculated for each student independently based on the course and unit selection, government-subsidised training eligibility, RPL or credit transfer applications, previous fees paid and eligibility for concessions. You will be provided with a Student Statement of Fees and Student Fee Agreement when you complete the Enrolment Form.

Course fees are subject to change given the individual circumstances of the student and the timing of the training program. For detailed information regarding fees and/or a quotation, please refer to the Fee Schedule on the website at: www.aceassessment.com.au or contact us on Phone: 1800 456 094.

All tuition fees for accredited training are GST free. Refer to our Fees and Refunds Policy and Procedures

Privacy Policy

General Policy

In accordance with our privacy policy; we are committed to protecting the privacy and personal information of all of our students. In collecting your personal information, the RTO will comply with the requirements set out in the Privacy Act 1988, the Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2001 and the relevant state privacy legislation.

We will not disclose your personal information to another person or organisation unless:

- We have made you aware that information of that kind is usually passed to that person or organisation,
- You have given written consent,
- We believe that the disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to your life or health or that of another person,
- The disclosure is required or authorised by or under law, or
- The disclosure is reasonably necessary for the enforcement of the criminal law or of a law imposing a pecuniary penalty, or for the protection of the public revenue.

To obtain further information about the Privacy Policy or access to personal information, please contact the Compliance Officer on 1800 456 094.

Victorian Government VET Student Enrolment Privacy Notice

The Victorian Government, through the Department of Education and Training (the Department), develops, monitors and funds vocational education and training (VET) in Victoria. The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that Victorians have access to appropriate and relevant VET services. Any personal information collected by the Department for VET purposes is protected in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic).

Collection of your data

ACE Training is required to provide the Department with student and training activity data. This includes personal information collected in the ACE Training enrolment form and unique identifiers such as the Victorian Student Number (VSN) and the Commonwealth's Unique Student Identifier (USI).

ACE Training provides data to the Department in accordance with the Victorian VET Student Statistical Collection Guidelines, available at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/providers/rto/Pages/datacollection.aspx>.

Use of your data

The Department uses student and training data, including personal information, for various VET purposes, including administration, monitoring and planning.

A student's USI may be used for specific VET purposes, including the verification of student data provided by [RTO]; the administration and audit of VET providers and programs; education-related policy and research purposes; and determining eligibility for training subsidies.

Disclosure of your data

As necessary and where lawful, the Department may disclose VET data, including personal information, to its contractors, other government agencies, professional bodies and/or other organisations for VET-related purposes. In particular, this includes disclosure of VET student and training data to the Commonwealth and the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER).

Legal and Regulatory

The Department's collection and handling of enrolment data and VSNs is authorised under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic). The Department is also authorised to collect and handle USIs in accordance with the Student Identifiers Act 2014 (Cth) and the Student Identifiers Regulation 2014 (Cth).

Survey participation

You may be contacted to participate in a survey conducted by NCVER or a Department-endorsed project, audit or review relating to your training. This provides valuable feedback on the delivery of VET programs in Victoria.

Consequences of not providing your information

Failure to provide your personal information may mean that you can't enrol in VET and/or obtain a Victorian Government VET subsidy.

Access, correction and complaints

You have the right to seek access or correction of your personal information. You may also complain if you believe your privacy has been breached.

Please refer to the Complaints section in this handbook or by contacting the Compliance Officer on 1800 456 094.

Further information

For further information about the way the Department collects and handles personal information, including access, correction and complaints, go to: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>.

For further information about Unique Student Identifiers, including access, correction and complaints, go to: <http://www.usi.gov.au/Students/Pages/student-privacy.aspx>.

Complaints & Appeals

The purpose of this policy and procedure is to outline the RTO's approach to managing dissatisfaction, formal complaints, and appeals of students, clients, staff, and other community members. It provides a transparent approach for all complaints and appeals to be acknowledged, addressed, and recorded fairly, efficiently, and confidentially.

This policy and related procedures ensure compliance with Standard 6 of the RTO 2015 Standards and any applicable RTO Government Funding Contracts.

A full copy of our Complaints and Appeals Policy and access to the Complaints and Appeals Form is available at <https://aceassessment.com.au>

Issuing of Certification Documents

On completion of your course and payment of all relevant fees, we will issue you either:

Qualifications:

- Qualifications will be issued to students within 30 calendar days that have been assessed as meeting the requirements of the training product as specified in the relevant training package or VET accredited course.
- The Qualification will be accompanied by a 'Record of Results' that will identify the units completed as part of the Qualification.

Statement of Attainment:

- Statements of Attainment (SOA) will be issued to students within 30 calendar days that have been assessed as meeting the requirements of the training product as specified in the relevant unit of competency.
- A Statement of Attainment will generally be issued when a student withdraws or partially completes a Qualification and has successfully been assessed in one or more units of competency, or if they enrol and undertake in a single Unit of Competency.

The RTO reserves the right to withhold the issuance of qualifications and Statements of Attainment until all fees related to the course or qualification have been paid, except where the RTO is not permitted to do so by law.

The RTO must have a valid student USI on file prior to the commencement of training or for a qualification or Statement of Attainment being issued.

Re-Issuing Statements and Qualifications

Records of qualifications and unit achievement are kept on record for at least thirty years. Students can request copies of any of these statements or qualifications for an additional charge.

ACE Training will only issue AQF certification documentation to a learner whom it has assessed as meeting the requirements of the training product as specified in the relevant training package or VET accredited course and has paid for the course in full.

