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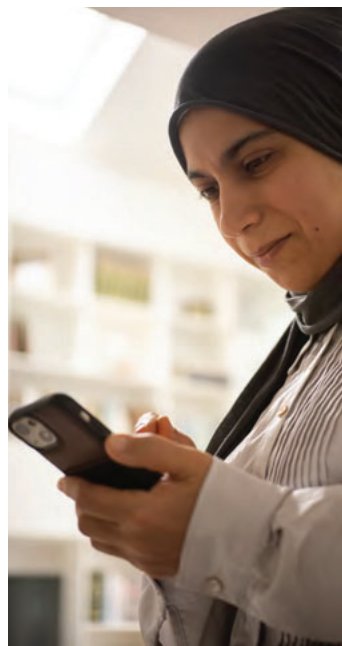
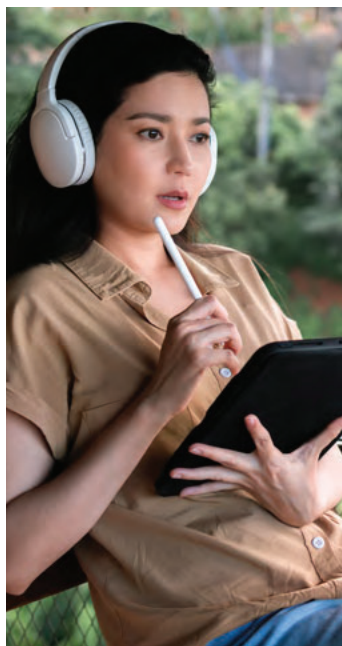
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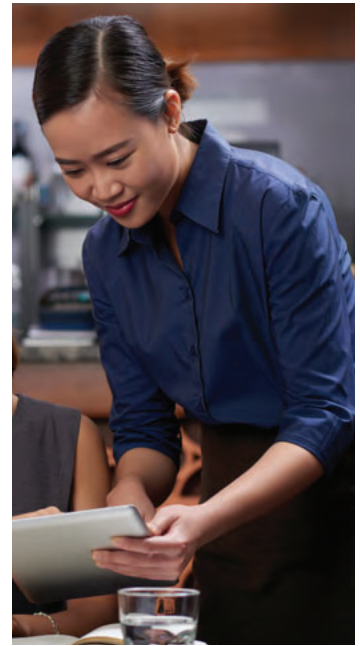
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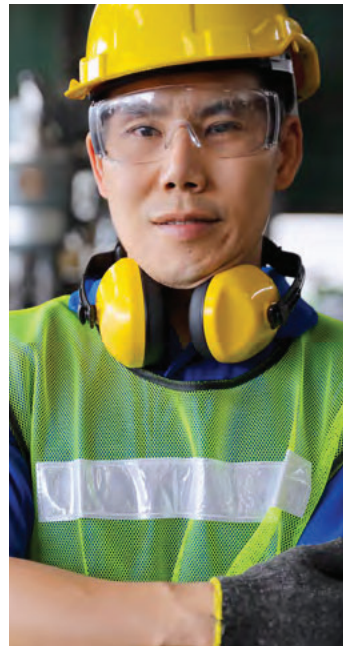
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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Q. Why was the Virtual, Career-Aligned English as a Second Language (VCESL) Program created?

A. SB 22-140 passed in June 2022, which tasked the Office of New Americans (ONA) to establish a virtual, career-aligned ESL program (VCESL Program) to ensure that ELLs in Colorado have access to high quality work-based learning, job training, and employment opportunities.

Q. How much does the VCESL Program cost to New Americans or partners of the Office of New Americans?

A. Nothing. The entire program is free of charge.

Q. What are the eligibility criteria to participate in the VCESL Program?

A. There are 3 criteria:

- 1) Individuals must be a resident of Colorado;
- 2) Individuals must be 18 years of age or older; and
- 3) Individuals must be English Language Learners (ELLs).

Q. Who has the Office of New Americans partnered with to implement the VCESL Program?

A. ONA has contracted with two vendors: EnGen and BurlingtonEnglish. ONA is proud to partner with various employers, job training centers, workforce development and business/career centers, as well as institutions of higher education, the public library system, and immigrant-serving, community-based organizations.

Q. Is the VCESL Program only offered in the Denver metro area?

A. No. The VCESL Program will be offered statewide to ensure that every eligible individual who would benefit from the program will receive an equal chance to do so, contingent on sufficient funding.



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