



# Student Handbook

**Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy**

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## **WELCOME**

Welcome to Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy.

We look forward to helping you develop your vocational skills and knowledge to prepare you for a rewarding career.

Purpose of this handbook e.g. the purpose of this Handbook is to provide you with all the information that you need to know about studying with Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy.

## **STUDYING THROUGH YELLOW 13CABS DRIVER ACADEMY**

Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy aims to provide courses which are:

- Practical
- Informed by industry needs
- Flexible
- Affordable
- Delivered by friendly, professional and supportive staff

## **OUR OBLIGATION AS YOUR RTO**

As a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) registered with Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), we have an obligation to ensure the quality of the nationally recognised training and assessment we deliver. We must comply at all times with the Standards for RTOs 2015 which are part of the VET Quality Framework. To ensure compliance we have developed comprehensive internal policies, procedures and systems that guide our compliant operations and we must participate in audits with ASQA upon their request. In addition, we must ensure that any third parties that we work with who have any involvement in your training and assessment comply as well. This includes our training partners, marketing brokers and salespeople where applicable.

As the RTO we have the responsibility to issue your AQF certification documents in line with our issuance policy as outlined in this Handbook.

If at any time you feel we have not met our obligations as an RTO, you have the right to make a complaint following our Complaints and Appeals Policy outlined further on in this Handbook.

## **OUR CONTACT DETAILS**

Address: 35 Downing St, Oakleigh VIC 3166

Phone: (07) 3738 4373

Email: [drivertraining@13cabs.com.au](mailto:drivertraining@13cabs.com.au)

Office hours are 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

## **COURSES PROVIDED BY YELLOW 13CABS DRIVER ACADEMY**

Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy offers the following course, please click the link to view more information on the course page of our website: <https://www.13cabs.com.au/drive-with-us/>

- *TLIC0026 - Provide wheelchair accessible taxi services to passengers with disabilities*

### **SELECTION AND ENROLMENT**

Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy accepts applications from all students who meet the entry requirements published in the course information. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis but if a course is full, you will be offered a place in a course starting at a later date.

To apply to enrol in a course, you must complete an Enrolment Form. If you are applying for a course that has entry requirements you will also need to provide the necessary evidence (as indicated on the Course Outline) such as verified copies of licenses, CV or other evidence as per entry requirement.

If you are applying for Credit, you should indicate this on your enrolment and supply certified copies of your transcripts so we can assess your application for Credit. See the section on Credits in this Handbook below.

You will be contacted within 10 days to let you know the status of your application and to confirm your details. At that point, if your enrolment is proceeding, we will arrange an entry interview to confirm your suitability and support needs. This may be done over the phone or face-to-face depending on your location.

To confirm your enrolment, you will be required to sign the Student Agreement we send you and make payment of the deposit amount indicated.

Upon approval of your application, you will be sent further information about how to get started in your course such as when and where you will need to attend, which information or course materials you need to read prior and who to contact if you have any questions.

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## ***UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER (USI)***

### **Unique Student Identifier (USI)**

A Unique Student Identifier (USI) is a reference number made up of numbers and letters that creates a lifetime record for an individual of all the nationally recognized training that has been completed. Under the Unique Student Identifiers Act 2014, all RTOs must ensure they have a valid USI for any student that enrolls in nationally recognised training from 2015. This means (unless you have an exemption issued by the USI registrar) that as a student you must either:

- Provide us with your USI, or
- Provide us with permission to access or create your USI on your behalf.

If you are providing us with permission to access or create your USI we will need a valid form of identification. The ID that you provide for this purpose will be destroyed once we have used it for this purpose.

If you would like to create your own USI, please visit: <http://www.usi.gov.au/Students/Pages/default.aspx>  
We are unable to issue a statement of attainment unless we have a valid USI or a notice of exemption from the registrar.

Students may apply for an exemption from having a USI, however the student must understand the consequences if they do not have a USI.

Students wishing to apply will need to provide the reasons you are applying for an exemption and accept the listed consequences of not having a USI.

For information about exemptions for individuals please review this webpage:  
<https://www.usi.gov.au/exemptions>

## ***CREDITS***

A credit is formal recognition of the previous studies you have completed for the purpose of reducing the unit that you are required to complete in the course you are enrolled in with us.

Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy can grant you credit towards your course for unit of competency that you have already completed with another RTO or authorised issuing organisation. We can also grant you Credit for units you have completed where equivalence can be established between the unit/ module in your course, and the subject or unit you have completed.

There is no charge to apply for Credit.

To apply, fill in the Credit Application Form and submit it as part of your /application. You can apply for Credit at any time however it is best you do this as part of your enrolment so that Credits are known upfront and you are not required to do any work that you otherwise may not have needed to do.

Make sure you attach certified copies of transcripts from your previous study. In some cases, we may ask for additional information about the subject or unit you previously studied so we can determine equivalence. Your Credit Application may be returned to you if you don't provide the required information.

In some cases, Credits may lead to a reduction in the course fees as there is less work involved in offering your course. This will be advised to you in writing. Since this course has only one unit, the fee will not be charged in case of credit transfer.

You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your Credit Application.

## ***RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING***

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a process where skills and knowledge that you have gained through work and life experience and other unrecognised training can be formally recognised.

Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy has a process that has been structured to minimise the time and cost to applicants and provides a supportive approach to students wishing to take up this option. You should ideally apply for RPL at the time of enrolment, but you may also apply up to 2 weeks into your course.

