

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING
28 AND 29 MAY 2007**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: **Efficient and effective labour market assistance**

Output Group 1.2: **Labour market programme management and delivery**

Output: 1.2.4: **Mutual Obligation initiatives**

Question Number: **W254-08**

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing to please outline the eligibility for Training Credits – who can use them and for what training? Can they be used for VET and if so to what level?

Answer:

Work for the Dole (including Drought Force) and Community Work participants are eligible to receive up to an \$800 Training Credit at completion of the required number of hours as per the table below:

Standard Work for the Dole		
Value of Training Credits	Persons under 21	Persons 21 years and over
\$300	155 hours	195 hours
\$800 (includes \$300 early access plus an additional \$500)	310 hours	390 hours
Full-Time Work for the Dole		
\$300	550 hours	550 hours
\$800 (includes \$300 early access plus an additional \$500)	1100 hours	1100 hours
Community Work		
\$300	N/A	N/A
\$800	310 hours	390 hours

Training Credits are valid for 12 months and can be used to pay for:

- accredited training provided by a Registered Training Organisation.
- non-accredited training, subject to approval by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (the department).
- training related expenses such as books and equipment
- some licences subject to approval by the department.

Training Credits may be used to pay for Vocational Education and Training where it complies with Training Credit Policy.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI, calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour at an estimated cost of \$18.00.