

## **TRAINING**

Engaging in the vocational education and training (VET) sector should be an option for all young Australians who have the ability and desire to complete a training vocation or an apprenticeship, regardless of their socio-economic status or geographic location.

For many rural and remote students, who, in most cases must relocate from home to complete their apprenticeship or traineeship, the cost of relocation is beyond their financial means. The high up-front costs of relocation: accessing and paying for accommodation, travel to access their place of study and set-up costs, along with the cost of living away from home, all impact on rural and remote student access.

Furthermore, rural and remote students who must relocate for blocks of training at TAFE or other institutions find it difficult to access any financial support.

**ICPA (Aust) requests the Government to broaden the Relocation Scholarship criteria to include vocational education and training courses.**

**ICPA (Aust) requests the Government to consider rural and remote students who are completing an apprenticeship or traineeship by increasing the Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA) for Australian Apprentices.**