If you think RPL is a suitable option for you, the first step is to contact your trainer/assessor or our office and have a conversation about whether or not RPL might be suitable for you. Suitability is often determined on how much experience you have in a certain area, your work history and previous training. If RPL is determined as a possibility for you, you will be provided with a kit that will guide you in working through each unit to determine relevant skills and experience and identify whether you would be able to provide the required evidence.

A trainer/assessor will be available to assist you throughout this process.

To apply for RPL, you will need to fill in a part of the kit and return it with an RPL Application Form. Your application will then be assessed for suitability and you will then be contacted by an assessor to progress the RPL process.

From here, usually the RPL process involves gathering evidence to demonstrate skills, knowledge and experience, responding to questions, completing tasks and depending on the area, observation of your work skills in your workplace.

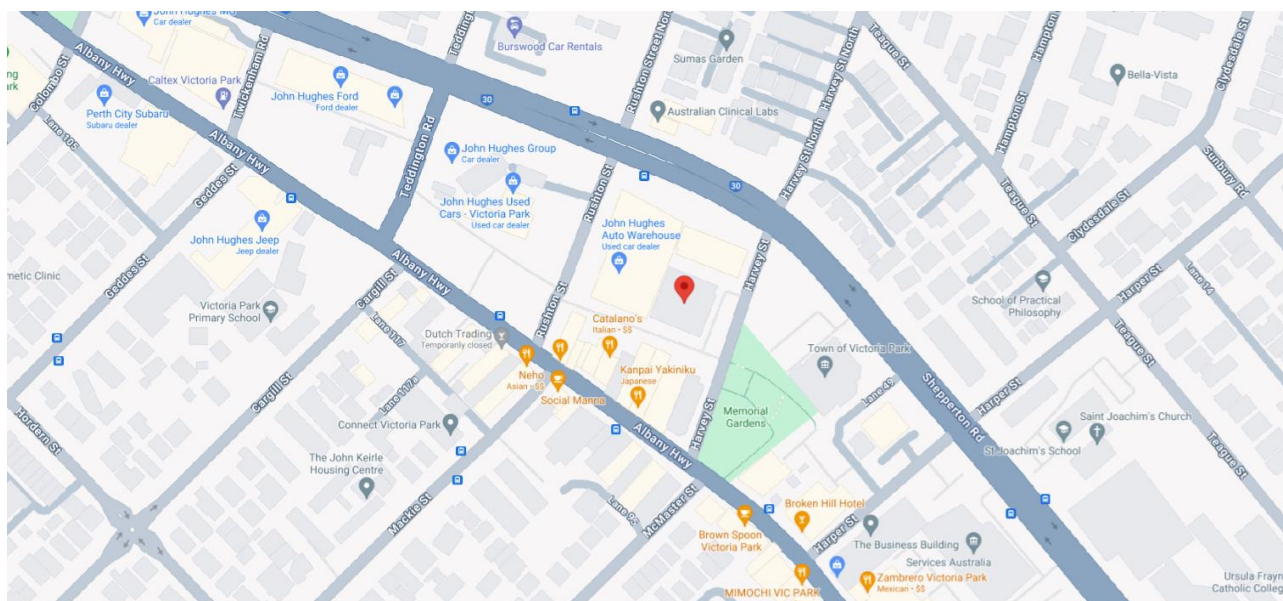
Please refer to the Course Outline for an outline of applicable RPL fees.

For more information about submitting an application for RPL, contact the head office.

## ***COURSE LOCATION***

### **7 Harvey Street Victoria Park WA 6100**

The location located within 700m of 11 minutes walking distance from Albany Hwy Bus Station.





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## ***COURSE INDUCTION***

At the start of your course will be provided with an induction. The induction will provide you with specific details about your course requirements, important dates and will be an opportunity to meet your trainer and the other students in your course.

The induction will also provide you with important information about health and safety requirements including emergency evacuation procedures and incident reporting (see section in this handbook on health and safety), as well as a range of other important matters relating to your rights and responsibilities as a student.

The induction also provides an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have about studying with us. During this induction, we also make sure that we have all the required forms and paperwork filled in.

At your induction you will receive your first set of learning materials so that you can start on your learning journey.

General housekeeping arrangements are also discussed as stated in the section below.

## ***STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT***

All students are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct during their participation in their course with Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy. Students who do not abide by this Code of Conduct will be followed up through the disciplinary procedures.

### **1. Students' rights**

All students have the right to:

- Be treated fairly and with respect by all students and staff.
- Learn in a supportive environment which is free from harassment, discrimination and victimisation.
- Learn in a healthy and safe environment where the risks to personal health and safety are minimised.
- Have their personal details and records kept private and secure according to our Privacy Policy.
- Access the information Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy holds about them.
- Have their complaints and appeals dealt with fairly, promptly, confidentially and without retribution.
- Make appeals about procedural and assessment decisions.
- Receive training, assessment and support services that meet their individual needs.
- Be given clear and accurate information about their course, training and assessment arrangements and their progress.
- Access the support they need to effectively participate in their training program.
- Provide feedback to Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy on the client services, training, assessment and support services they receive.
- Be informed of any changes to agreed services, and how it affects them as soon as practicable.

