

In accordance with the *VET Student Loans Act 2016*, all students wishing to apply for a Commonwealth VET Student Loan must be assessed for academic suitability to undertake the HLT52015 Diploma of Remedial Massage qualification at the Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SITCM).

This academic assessment is in addition to any entry requirements that may be required for the HLT52015 Diploma of Remedial Massage course.

Eligibility for a VET Student Loan

To be eligible for a VET Student Loan, you must provide evidence that you are:

- an Australian citizen
- the holder of a permanent humanitarian visa who is usually resident in Australia
- a New Zealand Special Category Visa (SCV) holder who meets the long-term residency requirements.

Ways to assess your academic suitability

In addition to SITCM believing on reasonable grounds that a student is academically suited to undertake the HLT52015 Diploma of Remedial Massage qualification for which a VET Student Loan is sought, in order to apply for a VET Student Loan, you must meet one of the following requirements:

- provide a copy of your senior secondary certificate of education awarded by an Australian authority or agency for the completion of year 12 **OR**
 - For students that have attained a *Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)*, only the *VCAL Senior* and *VCAL Intermediate* levels meet this requirement.
- provide a copy of your International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) Diploma **OR**
- provide a copy of an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) qualification at Certificate IV level or above (or at a level in a framework that preceded the AQF, that is equivalent to level 4 or above in the AQF), that was delivered in English, or evidence of an approved Australian Government assessed overseas qualification where the course for the qualification was delivered in English.¹ **OR**
- demonstrate competency at or above Exit Level 3 in the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) in both reading and numeracy through the Core Skills Profile for Adults (CSPA) online assessments.
 - SITCM will advise students how to undertake this assessment. It is free of charge.
 - SITCM must be confident that you complete this assessment independently and have the required skills.
 - Students will be informed of their results as soon as practicable after the assessment.
 - A copy of the results will be stored for five years after the student enrolls into the course and may be provided to the Commonwealth if requested.

SITCM is required to retain a copy of the documents or assessments undertaken for the purposes of determining a student's academic suitability for at least five years.

If you are not able to meet any of the above requirements, you will not be eligible to apply for a VET Student Loan.

¹ From 1 January 2019, overseas qualifications can be used to demonstrate academic suitability if there is evidence that the qualification is comparable to an AQF Certificate IV level or above. The evidence must be a document issued by an Australian Commonwealth or State Government Department or agency contracted by the government for the purposes of assessing overseas qualifications, for example, a state or territory overseas qualification unit or the [Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment qualification assessment service](#). Please note that these agencies charge a fee for the assessment of overseas qualifications.