

FAQ - 457 & 186 VISA TRAINING BENCHMARKS

1. Why choose TAFE NSW?

- 24/7 online payment by credit card for Training Benchmark A
- 15% commission to Migration Agents with agreements for Training Benchmark A and B payments. Payment of Agent's Commissions does not utilise 457 Visa Funds.
- courtesy payment reminders for each year of sponsorship
- expert 457 Visa Team with current knowledge of Training Benchmarks A and B
- largest training organisation in Australia with 123 years' experience
- government funded training provider with a reputation for excellence
- partnership with Migration Alliance

2. Can TAFE NSW assist clients to meet Training Benchmarks A and B?

- Yes, we can assist with both benchmarks. Clients can make a contribution for Benchmark A (2%) or we can arrange training to meet Benchmark B (1%).
- Our specialist Industry Training Manager can assist clients to choose "formal, structured and independently verifiable" TAFE training options for employees who are Australian citizens or permanent residents.

3. Can TAFE NSW assist clients from anywhere in Australia?

- Yes
- We can accept Training Benchmark A contributions from all states.
- We can offer Training Benchmark B training to all states using online delivery.

4. How do I calculate the amount of the Training Benchmark payment?

The amount is determined by DIBP and is based on the employer's payroll expenditure.

<http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/457.aspx>

Note: Training Benchmark payments are NOT refundable, in accordance with DIBP policy

5. What if the business has been trading less than 12 months?

Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) requires business sponsors to demonstrate their intention to meet Training Benchmark A or B.

We can prepare an Auditable Plan to show intention to meet Benchmark A or B.

6. How do I access the 24/7 online payment service for Training Benchmark A?

Click on our link: [TAFE online payment](#)

*Note: This secure online site is hosted by Westpac. The transaction will appear on your credit card statement as **OTAFE 457VISA SYD165 ULTIMO***

Follow the steps to make a payment and print or email your own receipt.

7. Can TAFE NSW accept Training Benchmark A contributions for any industry area?

We can accept contributions for almost every industry area. We currently have 39 industry categories related to our wide range of 700 courses.

8. How does TAFE NSW use the Training Benchmark A contributions?

DIBP requires that the contributions are used to “support education or training for Australian citizens or permanent residents in the same or similar industry in which the applicant operates”. TAFE NSW uses the funds for training initiatives to improve the skill level of our Australian students. Initiatives include programs for our indigenous and multicultural communities and support for students with a disability.

We also provide scholarships for students experiencing financial hardship. Business sponsors can become a TAFE NSW scholarship sponsor. Winners have been very grateful for the funds which have helped them to reach their goals and become valued employees for the ultimate benefit of the nominated industry.

Like to know more? Contact the TAFE NSW Ultimo Visa Team now:

Phone: (02) 9217 4570 Email: si.457visas@tafensw.edu.au

We look forward to working with you.
Manger, Visa Training Benchmarks

If you need further information on meeting Training Benchmark requirements, Migration Alliance has a professional library or you can visit the Migration Alliance forum where you can post a query.

See <http://migrationalliance.com.au/forum/>

Scholarship Fund Areas @ 20/01/2017	
Animal Care	Information Technology
Architecture	International Trade
Asset Maintenance & Cleaning	Jewellery
Automotive	Locksmith
Building & Construction	Manufacturing
Business Services & Finance	Maritime
Children's Services	Media
Community Welfare	Mining
Dental	Nursing
Design	Painting & Decorating
Education Services	Plumbing
Electrical	Printing & Graphic Arts
Engineering	Property Services
Environmental Sustainability	Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
Event Management	Retail & Wholesale
Fashion	Security
Floristry	Sport & Recreation
Hairdressing & Beauty	Transport & Logistics
Health Care	Travel & Tourism
Horticulture	Youth Work
Hospitality	

Do you require an industry area not listed above?

Please call us on (02) 9217 4570 to discuss any additions to our list.