### **2. Students' responsibilities**

All students, throughout their training and involvement with Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy, are expected to:

- Treat all people with fairness and respect and not do anything that could offend, embarrass or threaten others.
- Not harass, victimise, discriminate against or disrupt others.
- Treat all others and their property with respect.
- Respect the opinions and backgrounds of others.
- Follow all safety policies and procedures as directed by staff.
- Report any perceived safety risks as they become known.

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- Not bring into any premises being used for training purposes, any articles or items that may threaten the safety of self or others.
- Notify us if any of their personal or contact details change.
- Provide relevant and accurate information to Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy in a timely manner.
- Approach their course with due personal commitment and integrity.
- Complete all assessment tasks, learning activities and assignments honestly and without plagiarism or infringing on copyright laws.
- Hand in all assessment tasks, assignments and other evidence of their work with a completed and signed cover sheet.
- Make regular contact with their Trainer/Assessor.
- Prepare appropriately for all assessment tasks, visits and training sessions.
- Notify Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy if any difficulties arise as part of their involvement in the program.
- Notify Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy if they are unable to attend a training session for any reason at least 12 hours prior to the commencement of the activity.
- Make payments for their training within agreed timeframes, where relevant.

### ***COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS***

The training and assessment offered by Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy focuses on providing you with knowledge and skills required to the standard of performance required in the workplace. This is known as competency-based training and assessment. The component of your course is a “unit of competency”. You will be studying one unit of competency that make up a total course. The unit of competency is linked to specific skills and knowledge required in the workplace.

Our course outlines include the details of how we deliver the training to you as well as the assessment methods that will be used to assess whether you have reached the required standard of performance. Generally, our course involves pre-reading, online class, homework and workplace training and assessment.

### ***ATTENDANCE AND HOMEWORK REQUIREMENTS***

Since you are enrolled in a face-to-face delivery model course, it is an expectation that you attend face to face class so as to not fall behind. Please notify your trainer at least 30 minutes prior to class if you are unable to attend for some reason.

There will also be an expectation that you complete a certain amount of homework in order to finish learning and assessment tasks required for completion of your course. Your trainer will guide you on what to do during this time and how much is expected. This is also outlined on the Course Outline.

### ***ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS***

At the beginning of unit, your assessor will go through the arrangements for assessment with you and you will be given all the details about the assessment requirements.

At this time, you will:

- Be provided with detailed assessment instructions for each task/requirement which includes the criteria that you’ll be assessed against.
- Be informed of relevant due dates or timing of assessments to be conducted

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Your assessor will go through all of the arrangements with you, and you can ask them any questions you have.

### Submitting your assessments

Assessments must be submitted via our Student Management System Cloud Assess

Please confirm with your Trainer/Assessor regarding this.

You must keep a copy of all tasks that you submit as we are not able to return copies because we must keep them as evidence in your file. Additionally, we will not be held responsible for any items that go missing in the post. If this occurs, you will be asked to re-submit the work.

Online work will be marked within 30 days of receipt in accordance with the policy, however, we ensure that they are marked within 5 business days so we can quickly contact the driver if we need amendment to be made and book a one on one with them. This is so the driver keeps engaged. Your assessor will provide you with written feedback and confirm the outcome of the task via Cloud Assess.

### Assessment outcomes

Each assessment task will be given an outcome of either Satisfactory (S) or Not Satisfactory (NS). You must complete all tasks for a unit satisfactorily to achieve an overall outcome of Competent (C) for a unit. If one or more of your tasks are assessed as Not Satisfactory, you will be given an overall outcome for the unit of Not Yet Competent (NYC). You can have 2 further attempts to complete the task and achieve a Satisfactory outcome. You will be given a timeframe for your resubmission and advised what you must include in your re-submission.

If, after the third attempt, you are still assessed as Not Satisfactory for a task, you will need to complete additional training and assessment to support you in achieving a Competent outcome. This is free of cost as identified in the fees and charges information.

### Reasonable adjustment in assessment

Some students may need modifications to assessments due to disability, illness or special considerations – this is called reasonable adjustment.

Reasonable adjustment can involve:

- Making training and assessment resources and methods more accessible e.g. providing learner workbooks in an audio format or on different coloured paper.
- Adapting physical facilities, environment and/or equipment e.g. setting up hearing loops.
- Making changes to the assessment arrangements e.g. more time allowed for assessments.
- Making changes to the way evidence for assessment is gathered e.g. written questions asked orally

Please speak to your assessor if you think that you may need an adjustment made. Note these adjustments are made at the discretion of your assessor based on your identified needs.

### Appealing assessment decisions

If you do not agree with any assessment decision, you can lodge an assessment appeal. Please refer to the Complaints and Appeals section in this handbook for information about how to lodge an appeal.

## **STUDENT PLAGIARISM, CHEATING AND COLLUSION**

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Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism, cheating and collusion. Students are expected to act with integrity at all times and only submit work that is their own or that has been appropriately referenced and includes acknowledgements of all resource materials used in the preparing the work.

When you submit your assessments, you will be required to sign a declaration that the work provided is your own and that you have not cheated or plagiarised the work or colluded with any other student/s.

If you are found to have plagiarised, cheated or colluded, you will be given an opportunity to respond to the allegations. If you are found to have plagiarised, cheated or colluded, we will be required to take disciplinary action which is likely to require you to complete the assessment again.

### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

We are committed to ensuring that you get all the support you need to be successful in your studies. You may not have studied for a while and or you might need help with study skills. You may also need assistance with skills such as reading, writing and maths.

