



Measures to strengthen the VET workforce

Building a high quality and sustainable vocational education and training workforce

What are the Measures to Strengthen the VET workforce?

Through the National Skills Agreement (NSA), the Australian Government has partnered with states and territories to strengthen and grow the vocational education and training (VET) workforce, supporting quality VET.

The VET Workforce Blueprint (Blueprint) identifies measures to strengthen the VET workforce, including strategies to attract, retain, build capability, and support career development and succession planning for the VET workforce.

What are the benefits?

Localised and national responses, including responses to the Blueprint, aim to strengthen the VET workforce through:

- delivering short, medium and long-term actions to support and grow a quality VET workforce
- identifying strategies for attraction, retention, career development and succession planning
- focusing on quality and capability of the existing workforce
- implementing localised and state and territory-based responses, where relevant.

What does it mean for the VET system?

The VET workforce is a critical enabler of the sector as a whole. Implementation of measures will support building a high quality and sustainable VET workforce.

How much funding has been allocated?

The Australian Government is investing up to \$100 million over 5 years under the NSA for measures to strengthen the VET workforce. This comprises:

- \$70 million over 5 years for state and territory initiatives to strengthen the VET workforce, including local action to respond to the VET Workforce Blueprint (matched by states and territories)
- \$30 million to be retained by the Australian Government to support agreed areas of national action.

Where can I find further information?

The Australian Government has worked collaboratively with states and territories to agree on implementation arrangements to strengthen the VET workforce. Further details are available in the published [implementation plans](#) on the Federal Financial Relations (FFR) website.

Commonwealth led responses to the Blueprint include an initial suite of national actions (occupational mapping, VET workforce data strategy, ongoing research program, mapping compliance and administrative activity), as well as targeted measures to build and support both the First Nations' VET workforce and the VET workforces for the critical industry areas of electrical and construction. Information and resources will be made available on the [Department of Employment and Workplace Relations website](#) as this work progresses.

The Australian Government continues to work collaboratively with states and territories on implementation of measures and agreed VET workforce priorities.

