

Community Colleges Kiama and Shoalhaven

NSW Australian Community Education (ACE) Funding Eligibility

ACE funding is for people who have recognised barriers to education or employment and available to eligible participants who enrol in any of our COVID-19 Online Lifestyle and Work Skills courses.

STEP 1: ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST To access this funding, participants must:

Meet the following essential criteria:

- ✓ I am an Australian citizen, permanent resident or humanitarian visa holder, or New Zealand citizen,
- ✓ I am aged 15 years or older
- ✓ I am no longer at school
- ✓ I am living or working in NSW

Meet **at least one** of the following criteria:

- I am experiencing significant hardship,
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander,
- I have disability or, I am the dependent child, spouse or partner of someone with disability; or
- I am a recipient an applicable government welfare payment or, I am the dependent child, spouse or partner of someone who is receiving an applicable government benefit.

Be experiencing **at least one** of the following barriers:

- I have very low literacy, language and/or numeracy skill level,
- I have limited employability skills e.g. communication skills, computer skills
- I have persistent and ongoing personal issues impacting on my educational achievement e.g. low confidence, domestic violence, addiction, financial difficulties, carer responsibilities
- I have significant educational disadvantages impacting on my ability to succeed in training, e.g. mental health, disability, access to a computer

STEP 2: ONLINE ENROLMENT When enrolling into one of these courses online, at the end of the online form you will be presented with the option to:

A) select “Proceed to Payment”

B) select “I think I may be ACE Eligible”

If you believe you are eligible for ACE funding, instead of proceeding to payment, please select the option “I think I may be ACE eligible”.

STEP 3: ELIGIBILITY FORM AND EVIDENCE Upon submitting your online enrolment:

A staff member from KCC will be in contact to discuss your eligibility. KCC is required to check eligibility, obtain evidence and retain it as proof that you are entitled to have your training subsidised by the NSW Government.