The enrolment form you complete will help us to identify any support you need, you may also be required to complete a test that assesses your language, literacy and numeracy skills. Based on the information you provide in your enrolment and/or the results of your language, literacy and numeracy test, we will contact you to discuss your support needs.

Your support needs can also be discussed during the induction to your course.

Services that we can offer to you include:

- One to one support from our trainers/assessors including providing you with their phone and email contact details
- Classes to assist with study skills.
- Study groups where you can work with your fellow students.
- Referral to relevant external services.

Contact us at (07) 3738 4373 to discuss your support needs.

### **EXTERNAL SUPPORT SERVICES**

For students requiring additional support with their studies, work or life, Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy provides the following referrals to community organisations who may be able to assist you. Please note that some of these services may attract a fee which is payable by you.

#### **Reading and Writing Hotline**

Phone: 1300 655 506 Website: <https://www.readingwritinghotline.edu.au/>

For the price of a local call anywhere in Australia, the Hotline can provide you with advice and a referral to one of 1200 providers of courses in adult literacy and numeracy.

#### **Lifeline**

Phone: 13 11 14 Website: <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

Anyone can call Lifeline. The 13 11 14 service offers a counselling service that respects everyone's right to be heard, understood and cared for. They also provide information about other support services that are available in communities around Australia. If you feel that you might need phone counselling, you can call about anything that might be troubling you.

#### **Reach Out**

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Website: <https://au.reachout.com/>

Reach Out is a web-based service that inspires young people to help themselves through tough times and find ways to boost their own mental health and wellbeing. Their aim is to improve young people's mental health and wellbeing by building skills and providing information, support and referrals in ways they know work for young people.

### Healthdirect Australia

Phone: 1800 022 222

Website: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/>

Symptom checker, medicines and health information.

### MindSpot

Phone: 1800 614 434

Website: <https://mindspot.org.au/>

Free service for Australian adults who are experiencing difficulties with anxiety, stress, depression and low mood. Provides online screening assessments and treatment courses or can help find local services.

### Butterfly Foundation

Phone: 1800 334 673

Website: <https://thebutterflyfoundation.org.au/>

Support for those experiencing an eating disorder and want to talk to someone.

When: 8am to 9pm M-F (no public hols)

### My Future

Website: <https://www.myfuture.edu.au>

Career information and resources provided as a joint initiative of the Commonwealth, state and territory governments:

### Rape & Domestic Violence Services Australia

Phone 1800 737 732 (1800 RESPECT)

Website: <https://www.1800respect.org.au>

A range of support services are available for people who have experienced sexual assault, domestic or family violence.

### Tenants Union of Victoria

Phone: 9416 2577 Web <https://www.tenantsvic.org.au/>

For information about renting rights and obligations in Victoria

### Legal Aid WA

Telephone: 1800 677 402

Website: <https://www.legalaid.wa.gov.au/>

WA Legal Aid helps people with their legal problems and focuses on helping and protecting the rights of socially and economically disadvantaged WAs. It can provide assistance in the areas criminal law, family law and some civil law matters. Legal representation is subject to policy guidelines and means tests in most cases. They have lawyers in offices in most major metropolitan and country regions.

### Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission WA

Phone: 1300 292 153

Website: <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/equal-opportunity-commission>

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Every student should be able to live their life free from discrimination. The role of the Equal Opportunity Commission is to protect WA's human rights, to promote fair treatment for all WA, and advocate for a diverse and inclusive state. They work with government, the public sector, community organisations and individuals to create a fairer, safer WA.

### ***YOUR FEEDBACK***

Your feedback is important to us and assists in ensuring that our services meet your needs. We use feedback from students and employers to contribute to our continuous improvement processes, so we are always striving to do better.

All students and employers will be provided with a Quality Indicator Survey issued by the National Centre for Vocational Education and Research (NCVER) that they are required to complete. Please help us by completing the surveys that are provided to you by your trainer/assessor. Some may also be mailed or emailed to you from our office.

You may also be contacted by our regulating body ASQA (Australian Skills Quality Authority) to verbally interview or survey you in regard to the quality of the course we have provided you with or your experience studying with us. It is your choice to participate, responses may be kept confidential on request.

We also welcome feedback from you at any time by email and phone or by completing a Suggestion for Improvement Form, available on request by email or at our head office.

### ***ACCESS TO YOUR RECORDS***

You may access or obtain a copy of the records that Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy holds about you at any time. This includes personal information and records of participation and progress.

If you want to access or obtain a copy of records, you must make a request in writing to the Administration Manager using the Access to Records Request Form outlining which records you wish to access. There is no charge to access your records however there is a cost of 20c per page for photocopying or printing.

Access to records may be provided by:

- making copies of the records held in a file
- providing a time for you to review your file
- emailing you reports or exports of data or by providing a link or portal to access records online.

#### **Amendment to records**

If a student considers the information that Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy holds about them to be incorrect, incomplete, out of date or misleading, they can request that the information be amended.

Where a record is found to be inaccurate, a correction will be made. Where a student requests that a record be amended because it is inaccurate, but the record is found to be accurate, the details of the request for amendment will be noted on the record.

### ***NOTIFYING YOU IF THINGS CHANGE***

As an RTO under the VET Quality Framework, we must notify you promptly if there are any changes to our RTO, the course, or the arrangements for training and assessment.

