



National TAFE Network

Fostering collaboration among TAFE teachers and administrators and enhancing teaching and learning

What is the National TAFE Network?

Through the National Skills Agreement, the Australian Government is partnering with states and territories to establish and operate a National TAFE Network. The National TAFE Network will harness the collective capacity of Australia's TAFEs and public training providers, to become a vibrant, collaborative and agile network and an operational enabler for collaboration. It is an essential piece of architecture that complements and maximises the benefits of initiatives under the National Skills Agreement, including TAFE Centres of Excellence.

What is the vision for the National TAFE Network?

The Australian Government and participation State and Territory Governments have a shared vision for the National TAFE Network.

- The National TAFE Network will support delivery of nation-leading, high quality training outcomes for Australian learners and industry and drive innovative and collaborative initiatives to support TAFE teachers and administrators to achieve these outcomes.
- The network will drive excellence in the quality of teaching, learning and assessment supporting teachers, learners and industry and bolstering support for TAFE to continue delivering the dual outcomes of excellence and accessibility.
- It will promote research to enhance TAFE outcomes nationally, encouraging a collaborative research approach to strengthen the VET sector and share best practices for systematic improvements.
- The network will harness the collective capacity of TAFEs across the nation, including TAFE Centres of Excellence, to deliver contemporary and innovative training in critical industries, reduce duplication and increase efficiencies.

- The National TAFE Network reflects shared commitments of participating Australian Governments to pursue networked and cooperative TAFE reform under the National Skills Agreement.

What are the benefits?

The National TAFE Network will support individual and collective TAFE pursuits, enabling TAFE, its public mission, and its role at the heart of a quality VET system to deliver a skilled workforce and contribute to social cohesion and inclusion.

The National TAFE Network will:

- develop and support TAFE workforce and education practice through communities of practice
- develop curriculum and course materials that are shared among TAFEs and public training providers
- pilot new or innovative approaches in teaching and learning practices
- provide a mechanism for employers, unions, Jobs and Skills Councils, TAFE Centres of Excellence, universities and others to engage with TAFEs and public training providers
- embed TAFE workforce leadership as a key activity to support TAFEs at the heart of the VET sector.

TAFE learners will benefit from the National TAFE Network through access to:

- More responsive and flexible training driven by improvements in pedagogy, teaching and learning practices developed, promoted and shared across the network.
- High-quality learning resources produced by the National TAFE Network and by TAFE Centres of Excellence that are promoted and shared across the network.

The National TAFE network will make it easier for employers, unions, Jobs and Skills Councils, TAFE Centres of Excellence and higher education institutions to connect, problem solve and innovate with TAFEs.

How much funding has been allocated?

The Australian Government is investing up to \$147.80 million over five years in the National TAFE Network. Commonwealth financial contributions to states and territories will be matched by the relevant state or territory. In addition, the Australian Government will provide \$6.77 million over five years to support the coordination of the National TAFE Network.

Who is included in the National TAFE Network?

TAFEs and eligible public training providers in jurisdictions that have signed the National TAFE Network's Multilateral Implementation Plan are members of the National TAFE Network.

As of August 2025, participating jurisdictions include:

- New South Wales
- Victoria
- South Australia
- Australian Capital Territory
- Northern Territory.

National TAFE Network Committee

The National TAFE Network Committee is a TAFE-led representative body established to guide the direction of the National TAFE Network and reflect the views of participating states and territories and their TAFEs. It is responsible for:

- Setting overall priorities for the National TAFE Network
- Establishing a policy and operational framework to guide the National TAFE Network's operations
- Developing a strategic plan for 2025-2028 detailing an overarching direction for priorities and actions of the National TAFE Network
- Developing annual workplans outlining the activities of the National TAFE Network over the life of the National Skills Agreement.

What are the next steps?

The Australian Government is working with participating jurisdictions to finalise the operational arrangements for the National TAFE Network. This includes establishing a coordination mechanism to act as the 'front door' for the Network's engagement with stakeholders and supporting the National TAFE Network Committee to develop its initial plans and operational framework.

These foundational elements of the National TAFE Network will be progressively established across 2025 – 2026.