- A student wanting to request a duplicate Qualification or Statement of Attainment should complete an application in writing to the Compliance Officer info@aceassessment.com.au.
- The cost for re-issuing Qualification is \$45.00
- Prior to re-issue, all duplicate Qualifications or Statements of Attainment must be approved by the Compliance Officer
- All duplicate testamurs are to be issued within 10 working days from receipt of payment.
- The written request and copy of duplicate Qualification or Statement of Attainment will be filed with the student record.

Workplace Health & Safety

The Workplace Health & Safety Act 2011 applies to all staff, students and visitors to the RTO.

ACE Training is very serious about our commitment and responsibility for workplace health & safety and asks that students assist in ensuring the safety of its sites by:

- immediately reporting any identified risks/hazards to an RTO staff member,
- following the RTO policies and procedures,
- cooperating and following all instructions provided by RTO staff,
- cooperating with management and Trainer Assessors, and adhere to instructions on safe work practices,
- taking care to ensure their health and safety and the health and safety of others.

The wearing of Personal Protective Equipment and clothing (PPE) is mandatory in many of the courses delivered by ACE Training. Students are welcome to bring their own PPE to courses, but the trainer/assessor will check these for suitability.

ACE Training will provide all task-specific PPE required for specific courses. Students must supply their own safety boots and helmets as ACE Training does not supply these PPE items.

Accident and Emergency Situations

You are advised that ACE Training staff is not permitted to transport injured/unwell students to the hospital. Therefore an ambulance will be called in case of an emergency.

Emergency Services	Phone Number
Police	000
Fire	000
Ambulance	000

First Aid kits are available at many locations throughout ACE Training campus'. A member of staff trained in First Aid should be sought to carry out any treatment necessary. Students should not handle injuries which involve spilt blood without wearing gloves, and all blood spills must be doused with chlorine.

Student Disciplinary Policy & Procedures

This policy and procedures describe how the RTO manages student discipline and applies to all students and clients.

Academic and General Misconduct

The RTO will be vigilant in managing student misconduct. For the purposes of this policy, a breach of conduct is defined as either academic or general misconduct.

Academic Misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Cheating,
- Plagiarism,
- Any other conduct by which a student seeks to gain for themselves, or any other person, any academic advantage or advancement to which they, or that other person, is not entitled.

Academic Misconduct is dealt with under the Plagiarism and Cheating Policy and Procedure. Please refer to this document for further information.

General Misconduct includes, but is not limited to

- persistent disruptive behaviour,
- behaviour which is lewd or obscene, taking photographs or filming other participants or staff without their permission (including posting on Facebook and other social media without permission),
- use of mobile telephones and iPods during classroom or workshop activities,
- behaviour that constitutes discrimination, victimisation or harassment,
- attending the RTO premises under the influence of alcohol and/or non-prescription drugs,
- consuming alcohol or non-prescription drugs at the RTO premises,
- smoking on the RTO premises outside designated smoking areas,
- verbal abuse,
- physical assault on a member of RTO staff, fellow students or members of the public,
- any behaviour that causes a person on or in the immediate vicinity of the RTO premises to feel intimidated, threatened or in fear of being attacked,
- abuse and misuse of tools and equipment,
- wilful or malicious damage or destruction of facilities, equipment, materials or property on the RTO premises, regardless whether it is RTO property or private property,
- theft of property on the RTO premises, regardless whether it is RTO property or private property,
- carrying, using or being in possession of a prescribed or regulated weapon or dangerous article
- engaging in behaviour, or failing to follow instructions, which results in themselves or other persons being put at risk of harm,
- failing to follow the reasonable direction or instruction of RTO staff or other person in supervision,
- failing to follow road traffic laws when on, or leaving RTO premises,
- encouraging, persuading or inciting another person to engage in improper or inappropriate conduct,
- failing to comply with the RTO policies and procedures Students witnessing breaches of conduct are encouraged to report these to a RTO representative.

Student Discipline

The RTO will treat all breaches of conduct seriously. The RTO will conduct a fair and equitable investigation, which will give the student the right to be heard. The relevant Training Manager and/or Senior Managers will determine whether the allegation has been substantiated and apply an appropriate level of action or penalty.

Appeal

The student has the right to appeal an academic or general misconduct decision. Refer to the RTOs Student Disciplinary Policy and Procedures and Complaints and Appeals policy and procedures.

Deferment, Suspension or Withdrawal

If you are unable to attend your booked course, you must give five business days' notice prior to the course commencement date. Cancellations less than 5 business days before the course commencement date or thereafter will not be refunded. Courses with insufficient participant numbers may be cancelled and/or rebooked. We will contact you prior to the course commencement date to advise of cancellations and a choice of rebooking or full refund, as per our Fees & Refunds Policy and Fees & Refunds Procedure available on our website.

The RTO reserves the right to suspend or withdraw a student from a training program. Referred to as RTO initiated suspension or withdrawal, may be implemented on the grounds of:

- Unsatisfactory attendance,
- Misbehaviour,
- A serious breach of policies and procedures,
- Unsatisfactory course progress,
- Medical concerns.

A student may apply to defer or withdraw from their training program (student-initiated deferment or withdrawal). To do so, you must complete an Application to Defer, Suspend or Withdraw/Cancel from Training Form and submit the completed form to the Administration Team via email at info@aceassessment.com.au.

Refunds of fees will be made following the RTO Fees and Refund Policy and Procedures.

A copy of the RTO Deferral, Suspension and Withdrawal Policy and Procedure and Form can be requested from Administration or accessed through the website www.aceassessment.com.au.