



TAFE Centres of Excellence

Nationally networked collaboration in critical sectors

What are TAFE Centres of Excellence?

Through the National Skills Agreement, the Australian Government will partner with states and territories to establish nationally networked TAFE Centres of Excellence which will help deliver a skilled workforce for strategically important industries to meet national challenges.

They will increase collaboration between TAFEs, through partnerships with industry and universities and deliver the skills people need for good, secure work and careers.

What are the benefits?

TAFE Centres of Excellence will:

- provide national leadership in the delivery of skills, education and training
- bring together employers, unions, universities and other education and training providers to develop and implement real work and practical solutions to meet skills needs
- support industry and enrich students' learning experience through applied research and problem solving programs
- innovate the delivery of tertiary education, such as the development and delivery of higher apprenticeships in areas of high skills need
- disseminate best practice across the TAFE network
- enable organisational innovation and teaching and training excellence.

TAFE Centres of Excellence will also respond to the Working Future White Paper finding that Australia's future labour market will need more people with higher-level skills and a coordinated approach to deliver skills that meet industry need.

What does it mean for the VET system?

TAFE Centres of Excellence will strengthen capability and capacity of the VET system to provide high-quality and responsive skills training for critical and emerging industries, including the transformation to a net zero economy, sustaining essential care and support services, ensuring our digital and technological capability, and sovereign capability. They will be the exemplars of quality training and learning.

How much funding has been allocated?

The Australian Government is investing up to \$325 million over five years to establish and operate up to 20 TAFE Centres of Excellence. States and territories will make a matched contribution.

What are the next steps?

The Australian Government will work with states and territories in consultation with stakeholders to agree on design and implementation arrangements to deliver the initiative. The first TAFE Centres of Excellence are expected to commence operation in 2024.

Up to 6 TAFE Centres of Excellence will be turbocharged for rapid establishment in the areas of net zero, the care and support sector, and digital skills with around \$32 million committed through the Working Future White Paper and in addition to the National Skills Agreement.