This would include if there were any changes of ownership, and any new third party arrangements or changes to third party arrangements that relate to your enrolment, or if we were unable to provide the

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services you agreed to in your Student Agreement because we are no longer able to deliver the course you have enrolled in, or no longer operating as an RTO.

If this occurs, Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy will devise a strategy to minimise impact on you and notify you of the changes and how you will be affected as soon as practicable.

Depending on the type of change, we may send a letter to your home address; send you an email or call you. Please make sure we always have your most current home address, email address and mobile number on file so we can notify you of any changes if applicable.

You can let us know of any changes to your details by using the Student Change of Details Form.

### **LEGISLATION AND YOU**

As a student, you have both rights and responsibilities under applicable legislation.

#### **Workplace Health and Safety**

Under the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011, Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy must provide a safe environment for both staff and students, as well as providing information to staff and students in relation to health and safety and welfare. Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy has policies and procedures in place to ensure your safety and on commencement of your course you will be provided with information about health and safety.

As a student you also have a responsibility to follow instructions and rules and to behave in ways that are safe and do not endanger the health and safety of others. Always ensure that you:

- Immediately report hazards to your trainer/assessor.
- Seek assistance from a member of staff if you become ill or injured on campus.
- Only assist another person who is ill or injured if it is safe to do so. If you're not sure, call on a member of staff for assistance.
- Complete an incident report as required.
- Ensure you are familiar with Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy emergency evacuation procedures and in the case of an emergency, follow the instructions given to you.
- Do not leave bags or personal belongings lying around where someone else could trip over them.
- Do not smoke or drink alcohol on the premises.
- Observe basic hygiene practices such as hand washing before handling and eating food and leaving toilets and wash basins clean and tidy, etc).

#### **Harassment, victimisation or bullying**

Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy is committed to providing all people with an environment free from all forms of harassment, victimisation and bullying. Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy will not tolerate any behaviour that harms, intimidates, threatens, victimises, offends, degrades or humiliates another person.

Anti-discrimination law defines harassment as any form of behaviour that you do not want, that offends, humiliates or intimidates you and that creates a hostile environment. Examples of harassment are making fun of someone, spreading rumours, offensive jokes, ignoring someone, etc.

Victimisation is where a person is treated unfairly because they have made a discrimination complaint.

Bullying is verbal, physical, social or psychological abuse by a staff member or student. Bullying falls under health and safety legislation.

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If you at any time feel that you are being harassed, victimised or bullied by a staff member or student, you should follow these steps.

If you feel that you are being harassed, victimised or bullied, ideally you should tell the person that you don't like the behaviour and ask them to stop. However, if you are not comfortable doing this, you should lodge a complaint as per Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy Complaints and Appeals procedure and detailed in this Handbook.

### Equal opportunity

The principles and practices adopted by Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy aim to ensure, that current and prospective students, clients and other stakeholders are treated fairly and equitably in their dealings with Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy.

All people will be treated courteously and expeditiously throughout the process of enquiry, selection and enrolment and throughout their participation in a course.

Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy provides equity in access to the level of training and support required by each student. All students are supported in a manner that enables them to achieve their full potential and success in their training outcomes. All students are provided with opportunities to develop and successfully gain skills, knowledge and experience through education and training.

### National VET Regulator Act 2011

As a student in Australia's vocational education and training (VET) sector, you should expect high-quality training in your area of interest, leading to a qualification/statement of attainment that improves your prospects of gaining the job you want or provides a pathway to further study.

As a Registered Training Organisation registered with the Australian Skills Quality Authority, we are required to comply with the National VET Regulator Act 2011. This involves meeting a series of Standards that ensure that the training and assessment and support services are provided to you in accordance with nationally mandated standards.

### Student Identifiers Act 2014

Under this Act, we are required to ensure that all students have a USI. We are unable to issue a statement of attainment for any student if we don't have a USI on file.

If you're studying nationally recognised training in Australia from 1 January 2015, you will be required to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). Your USI links to an online account that contains all your training records and results (transcript) that you have completed from 1 January 2015 onwards. Your results from 2015 will be available in your USI account in 2016.

For students and training organisations, the main benefits of the USI are:

- Students will be able to get a complete record of their Australian-wide VET achievements from a single, secure and accurate online source.
- There will be immediate access to VET records. This means they can be quickly given to employers, other training organisations etc. as proof of VET achievements.
- It will be easier for training organisations to assess students' pre-requisites, credit transfers and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

For more information about the USI please refer to <http://www.usi.gov.au/About/Pages/default.aspx>



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## ***YOUR PRIVACY***

In collecting personal information, Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy complies with the requirements set out in the Privacy Act 1988, including Australian Privacy Principles 3 and 5 (in accordance with the National VET Provider Collection Data Requirements Policy clause 4.4), Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic, Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic) and the relevant privacy legislation and regulations of the states/territories in which Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy operates.

The Victorian Government, through the Department of Education and Training (the Department)'s collection and handling of enrolment data and VSNs is authorised under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic). The Department is also authorised to collect and handle USIs in accordance with the Student Identifiers Act 2014 (Cth) and the Student Identifiers Regulation 2014 (Cth).

