

Trenching and Shoring Skill Set

COURSE CODE	CONISS021
LOCATIONS	Glenormiston
STUDY MODE	On Campus
Length	Two days
Commencement	Expressions of Interest for 2026
Timetable	Day one will be theory-based. Day two will cover training and assessment in practical trenching activities.

Course Overview

This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.

Introduction

This course is designed to give participants the skills and knowledge to work safely in and around trenches and excavations. The two-day course will include a combination of theory and practical-based training to ensure participants have a thorough understanding of the compliance codes in relation to excavation and best practice on the worksite. It will include undertaking a risk assessment and the installation and safe use of trench shields.

This course is ideal for people already working in the civil construction industry who wish to further their skills.

What will I Learn?

This course will be delivered over a two-day period. The first day will be theory-based and will include relevant legislation and safety awareness relevant to safe trenching practices. You will also carry out risk assessments and complete all written assessments.

Day two will cover training and assessment in practical trenching activities including the safe installation of a trench shield.

On completion of this, you will gain skills in the areas of:

- Supporting plant operations
- Installing trench support
- Conducting local risk control
- Removal of shoring

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion, you will receive a Statement of Attainment for nationally accredited units listed in the units offered section below.

Course Requirements

This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.

Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

Please note that this course is only suitable for groups (max group size 6) of existing employees in the civil construction industry who have access via their employer to all relevant machinery, equipment and suitable excavation area to conduct practical elements of training.

Equipment and site requirements include:

- * Suitable area on-site free from all underground services where excavation can take place to 2m depth 20 tonne excavator
- * Suitable trench shield with lifting lugs and ladder access
- * Suitable rated lifting chains and shackles
- * Sufficient barricade to isolate open trench

Please note: A site assessment will be conducted by assessor prior to commencement of training

Units offered

Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
RIICCM206E	Support plant operations	8	\$0.00
RIICCM210E	Install trench support	16	\$0.00
RIIRIS201E	Conduct local risk control	20	\$0.00

Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

Fees

This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.

Course Fees

Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements. Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. **Government Subsidised Fee** - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.
[Find out more about subsidised training](#)
2. **Government Subsidised Concession Fee** - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment, you may be eligible for the concession rate. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.
[Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. **If the course is a Free TAFE course or part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program** - Eligible students will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.
[Find out more about Free TAFE](#)
[Find out more about Free TAFE Pathways Programs](#)
4. **Full fee** - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY

The fees listed below are indicative only. The course fees published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Course fee funding is made available to eligible individuals by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. An accurate quote for this course will be provided during the enrolment process.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$460.00
Concession rate	\$95.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$970.00

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$0.00

Next Steps

Ready to take the next step? Here you can make an enquiry, attend an information session or begin the application process.

How to apply

There are [five simple steps to apply for a course](#) with us.

1. Apply - complete a [short online application form](#). Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank-you email.
2. Literacy and Numeracy Assessment - we will assess whether you need to undertake a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment and email it to you if required.
If you are not required to undertake this assessment, you will skip to step 3.
3. Chat to our team - your teacher or course specialist will contact you to discuss the course in more detail and ensure the right units of study are selected for you.
4. Enrol – you will be sent an email to accept your offer for the course. By accepting, you will be directed to verify your details and submit your enrolment for processing.
5. Pay - once we've completed your enrolment, we will send you an invoice to arrange [payment of your course fees](#).

If you need any assistance with applying, [contact our team](#) on 1300 648 911 or visit your nearest campus.

Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Careers Coaches at the [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you.

Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).