

Fee-Free TAFE program (1 January 2023 to 30 June 2026)

Through the Fee-Free TAFE Skills Agreement, the Australian Government has partnered with states and territories to deliver over \$1.5 billion in funding for more than 500,000 Fee-Free TAFE and vocational education and training (VET) places across Australia from 2023 to 2026. This snapshot sets out quarterly reporting data over the period 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2026.

Fee-Free TAFE continues to have strong enrolments in all states and territories.

There have been more than 851,000 enrolments from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2026.

Figure 1: Fee-Free TAFE enrolments by jurisdiction

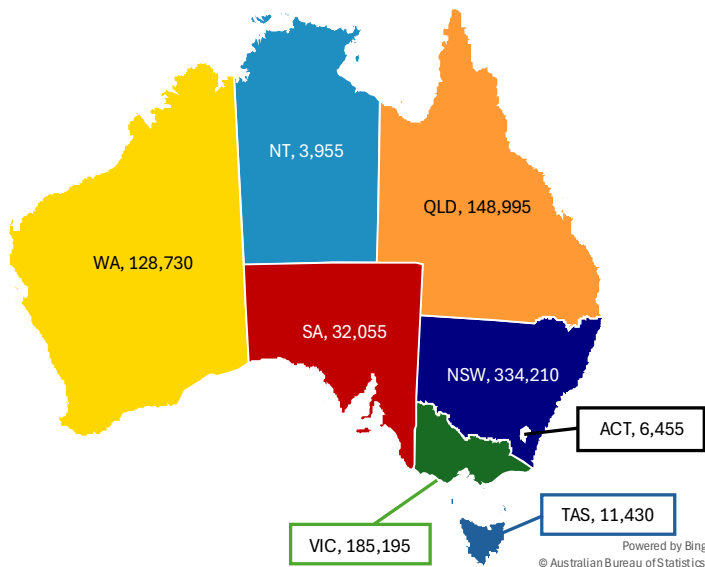
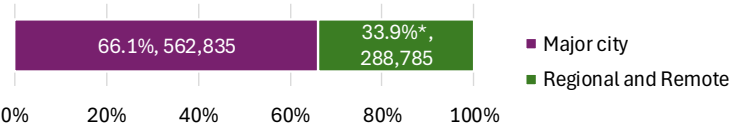


Figure 2: Fee-Free TAFE enrolments by remoteness ^



^: The sum does not match the total in Figure 1 due to multiple delivery locations.
*: Includes 0.1% unknown.

Source: State and territory Fee-Free TAFE data reported under Part 3 of the Fee-Free TAFE Skills Agreement.

- Notes:**
- Comparisons should not be made between states and territories' data due to their varied implementation approaches.
 - Figures have been rounded to the nearest 5.
 - The listed total may not match the sum of all elements due to rounding.
 - Enrolments were aggregated across years based on data submitted at the end of each calendar year and the latest available quarter.

Fee-Free TAFE supports training places in priority sectors and helps priority cohorts access training

Figure 3: National priority sectors with the most Fee-Free TAFE enrolments

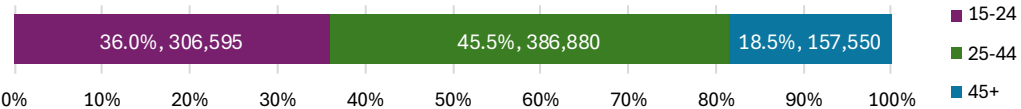
Sector	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
Care	89,490	48,760	35,975	47,890	8,535	3,980	640	1,265	236,540
Construction	23,165	24,645	16,805	6,210	5,090	1,345	400	765	78,420
Technology and Digital	29,125	13,370	10,245	15,200	5,525	555	185	1,160	75,365
Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)	25,440	9,055	10,070	20,515	1,750	660	325	525	68,340
Hospitality and Tourism	13,795	4,770	2,555	6,700	1,810	1,050	430	530	31,635

Figure 4: Fee-Free TAFE enrolments by priority cohorts

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
First Nations Australians	30,160	2,110	10,530	6,515	630	1,005	1,760	295	53,010
People with disability	21,960	20,145	15,725	12,920	1,235	2,090	385	1,600	76,060
Job seekers and income support recipients	120,930	40,560	28,470	5,830	7,390	3,435	735	1,930	209,285
Young persons (24 and under)	101,710	79,910	64,725	44,250	9,080	3,605	1,040	2,270	306,595
Women	218,140	102,190	86,580	86,460	17,870	6,480	2,375	3,570	523,660

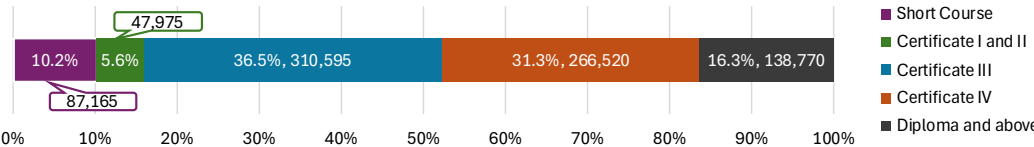
Fee-Free TAFE helps people in all stages of their working life

Figure 5: Fee-Free TAFE enrolments by age group



Fee-Free TAFE concentrates on qualified training and meaningful pathways to employment

Figure 6: Fee-Free TAFE enrolments by course level



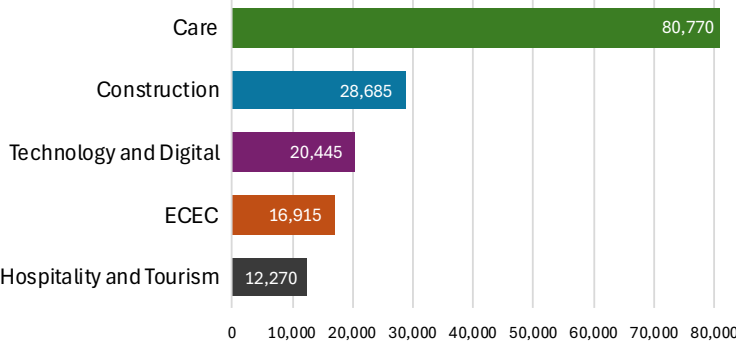
The top enrolled courses are focussed on key areas of national priority

Figure 7: Courses with the most Fee-Free TAFE enrolments

Top enrolled courses
Certificate III in Individual Support
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
Diploma of Nursing
Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
Certificate III in Information Technology

As of 30 June 2026, there have been 276,990 completions since Fee-Free TAFE launched in 2023

Figure 8: National priority sectors with the most Fee-Free TAFE completions



The top completed courses in Fee-Free TAFE are:

Top completed courses
Certificate III in Individual Support
Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
Diploma of Nursing
Certificate IV in School Based Education Support

And the top completed courses in national priority sectors include:

Care	Hospitality and Tourism
Certificate III in Individual Support	Certificate III in Commercial Cookery
Diploma of Nursing	Certificate III in Hospitality
Diploma of Community Services	Certificate II in Cookery
Construction	Technology and Digital
Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)	Certificate III in Information Technology
Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	Certificate IV in Cyber Security
Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Pre-Vocational)	Diploma of Information Technology

Early Childhood Education and Care
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
Introduction to Early Childhood Education and Care Skill Set

Note: Completions data is as reported in Quarter 2, 2026. Numbers are expected to rise as more students finish their courses, especially those studying part-time or in longer courses.