



# Personal and Learning Supports provided by RTOs for students

## For students

### What kind of support will I get when I'm doing VET?

Training organisations provide a supportive and flexible adult learning environment where you will go to classes and workshops run by a trainer who will teach you what you need to know and provide guidance and support on how you can show that you have gained the skills you need to pass your course.

Your trainer will deliver learning in a range of ways to give you lots of opportunities to learn both the theory and the practical aspects of the course you are doing.

If you miss classes or know you are going to be away for a class, are struggling with the learning, feel like you might be falling behind or not keeping up with the pace of the course or might just need a bit of extra explanation or practice, talk to your trainer about additional learning help, or catch up options.

If you have a disability that might impact on your learning or may mean that you need specific supports, then you can talk to your trainer about what you need. The best time to do this is before training begins so that plans for any supports or adjustments can be put in place from the start. If you are a school student doing VET, then your school will also let the trainer know before you start if there are supports that could be put in place for you. It's common for disability supports to change over time if your needs change or the work you're doing changes. Talk to your trainer if the supports aren't working or they need to change – only you know if you're getting what you need, and you are the person who knows your support needs best.

The training organisation you're learning with will have someone who you can talk to if you're having problems in your life that are getting in the way of your training. They can also refer you to support services in the community.

Your training organisation can also refer you to additional supports if you're facing more complex problems that might mean you can't continue or can't progress as you need to with your training:

- In TAFE SA these additional supports are provided by [Student Services](#)
- In non-government training providers, the supports are provided by [Learner Support Services](#).

For school students your trainer will make sure your school knows how you are progressing with your training and whether they think there are any issues the school might need to know about and could support you with when you're back at school. VET is an adult learning environment and it is up to you to make the most of the supports that are available. Seeking help shows maturity and responsibility and the earlier you seek help the more likely supports can be given that will resolve your problems and get you back on track.