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Question:

Are participants in the VTEC Programme required to have no active employment at the time of entry into the program?

- a. Can Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people who are currently in some form of employment use the VTEC Programme to enter a new field, upskill or change careers?
- b. If so, does the Department collect data on the employment status of participants?

Answer:

- 1. Participants in the Vocational Training and Employment Centres (VTEC) Programme are required to be job seekers.
 - a. No.
 - b. Data on employment status of participants is not collected, participants are not in employment at the time of commencement in VTEC.