Sensitive information is only collected by Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy if a permitted general or health situation applies in accordance with the Privacy Act (16A, 16B) such as, if:

- The collection of the information is required or authorised by, or under, an Australian law or a court/tribunal order.
- It is unreasonable or impracticable to obtain the individual's consent to the collection, use or disclosure.
- It genuinely and reasonably believes that:
- The collection, use or disclosure is necessary to lessen or prevent a serious threat to the life, health or safety of any individual, or to public health or safety.
- Unlawful activity, or misconduct of a serious nature, that relates to Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy's functions or activities has been, is being or may be engaged in, and the collection, use or disclosure is necessary in order for the entity to take appropriate action in relation to the matter.
- The collection, use or disclosure is reasonably necessary to assist any APP entity, body or person to locate a person who has been reported as missing.
- The collection, use or disclosure is reasonably necessary for the establishment, exercise or defense of a legal or equitable claim.

Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy ensures each individual:

- Knows why their information is being collected, how it will be used and who it will be disclosed to.
- Is made aware of any legal requirement for Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy to collect the information.
- Is able to access their personal information upon request.
- Does not receive unwanted direct marketing.
- Can ask for personal information that is incorrect to be corrected.
- Can make a complaint about Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy if they consider that their personal information has been mishandled.
- Is made aware of any consequences for not providing the information requested.
- Whether the information is likely to be disclosed to overseas recipients, and if so, which countries such recipients are likely to be located in.
- Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy retains evidence that that the student has acknowledged the following Privacy Notice and Student Declaration as part of their enrolment process:  
<https://www.employment.gov.au/privacy-notice>

Our full privacy policy is available on our website at: <https://www.13cabs.com.au/drive-with-us/>

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## ***FEES AND REFUNDS POLICY***

### **1. Information about fees and charges**

- Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy protects the fees that are paid in advance by students by not requiring a student to ever pay more than \$1,500 in advance for services not yet provided, either prior to course commencement or at any stage during their course.
  - Fees will be paid off during the course in instalments according to a set payment plan which meets these requirements
- Fee information relevant to a course is outlined in detailed in the *Student Agreement* and summarised on the *Course Outline*. In compliance with Clause 5.3 of the Standards, detailed fee information is provided prior to enrolment or commencement of training, whichever is first.
- Fee information includes:
  - All costs for the course including any materials fees
  - Any other costs payable to the RTO including costs for recognition of prior learning if applicable
  - Payment terms and conditions including deposits, refunds and payment plans if applicable
- The *Student Agreement* and the *Student Handbook* which are provided prior to enrolment, includes this Fees and Refunds Policy and informs the student of their consumer rights. Students are asked to sign the *Student Agreement* in acknowledgement of the terms and conditions of the enrolment and this policy.
- Where an employer is paying for a student's course, an Employer Agreement will be provided at the time of enrolment outlining the total fees, payment terms and schedule of payments applicable.
- No cooling-off period applies as Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy does not use unsolicited consumer agreements (such as tele-marketing, door-to-door selling or direct approach marketing in a public places).

### **2. Course fee inclusions**

- Course fees as applicable to each course are detailed on the *Student Agreement* and include:
  - All of the training and assessment as well as educational support services required for students to achieve the statement of attainment for the course in which they are enrolling within the attempts allowed.
  - Where a student fails to achieve a satisfactory outcome after three attempts at an assessment task, the student will need to re-enrol into the unit or units in question and this will be free of cost.
  - One copy of the required learning materials for each student unless otherwise stated on the Course Outline.
- Issuance of one set of certification documents including the Statement of Attainment

Course fees do not include:

- Any optional textbooks and materials that may be recommended but not required to complete a course.
- Replacement learning material if original copies are lost or misplaced. Costs for replacement material is outlined on the Student Agreement.
- Stationery such as paper and pens or other personal use items such as computers or internet access that may be required to complete homework tasks.
- Printing costs (if required)
- Re-issuance of AQF certification documents. Re-issuance or additional copies of these documents will attract a fee of \$50 per document plus the cost of postage if required.

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- Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy cannot guarantee that students will successfully complete the course in which they enrol regardless of whether all fees due have been paid.

### 3. Payments

- Payments can be accepted by electronic transfer, cheque, money order or in person at our head office.
- Students who are experiencing difficulty in paying their fees are invited to call our office to make alternative arrangements for payment during their period of difficulty.
- Debts will be referred to a debt collection agency where fees are more than 40 days past due.
- Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy reserves the right to suspend the provision of training and/or other services until fees are brought up to date. Students with long term outstanding accounts may be withdrawn from their course if payments have not been received and no alternative arrangements for payment have been made.

### 4. Refunds for fee-for-service students

- All course fees for fee-for-service students include an Enrolment Fee (or non-refundable deposit) which will only be refunded where Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy is required to cancel a course before it commences due to insufficient numbers or for other unforeseen circumstances.
- A student not achieving the unit in which they enrolled due to exhausting their attempts at assessment, does not entitle the student to a refund.
- RPL application fees are non-refundable.
- Students who withdraw from a course may seek a refund or a reduction in fees owing by making an application for a refund in writing using the *Application for Refund Form*. The application must include the details and reason for the request. Students who have not completed a *Withdrawal Form* are not eligible for consideration of a refund or reduction in fees.
- In the unlikely event that Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy is unable to deliver the course or any portion of the course as promised, the student will be issued with a refund for the course or portion of course that was not provided. This includes the following situations:
  - Where Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy delivering training and assessment ceases to operate.
  - Where Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy ceases to deliver the course in which a student is enrolled, and the agreement is terminated.
  - Where Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy needs to make a change to the terms of the student agreement (such as the way the course is delivered or conditions of enrolment) and a new agreement cannot be reached with the student to account for changes.

