

REC 209 – FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS



Minimum Mandatory Qualification for Family Violence

If you are required to do further study to meet [Recommendation 209](#), we are likely to suggest two key options: a **Graduate Certificate** or a **Single Tertiary Unit**. Other options may be available too. Costs may vary depending on whether you are a full-fee paying student, a [Commonwealth Supported Place](#) is offered, or [HECS/HELP](#). These options are pitched at a Graduate level of study: [Level 8](#) within the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Graduate Certificates

Graduate Certificates are a good way to meet Rec 209 requirements, they range in cost from approx. \$7,500 to \$14,000 and can take between 6 months and 1 year to complete. Entry requirements may differ between education providers. The courses have been designed for people who are working but may require some attendance (online or in person) during business hours. Your manager will work with you to discuss these options.

Education Provider	Graduate Certificate in:	Duration	Campus
Swinburne (Free TAFE)	Client Assessment & Case Management * must be studied in conjunction with P4	8 months part-time	Blended Hawthorne
Chisholm	Family Violence Option for Men's Specialist stream	1 year part-time 6 months fulltime	Online &/or Dandenong
Federation Uni	Social and Community Services	6 months fulltime	Online
RMIT	Domestic & Family Violence	1 year part-time 6 months fulltime	Online & Melbourne
Monash	Family Violence Prevention	1 year part-time	Online & Clayton
CQUniversity	Domestic & Family Violence Practice	1 year part-time 6 months fulltime	Online
Queensland UT	Domestic Violence Response	1 year part-time 6 months fulltime	Online
University Melbourne	Domestic & Gender-Based Violence Research & Practice	1 year part-time	Online
LaTrobe	Graduate Certificate in Family Therapy: First Nations	1 year part-time	Online

Other suitable courses may be available across Australia, however they must address the relevant Rec 209 Principles. The above courses may change over time, check the university websites for up-to-date details.

Single Tertiary Unit – Top Up

In some circumstances it may be an option to ‘top up’ an existing tertiary qualification by completing an additional university unit. This may be possible for those who are currently enrolled in a university course or those who have completed a particular tertiary qualification but don’t meet all the learning principles set out within Rec 209. The cost of a suitable single may range from approx. \$1,900 to \$3,700.

To be considered for this option, your current qualifications will be assessed by Anglicare Victoria (AV) and a Rec 209 Learning Plan will be created with your manager. Unfortunately, this option will not be available to those who hold a Cert IV or Diploma as their highest level of qualification or where higher qualification(s) don’t meet a minimum number of Rec 209 principles.

Some examples of single units include:

Education Provider	Unit	Campus
University of Melbourne	Domestic and Family Violence (HLTH90007)	Online
Monash University	Family Violence and Professional Practice (SWM5127)	Online

Other units may be suitable depending on what principles need to be met:

Monash University

- Gender and Family Violence (APG4223)
- Family Violence and Criminal Justice Responses (APG4224)
- Health and Family Violence (APG5076)
- Family Violence and Professional Practice (SWM5127)
- Using Data to Understand Family Violence (APG5075)

University of Melbourne

- Preventing Violence Against Women (POPH90297)
- University of Melbourne Researching Violence Against Women (GEND90015)

This information was current in July 2023 and is offered as guidance only. Please refer to the [Rec 209](#) standards or consult further with AV for more information.