



Priority foundation skills

The Government is committed to supporting all Western Australians to access and complete their training. Students enrolled with an approved provider in a Certificate II, III or IV vocational qualification will be able to get support in developing and applying foundation skills such as literacy and numeracy when this is needed to increase their chances of successfully completing their training.

The State Government will continue to publicly fund the other accredited foundation skills courses and qualifications on the foundation skills list, subject to available budget.

What are the two State priority foundation skills courses?

The two State priority foundation skills courses are the Course in Applied Vocational Study Skills (CAVSS) and the Course in Underpinning Skills for Industry Qualifications (USIQ). These two courses are always co-delivered with a vocational qualification, the 'parent' qualification. The purpose of CAVSS and USIQ is to build a student's literacy, numeracy and employability skills to increase their chance of completing their parent qualification.

CAVSS is used to supply a team teacher to support reading, writing and maths skills demanded by vocational courses; and USIQ is used to supply additional tutorial support in a broader range of skills to meet the extra needs of some groups of students. CAVSS and USIQ do not result in separate qualifications. They cannot be delivered with any other foundation skills course or qualification.

What qualifications can CAVSS and USIQ be co-delivered with to receive public funding?

Eligible students enrolled in Certificate II, III and IV vocational qualifications who are considered to need support will have access to priority funding for CAVSS and USIQ. Limited State Government funding may also be provided for:

- CAVSS and USIQ to support students enrolled in Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications; and
- USIQ to support students enrolled in Certificate I.

Can any training provider deliver CAVSS and USIQ?

Training providers have to be registered to deliver CAVSS and USIQ, and meet the business rule requirements when delivering the courses.

[Further information is available in the Training providers section of the website.](#)

How much are students charged for doing foundation skills courses?

Students will not be charged a fee for CAVSS or USIQ.

The course fee rate for other accredited foundation skills courses and equity courses for 2017 is \$0.21 per student curriculum hour.