In any of the above situations, Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy will automatically conduct a refund assessment of all affected students and issue the refunds due to the Fee Payer accordingly. In these cases, there is no need for a student to make an individual application for a refund. Refunds will be issued within 28 business days.

- The refund assessment will be based on reviewing the services and/or materials provided to the student and the costs incurred by Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy in the provision such as:
  - Learning materials provided
  - Training provided received (e.g. amount of training etc.)
  - Individual support provided by the trainer/assessor
  - Assessments marked or feedback provided (including RPL)
- The outcome of the refund assessment will be provided in writing to the student's registered address within 28 business days, outlining the decision and reasons for the decision along with any

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applicable refund or adjustment note. Refund decisions can be appealed following our *Complaints and Appeals Policy & Procedure*.

### 5. Recording and payment of refunds

- Refunds will be paid to the person or organisation that made the original payment.
- Refund assessments can be appealed following our *Complaints and Appeals Policy & Procedure*.
- Records of refund assessments and issuance of refunds will be stored securely on the student's file and in our accounts keeping system.

### 6. Publication

- Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy will publish in a prominent place on its website the following:
  - Costs for fee for service programs.
  - This Fees and Refunds Policy.

## ADDITIONAL FEES AND CHARGES

### Additional Fees and Charges

Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy has the following of additional charges which may apply in some circumstances.

Non-Tuition Fees – all students	Charge
<b>Re-issuing of statements of results</b> All course fees include the cost for issuing of one copy of the Record of Results and/or a Statement of Attainment. This fee applies to each additional copy of a certification document if required.	\$50 per document plus the cost of postage if required.
<b>Additional copies of learning and assessment resources</b> Where original provided is lost or misplaced. 1 copy of each required resource is included in course fees.	A fee of \$20 per printed document applies if required.
<b>Printing and photocopying</b> Printing costs as may be required to complete assessments, or homework activities, or if students require a copy of any records that Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy holds about them.	Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy provides printing or copying for a cost of 20c per page, however students may use their own or other printing facilities.
Tuition Fees	Charge
<b>Re-enrolment fee (per unit)</b> Where a student fails to achieve a satisfactory outcome after three attempts at an assessment task, the student will need to re-enrol into the unit or units in question.	Free of cost See Student Agreement
<b>Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Application Fee</b> Application Fee Per unit fee is outlined above.	\$150

## **COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS POLICY**

### **1. Nature of complaints and appeals**

- Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy responds to all allegations involving the conduct of:
  - The RTO, its trainers and assessors and other staff.
  - Any third party providing Services on behalf of Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy.
  - Any student or client of Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy.
- Complaints may be made in relation to any of Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy's services and activities such as:
  - the application and enrolment process
  - marketing information
  - the quality of training and assessment provided
  - training and assessment matters, including student progress, student support and assessment requirements
  - the way someone has been treated
  - the actions of another student
- An appeal is a request for a decision made by Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy to be reviewed. Decisions may have been about:
  - course admissions
  - refund assessments
  - response to a complaint
  - assessment outcomes / results
  - other general decisions made by Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy

### **2. Principles of resolution**

- Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy is committed to developing a procedurally fair complaints and appeals process that is carried out free from bias, following the principles of natural justice. Through this policy and procedure, Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy ensures that complaints and appeals:
  - Are responded to in a consistent and transparent manner.
  - Are responded to promptly, objectively, with sensitivity and confidentiality.
  - Are able to be made at no cost to the individual.
  - Are used as an opportunity to identify potential causes of the complaint or appeal and take actions to prevent the issues from recurring as well as identifying any areas for improvement.
- Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy will inform all persons or parties involved in any allegations made as well as providing them with an opportunity to present their side of the matter.
- Nothing in this policy and procedure limits the rights of an individual to take action under Australia's Consumer Protection laws and it does not circumscribe an individual's rights to pursue other legal remedies.
- Where a student chooses to access this policy and procedure, Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy will maintain the student's enrolment while the complaints/appeals handling process is ongoing.

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## 3. Timeframes for resolution

- Complaints and appeals will be finalised as soon as practicable or at least within 30 calendar days unless there is a significant reason for the matter to take longer. In matters where additional time is needed, the complainant or appellant will be advised in writing of the reasons and will be updated weekly on the progress of the matter until such a time that the matter is resolved.

## 4. Records of complaints and appeals

- Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy will maintain a record of all complaints and appeals and their outcomes on the Complaints and Appeals Register, which will be securely stored according to the Privacy Policy & Procedures.

## 5. Making a complaint or appeal

- Complaints about a particular incident should be made as soon as possible after the incident occurring and appeals must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the original decision being made.
- Complaints and appeals must be made in writing using the *Complaints and Appeals Form*, or other written format and sent to Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy's head office at 35 Downing St, Oakleigh VIC 3166 attention to the Chief Executive Officer.
- When making a complaint or appeal, provide as much information as possible to enable Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy to investigate and determine an appropriate solution. This should include:
  - The issue you are complaining about or the decision you are appealing – describe what happened and how it affected you.
  - Any evidence you have to support your complaint or appeal.
  - Details about the steps you have already taken to resolve the issue.
  - Suggestions about how the matter might be resolved.
- Your complaint or appeal will be acknowledged in writing via email or post within 7 days.

