

# FREE TAFE AND FREE APPRENTICESHIPS FOR UNDER 25s

## GIVING OUR YOUTH A FAIR GO

Jobs change lives. It's that simple. I want all Queenslanders to have a decent and secure job.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on young people, with youth unemployment rising throughout the pandemic. Now more than ever, young Queenslanders need support to help them break into the job market and secure their future.

The Palaszczuk Government has an economic plan for Queensland's recovery. By investing in skilling and training Queensland's youth, we are not just providing them with a short-term opportunity, we are providing Queensland with a key part of the roadmap for future economic prosperity - skilled workers.



### OUR COMMITMENT AND PLAN FOR QUEENSLAND

#### **A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will provide free TAFE and free apprenticeships for Queenslanders under the age of 25 in 165 priority qualifications.**

This \$21 million investment will provide life-changing opportunities to approximately 37,000 young Queenslanders by giving them the skills and training they need to get started in a career in a high-demand industry.

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit our young people particularly hard. Now, more than ever, young Queenslanders need their Government to step up and help them break into the job market.

Having a job provides a young person with an opportunity to more fully develop and reach their potential.

Young Queenslanders will have an opportunity to craft a career for themselves in the growth industries of the future. They will be trained in aeroskills, electrical and gas fitting, engineering and electrotechnology.

This is an investment not just in the recovery of Queensland, but the individual fulfillment and prosperity of our young Queenslanders. Labor believes in the dignity of work.

By building on our Free TAFE for year 12 school leavers, and Free Apprenticeships for under 21s, the Palaszczuk Government is adding another key plank to our Economic Recovery Plan.





## PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT'S RECORD

The Palaszczuk Government has always fought for Queenslanders to have access to the skills and training they need for jobs now and into the future. The Palaszczuk Government has already delivered:

- Free TAFE for year 12 graduates in priority areas
- Free Apprenticeships for Queenslanders under 21, investing \$32 million to take away the cost of training from employers in 139 key apprenticeships and traineeships
- \$420 million in the extremely successful Skilling Queenslanders for Work, that had been scrapped by the LNP. Since 2015, the Palaszczuk Government's investment in this program has created 32,000 jobs
- Invested in a comprehensive COVID-19 targeted training response, with over 26,000 enrolments in short courses, and over 160,000 enrolments in COVID-Safe Training
- \$15 million for TAFE Queensland to provide support to workers in regional economies to gain the skills they need to get jobs.

## NEWMAN-FRECKLINGTON LEGACY

Deb Frecklington and her LNP colleagues decimated Queensland's TAFE system. With Deb Frecklington and Campbell Newman in charge, the LNP:

- Cut: \$170 million worth of funding from TAFE Queensland
- Sacked: 2,100 TAFE Staff
- Closed: 5 TAFE campuses

These reckless actions led to 40,000 less Queenslanders being able to attend TAFE, with regional communities especially impacted.

Deb Frecklington is now promising to deliver a surplus within four years, despite having \$24 billion worth of unfunded promises.

That means she will have to repeat the actions she took when she was Campbell Newman's assistant and cut, sack and sell.



**Find out more online about how the Palaszczuk Government is Giving our Youth a Fair Go and Backing Queensland Jobs**

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