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Fee-Free Training Eligibility Checklist

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Boost your skills for the future



Why Fee-Free Training Exists

The WA Government offers fee-free training in industries where demand is rapidly growing, and the workforce is under strain. With our ageing population and rising demand for disability and mental health support, these roles have never been more critical.

For you, that means:

- ✓ No tuition fees (just small resource fees, if applicable).
- ✓ Job-ready training in industries where workers are in demand right now.
- ✓ Walk-up starter opportunities and employers are seeking graduates immediately.

At Bestwest Care, we specialise in training people who want to make a difference in aged care, disability, and community services.

About the Program

The WA Government's Fee-Free Training initiative covers tuition fees for priority courses, including:



Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing & Disability) – CHC33021

Become job-ready in 17 weeks across two streams (Ageing & Disability); includes flexible delivery options and placement support.



Certificate IV in Ageing Support - CHC43015

With a CHC43015 Certificate IV in Ageing Support, expand your knowledge and specialised skills to better support older clients in the Perth aged care sector.



Certificate IV in Mental Health – CHC43315

Nationally recognised qualification covering trauma-informed care and recovery support; flexible delivery with workplace placement.

Each of these courses is available with zero tuition fees for eligible participants through the WA Government's Fee-Free Training initiative.



Certificate IV in Disability Support – CHC43121

Designed for those wanting to deliver advanced, person-centred disability support; flexible self-paced options.

Note: Unlike the Certificate III in Individual Support (CHC33021), Certificate IV in Ageing Support (CHC43015), and Certificate IV in Mental Health (CHC43315) - the CHC43121 does not qualify for full fee-free training under the Jobs & Skills WA 2026 initiative. Instead, it offers a “lower-fee” subsidised pathway, provided you meet eligibility criteria:

Concession rate: \$261.60

Non-concession rate: \$882.90

Course	Fee Status	Fee-Free Eligibility?
CHC33021 Certificate III (Ageing & Disability)	Fee-free for eligible	Yes - full coverage
CHC43015 Certificate IV in Ageing Support	Fee-free for eligible	Yes - full coverage
CHC43315 Certificate IV Mental Health	Fee-free for eligible	Yes - full coverage
CHC43121 Certificate IV Disability Support	Lower-fee subsidised	Not fully fee-free

Funded through Jobs and Skills WA, you'll only pay minimal resource fees if applicable.

☰ Eligibility Checklist

The WA Government’s Jobs & Skills WA 2026 initiative offers both fee-free and lower-fee subsidised training. Your eligibility depends on the course you choose:

Fee-Free Courses

[CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support](#)
[CHC43015 Certificate IV in Ageing Support](#)
[CHC43315 Certificate IV in Mental Health](#)

To access the fee-free courses, you must:

Residency	✓ Be an Australian citizen, permanent resident, or eligible visa holder ✓ Be living in Western Australia
Age	✓ Be 16 years or older (18 years for Cert IV in Mental Health) ✓ Not be enrolled in full-time secondary school
Employment Status (any one of the following)	✓ Unemployed or underemployed (less than 20 hours per week) ✓ Receiving income support OR holding a Health Care/Pensioner Concession Card ✓ Working more than 20 hours per week in a relevant field (CHC43315 only)
Course Selection	✓ Enrolling in one of the approved 2026 fee-free courses (CHC33021, CHC43015, or CHC43315) ✓ Able to commit to course requirements

Lower-Fee Subsidised Course

[CHC43121 Certificate IV in Disability Support](#)

To access the subsidised rates, you must:

1. Have left school, and

2. Be a resident of Western Australia, and

3. Be one of the following:

✓ An Australian citizen, or

✓ A permanent visa holder, or

✓ Holder of certain visa subclasses (300, 309, 444, 445, 449, 461, 785, 786, 790, 820), or

✓ A secondary holder of a temporary visa of sub-class 188, 457, 482, 489, 491 or 494 visa, or

✓ A bridging visa holder who has applied for subclass 866, or

✓ A bridging visa E holder (subclasses 050, 051) with an application for subclasses 785 or 790



How to Apply

Choose your course from Bestwest Care's list of fee-free and subsidised qualifications.

Gather your documents:

- ✓ Proof of citizenship/residency
- ✓ WA residential address
- ✓ Concession card or income support evidence (if relevant)

Contact Bestwest Care:

☎ Phone: [\(08\) 9439 1673](tel:(08)94391673)

✉ Email: admin@bestwestcare.net.au

🌐 Web: bestwestcare.net.au/fee-free-courses

📍 Address: **Unit 8/40 Meares Avenue Kwinana, WA 6167**

Enrol and attend orientation to secure your funded place.

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Do I have to be unemployed to qualify?

No. Many people who are currently working are still eligible. If you're employed but working less than 20 hours per week, receiving income support, or wanting to upskill in a priority industry, you can often still access a funded place. For CHC43315 Certificate IV in Mental Health, funding is available for those working more than 20 hours per week in a relevant field.

Will I pay anything at all?

Tuition fees are covered by the WA Government. The only costs you might need to budget for are small "resource fees" – things like textbooks, uniforms, or course materials. These are minimal compared to the cost of training and we'll outline them clearly upfront, so there are no surprises.

Can I study more than one course?

Yes, but not at the same time. You can complete one funded course and, once finished, apply for another if it's still available under the program. Many students start with a Certificate III and then progress into higher-level qualifications.

What if I don't meet one of the eligibility criteria?

It's still worth reaching out. Some courses have reduced fees rather than fee-free options, which may still be heavily subsidised. For example, our CHC43121 Certificate IV in Disability Support has a reduced-fee pathway.

How long do the courses take?

It depends on the qualification and your mode of study. Most certificate-level courses take between 6–12 months if studied part-time. Bestwest Care offers flexible training to help you balance study with work and family.

Are these courses recognised nationally?

Yes. Bestwest Care's qualifications are nationally recognised. This means you can work across Australia once you complete your training.

What jobs can I get after completing a fee-free course?

Graduates step straight into roles such as:

- ✓ An Australian citizen, or
- ✓ Disability support worker
- ✓ Mental health support worker
- ✓ Community services roles

Employers in WA are actively seeking people in these fields right now.

Next Steps – Your Action Plan

You've just taken the first step by exploring what's possible. Now it's time to turn possibility into action.

- 1 Check your eligibility** – use the checklist above.
- 2 Choose your course** – decide which qualification will set you on the path you want.
- 3 Gather your documents** – proof of residency, ID, concession card if you have one.
- 4 Contact Bestwest Care** – we'll guide you through enrolment and orientation so you can secure your funded place.

Remember, these fee-free opportunities exist because WA urgently needs more skilled people in aged care, disability, and mental health. That means there's never been a better time to get qualified. Employers are actively looking for graduates right now – your future role could be waiting.

Take the leap today.

**Start your education journey
with Bestwest Care.**

Call us on **(08) 9439 1673**

or email **admin@bestwestcare.net.au**