## 6. Resolution of complaints and appeals

- Some or all members of the management team of Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy will be involved in resolving complaints and appeals as outlined in the procedures.
- Where a complaint or appeal involves another individual or organisation, they will be given the opportunity to respond to any allegations made.
- Where a third party delivering Services on behalf of the RTO is involved, they will be included in the process of resolving the complaint or appeal.
- In the case of an assessment appeal, an assessor who is independent from the original decision will assess the original task again. The outcome of this assessment will be the result granted for the assessment task.

## 7. Independent parties

- Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy acknowledges the need for an appropriate independent party to be appointed to review a matter where this is requested by the complainant or appellant and the internal processes have failed to resolve the matter.
- Complainants and appellants can find an appropriate independent party by calling the Resolution Institute on 02 9251 3366 or by searching the following directory, according to their locality and area of concern: <https://www.resolution.institute/australian-directory>
- Costs associated with independent parties to review a matter must be covered by the complainant/appellant unless the decision to include an independent party was made by Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy.

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- Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy may also appoint the independent party to be involved in the resolution of a complaint or appeal where it is deemed necessary.
- Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy will provide complete cooperation with the external mediator investigating the complaint/appeal and will be bound by the recommendations arising out of this process.
- The CEO will ensure that any recommendations made are implemented within twenty (20) days of being notified of the recommendations. The complainant or appellant will also be formally notified in writing of the outcome of the mediation.

### 8. External complaint avenues

Complaints can also be made via the following avenues:

- National Training Complaints Hotline:

The National Training Complaints Hotline is a national service for consumers to register complaints concerning vocational education and training. The service refers consumers to the appropriate agency/authority/jurisdiction to assist with their complaint. Consumers can register a complaint with the National Training Complaints Hotline by:

- Phone: 13 38 73, Monday–Friday, 8am to 6pm nationally.
- Email: [ntch@education.gov.au](mailto:ntch@education.gov.au)

For more information about the National Training Complaints Hotline, refer to the following webpage:

<https://www.education.gov.au/NTCH>

- Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA):

Complainants may also complain to Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy's registering body, Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA).

ASQA can investigate complaints about Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy in relation to:

- the quality of our training and assessment
- our marketing and advertising practices

#### **For students:**

- ASQA may not be able to investigate complaint if you do not include evidence that you have already exhausted our formal internal complaints process as above.
- If your complaint does not fall within ASQA's jurisdiction, it may be resolved more quickly if you directly contact the agency responsible as listed on the relevant webpage below.
- Please refer to the following webpage below before making a complaint to ASQA:  
<https://www.asqa.gov.au/complaints>

#### **For other stakeholders:**

- Information about the process and information you should provide is available here:  
<https://www.asqa.gov.au/complaints>

### 9. Publication

This policy and procedure will be published in the Student Handbook and on Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy's website.

### ISSUING OF CERTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

On completion of your course and payment of all relevant fees, we will issue you with a Statement of Attainment within thirty (30) days. The record of results will show the units of competency achieved in the course and corresponding results.

Where a student withdraws or partially completes a course, a Statement of Attainment will be issued within thirty (30) days of withdrawal as long as all relevant fees have been paid. A record of results will only be provided with a statement of attainment where requested.

Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy reserves the right to with-hold the issuance of Statements of Attainment until all fees related to the course have been paid, except where Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy is not permitted to do so by law.

Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy must have a valid USI on file for the student for a Statement to be issued.

#### Re-Issuing Statements

Records of unit achievement are kept on record for a period of at least thirty (30) years. Students can request copies of any of these statements at any time for an additional charge. Refer to our Fees and Charges section for the current fee.

### POLICY DEFINITIONS

**Appeal** means a request for a decision made by Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy to be reviewed

**ASQA** means Australian Skills Quality Authority, the national VET regulator and the RTO’s registering body

**Complaint** means a person’s formal expression of dissatisfaction with any product or service provided by Yellow 13cabs Driver Academy

**Fee Payer** means the nominated payer of a student’s course fees, usually either the student or the employer paying on behalf of the student

**Services** means training, assessment, related educational and support services and/or activities related to the recruitment of prospective learners. It does not include services such as student counselling, mediation or ICT support

**SRTOs** means the Standards for RTOs 2015 – refer definition of ‘Standards’

**Standards** means the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015 of the VET Quality Framework which can be accessed from [www.asqa.gov.au](http://www.asqa.gov.au)

### STUDENT FORMS

Name of Form	Reason for use
Marketing Permissions Form	If we want to use your picture, testimonial or other details on our marketing material (e.g. website) we will ask you to complete this.
Credit Application Form	If you want to apply for Credit Transfer
Complaints and Appeals Form	If you wish to complain about our services, or appeal an assessment decision made
Refund Application Form	If you believe you have grounds for a refund



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Enrolment Form	If you wish to apply to study with us - also contains the USI authority form which notifies us of your USI or allows us to request creation of a USI on your behalf (required for enrolment)
Student Change of Details Form	Used to notify us if your personal details (e.g. name, contact details, address) have changed.
Withdrawal Form	If you wish to withdraw from a currently enrolled course of study.
Assessment Task Cover Sheet	Please use this when submitting assessment tasks
Suggestion for Improvement Form	If you would like to supply us with a suggestion to improve our services
Request to Access Records Form	To request access to the information we have in your file
Amendment to Records Form	If you believe the information, we have in your file is incorrect