

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

How will you contact me?

The prime communication tool is email. Mobile phone is also used. It is absolutely vital that you advise the Program if you change your email or mobile phone details.

Is there another way to apply to this program?

No, we are only taking expressions of interest through our website. You must provide the required information and attach the Voluntary Disclosure form, medical form (if applicable), resume and proof of eligibility (Australian Citizenship certificate, or Australian passport, or Permanent Residency visa document).

Who will contact me?

Jesuit Social Services is the Program Administrator and will handle the bulk of the communication. Victoria Police will advise you directly if you do not pass the Police Check.

How do I know if I have been approved to participate in this program?

You will be notified by Jesuit Social Services.

When does the program start?

Round 1 of the 2022 program is scheduled to start in March 2022.

Round 2 commences in June 2022.

Round 3 commences in September 2022.

Round 4 commences in January 2023.

Round 5 commences in May 2023.

Round 6 commences in July 2023.

Round 7 commences in October 2023.

How long is the Course at Victoria University?

The Course is 15 weeks long.

Please note in order to be enrolled in the course, all outstanding VU fees must be paid.

Which days of the week will the Course be held?

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

What time will the Course be held?

6pm until 9pm

Where will the Course be held?

The course is a blended delivery model with some face to face classes but the majority of the course is online. The Tuesday evening class, fitness and swimming sessions and First Aid will be conducted in a location convenient to the focus area of the Round, for example different locations in metro and regional Victoria.

Most classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays are conducted remotely and you will require access to a desktop computer or a laptop and an internet connection for these classes. Please let Jesuit Social Services know if you will need support gaining access to a laptop.

Can I refer a friend to apply to this program?

Yes, you are free to refer a friend.

Will I have any expenses/fees in order to participate of this training course? / How much is it going to cost me?

Participants in the program will not be charged any course fee. The participant is responsible for travel expenses and other costs (i.e. childcare, petrol, parking and etc.) and any equipment required to participate in the fitness and swimming sessions

Do I have to take an English test? What is the minimum required level?

Yes, a Literacy and Numeracy Test is part of pre-qualification. The minimum requirement level for literacy and numeracy is ACSF Level 2 (working at level 3)

What happens after the 15 weeks of training course?

Based on advice from Jesuit Social Services, you will apply for the police, Protective Services Officer or Police Custody Officer role.

What type of Residency Status is required?

Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident

Which communities does this Program support?

People from under-represented cultural communities within Victoria Police, including, First Nations Peoples of Australia, and people who are of Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, East Asian, South Asian, South American, and African heritage. People from humanitarian or refugee background are encouraged to apply.

Please note that Rounds 3 and 6 are specific to people who identify as First Nations People of Australia, as the training course is specific to this cultural heritage.

Why are there target locations?

Victoria Police has a greater demand for recruits in some regional and Melbourne Metropolitan areas.

What are the target locations?

Some of the target regional locations are Shepparton, Western Victoria, Latrobe Valley and Geelong.

Some of the target Metropolitan areas include Cities of Hume and Darebin, Eastern Melbourne, Southeast Melbourne to Latrobe Valley and Greater Dandenong.

What are the differences in requirements for a Protective Services Officer versus a Police Officer?

Protective Services Officer applicants are not required to complete a swimming test nor have to hold an Australian drivers licence. For further information on each role please visit the Victoria Police recruitment website <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/careers>

I want to apply for a Police Officer role but I don't know how to swim. Is swim training part of the course?

A fitness program is part of the training. The swimming component is built into this and we will discuss your individual requirements during the application process.

I have tried the Victoria Police Recruitment process before and didn't pass. Am I eligible to join this program?

Yes, this program can help you to develop and improve skills to pass the recruitment process.

I wear glasses. Can I apply?

Yes, but your vision must meet certain minimum standards. Unaided visual acuity, if due to a refractive error, must be at least 6/36 (without error) in the worse eye and at least 6/18 (without error) in the better eye. Corrected distance vision of at least 6/9 in either eye and 6/6 when both eyes are used together.

I have tattoos, Can I apply?

Face, head, neck and hand tattoos are not permitted unless they are small/discreet in size/colour/location and can be appropriately covered while on duty.

Applicants with tattoos/body art on the head, face, neck or hands should contact RECRUITINGSERVICES-MGR@police.vic.gov.au (if you haven't applied yet) or RSB-SPRINGBOARD-MGR@police.vic.gov.au (if you are currently going through the recruitment process).

I have outstanding fines, can I apply?

Yes, you can apply for the Program but outstanding fines need to be paid prior to your Victoria Police application.

Associations

During the application for Victoria Police you will be asked to declare associations. An inappropriate association is a link to a person or organisation with ties to unlawful activity. It is important that Victoria Police are aware of any association or potential conflict of interest. This is because they may compromise you or reflect negatively on the organisation as a whole. For further information on the eligibility requirements please visit the Victoria Police recruitment website <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/police-eligibility-requirements>