



Financial Assistance Available

Community Housing Division Scholarships:

The Community Housing Division of Housing NSW provides scholarships for people working in community housing to access appropriate training and education, either through courses offered by the Federation, or offered through universities. The scholarship covers approximately 80% of the course fee (although this may vary from year to year) and is paid six monthly according to the successful completion of units. The scholarships are offered once a year with promotional and application details generally distributed in November/December and an application deadline within the first month of the following year.

The website address for accessing scholarship information is:

<http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Community+Housing+Division/Community+Housing+Providers/Products+and+Services/Community+Housing+Scholarship+Program.htm>.

Traineeships:

The Certificate IV in Social Housing is recognised as a qualification for new trainees. To be eligible for a traineeship, a potential trainee should hold no previous qualification at a higher level. Trainees must complete the qualification within two years as a full time employee and must be supported by the workplace. Wage subsidies are available from the Department of Education and Training and the cost of training is covered. To find out more visit the DET website:

<http://apprenticeship.det.nsw.edu.au>

The Federation has also produced an information kit on Aboriginal Traineeships in community housing. [Click here for further information on this publication.](#)

Centrelink:

The Certificate IV is a recognised course for Centrelink subsidies.