

Safe Use of Machinery for metalwork and woodwork teachers

New 2020 training dates and financial support available to schools

Holmesglen TAFE and Victoria University both offer accredited training in the *Course in Safe Use of Machinery for Technology Teaching*.

The course runs for up to five days and gives metalwork and woodwork teachers the knowledge and skills to safely operate a range of wood and/or metalwork machinery, and to teach their students those methods. It also trains these teachers to undertake basic, preventative machinery maintenance in a safe manner.

The course assists technology teachers in applying safety procedures including the Plant and Equipment Management Procedure, and the Isolation and Tag-Out Procedures. The course will give current, qualified school technical teachers support in the safe use of teaching of machinery including lathes, drills and saws.

Training details and further information

Victoria University Polytechnic's 2020 training session dates for the reimbursement period are:

- 30 Mar–2 Apr
- 29 Jun–2 Jul.

Holmesglen's training session dates for the reimbursement period are:

- 17 Feb–20 Feb
- 31 Mar–3 Apr
- 8 Apr–1 May
- 19 May–22 May
- 23 Jun–26 Jun.

For more information and to sign up for the training session contact either [Victoria University Polytechnic](#) or [Holmesglen](#). Enrolment for both providers will be available in early 2020.

Support for schools to participate

From early 2020, the Department is establishing an initiative agreement to reimburse schools for the costs for each teacher who attends the course.

Funding will be available to cover course-fees, travel (if applicable from a regional area), and Casual Relief Teacher (CRT) replacements. Reimbursement will also be available for those who have completed the course since 1 July 2019.

The initiative will also contain funding support of up to \$200 for schools to purchase lock out and isolation equipment, and up to \$500 for machinery upgrades. This funding can also be used to engage a qualified electrician if required to assist schools to implement safety processes associated with locking out unsafe machinery.

More information

For more information about the reimbursement or for any occupational health and safety (OHS) general enquiries, contact the Department's OHS Advisory Service on phone number 1300 074 715 or email safety@edumail.vic.gov.au

Further information about this funding will be available on our [website](#) from Term 1 in 2020.