

Fees-free 2018 – A quick guide for learners enrolling in industry training

Have you checked your eligibility for fees-free tertiary education yet?

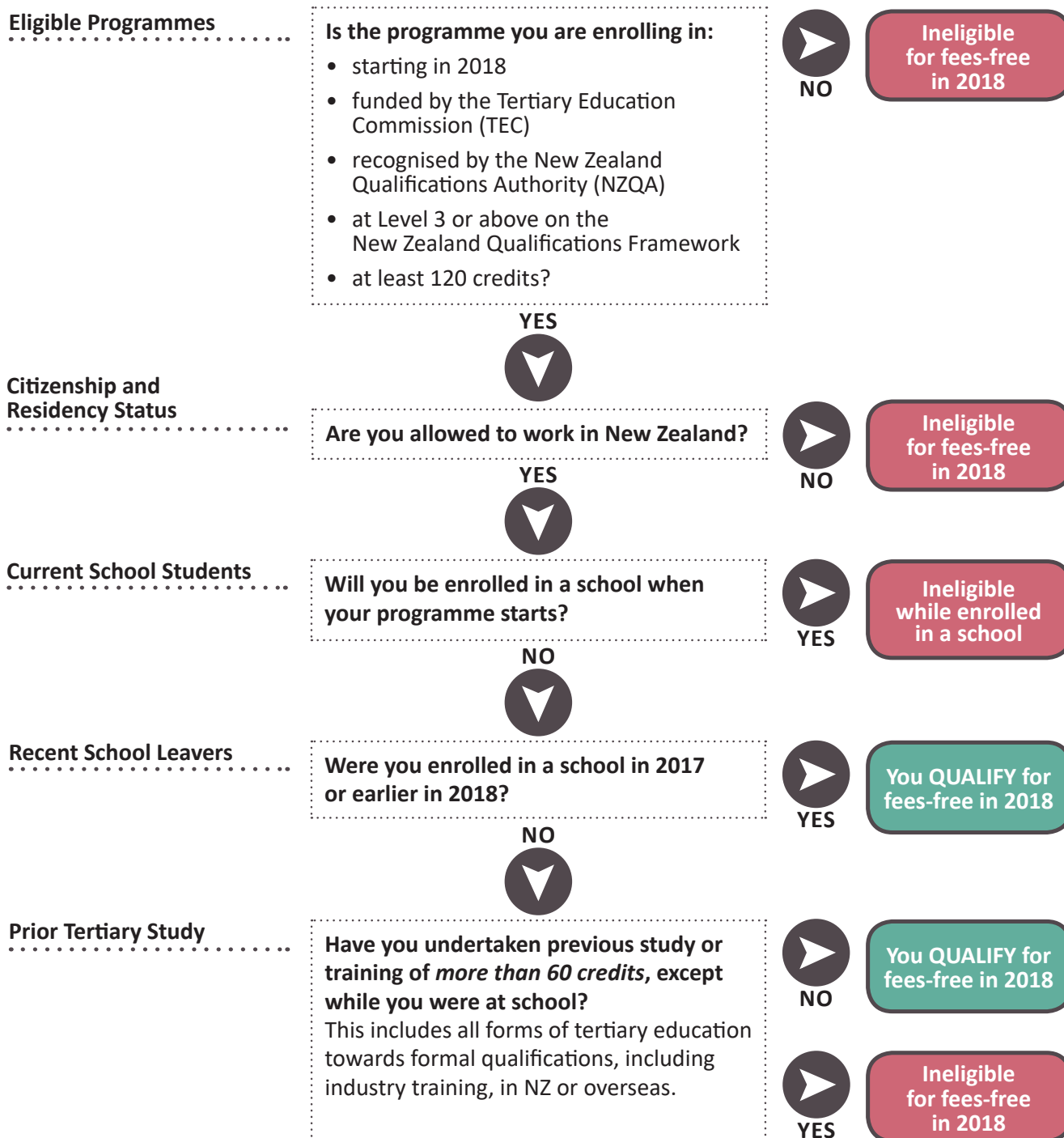
If this is the first time you are doing tertiary education, you could be eligible for fees-free.

This quick guide steps you through the eligibility process for industry training and answers some questions you may have. If you think you could be eligible for fees-free, it's important you complete the process as soon as possible so we know not to charge you or your employer for your training.

If you already know you're eligible, great! Otherwise follow the decision path below to check your eligibility.

Fees-free for industry training covers the first **two** years of fees!

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If you qualify for fees-free in 2018

Head to www.feesfree.govt.nz to confirm this at the fees-free website.

You will need to have your National Student Number on hand to check this.

You're not eligible for fees-free.

If you have questions about this, head to www.feesfree.govt.nz

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I find out my National Student Number (NSN)?

If you studied after 2003, you have an NSN. To find it, contact NZQA on 0800 697 296. They will ask you some questions to confirm your identity, and then let you know if you have an NSN.

When do I need to complete the eligibility process?

It is very important you do this as soon as you can, so we know not to charge you for your training. Otherwise you or your employer may receive a bill for your fees.

Will all my apprenticeship or training programme fees be paid?

All tuition and assessment fees usually charged to apprentices or trainees will be covered. Fees-free does not cover any other fees or charges such as trainee licences from regulatory bodies.

Why does fees-free for industry training cover two years?

Most industry training programmes are less than 75 credits per-year and it is difficult for someone in industry training to undertake the equivalent of a full-time study load in one year.

Why does the industry training programme need to be 120 credits or more?

The 120 credit minimum helps ensure the training programmes have career benefits for you. It avoids you using up your fees-free entitlement on short programmes required (and usually paid for) by your employer.

What do I do if I'm not sure how much previous study I've done?

If you need help confirming your previous study, contact NZQA on 0800 697 296 (between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday) or your previous education provider or industry training organisation.

What do I do if I am eligible for free fees, but I have already enrolled in training for 2018?

You don't have to do anything to access free fees. The TEC will pay your fees to your industry training organisation to cover eligible industry training programmes. If you have already paid your fees, ask for a refund from your industry training organisation.

What happens if I withdraw from my programme?

It is important to know that if you enrol in a programme and don't complete it, you may lose your entitlement to fees-free in subsequent years.