

## Few takers for low-cost courses

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DISAPPOINTING enrolments for heavily discounted courses have left many at Ascet TAFE scratching their heads.

Communications officer Kate Anderson said the TAFE, along with the Victorian Government, had been offering "disengaged youth" an opportunity to complete their Certificate II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) in five weeks at the Dandenong Basketball Stadium at a very low cost.

"We want to give disengaged youths, those who are not in school or working, the opportunity to get into the workforce," Ms Anderson said. "But out of the 20 places we are offering, only six have been filled. It's only for three days a week for five weeks and those who take part will be able to go out into the workforce with qualifications."

Ms Anderson said since advertising the course in February, very few applications had been received.



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"This course would normally cost \$1800 but with government funding we are able to offer it for \$55," Ms Anderson said.

"So it's disappointing to have so few applications."

She said the six who had signed up for the course had done so with their parents' support and called on other parents to help their kids see

the course as a step in the right direction.

Enrolments for the course close at 3pm on Friday 7 November. Those eligible include school leavers between the ages of 15 and 19 years of age who are not currently working or training.

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