

School based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SATs)

Changes to SATs from 1 July 2013

THE USER CHOICE 2010–2015 PROGRAM

The User Choice Program provides public funding for the delivery of accredited, entry level training to apprentices and trainees, **including school based apprentices and trainees**.

The Queensland User Choice Program enables apprentices, trainees and their employers to select a preferred Registered Training Organisation from a list of Pre-qualified Suppliers for the delivery of accredited training to meet their specific needs.

Under the User Choice 2010-2015 program, funding specifically targets the occupational outcomes of the apprenticeship or traineeship.

CHANGES TO THE USER CHOICE 2010–2015 POLICY FROM 1 JULY 2013

From **1 July 2013**, the User Choice Policy was changed to remove the 100% Government contribution to SATs and align future funding to the priority level of the qualification.

- Priority One (100 percent subsidised) – lead to occupations deemed to be critical priorities in Queensland.
- Priority Two (75 percent subsidised) – lead to occupations not deemed critical in Queensland but considered as high priorities.
- Priority Three (50 percent subsidised) – lead to occupations not deemed critical in Queensland but considered as medium priorities.

A link to the 2013–2014 User Choice Price List which includes information on priority level, government contribution and pricing accorded to qualifications can be found at:

<http://training.qld.gov.au/training-organisations/user-choice/documents-2010-2015.html>

This change of funding will provide an opportunity for successful SATs to enter a training pathway that will provide greater opportunities for employment and sustainable outcomes.

Existing students will not be disadvantaged and existing subsidy levels will be honoured.

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