



Fee-Free TAFE program (1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025)

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 31 December 2025.

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

There have been more than 742,000 enrolments from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025.

Figure 1: Fee-Free TAFE enrolments by jurisdiction

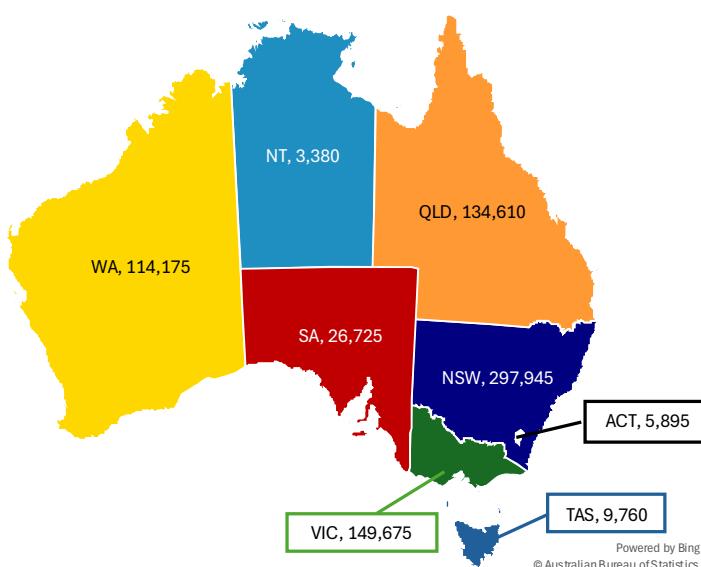
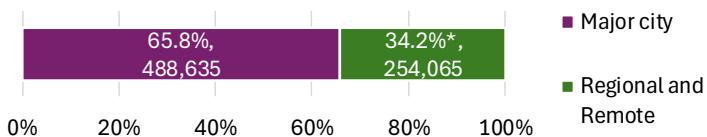


Figure 2: Fee-Free TAFE enrolments by remoteness ^



^: 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	77,045	41,135	30,230	42,765	7,075	3,525	555	1,185	203,510
Technology and Digital	25,065	11,580	14,190	13,355	4,760	555	125	1,100	70,735
Construction	17,965	19,480	10,385	4,990	4,025	940	290	635	58,705
Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC)	20,760	7,235	8,630	18,725	1,460	580	305	495	58,190
Hospitality and Tourism	12,300	3,845	2,390	5,990	1,640	885	350	415	27,815

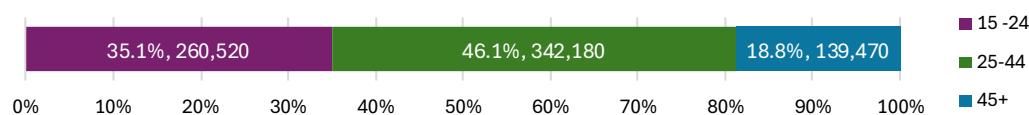
* Remapping of *Certificate IV in Training and Assessment* in Victoria has resulted in changes to enrolment numbers by priority sector compared to earlier reporting.

Figure 4: Fee-Free TAFE enrolments by priority cohorts

Cohort	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Total
First Nations Australians	25,210	1,855	9,290	5,675	550	830	1,525	285	45,220
People with disability	17,120	16,180	13,945	11,305	1,115	1,755	320	1,500	63,235
Job seekers	110,505	31,910	24,965	5,175	6,310	2,780	600	1,785	184,030
Young persons (24 and under)	87,630	62,465	58,800	38,555	7,260	2,920	805	2,080	260,520
Women	195,070	83,190	76,985	77,095	14,925	5,595	2,050	3,280	458,190

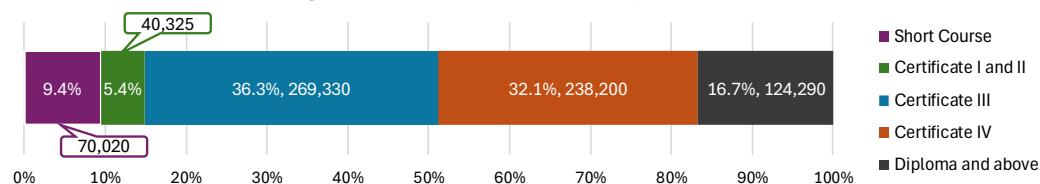
Fee-Free TAFE helps people in all stages of their working life

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



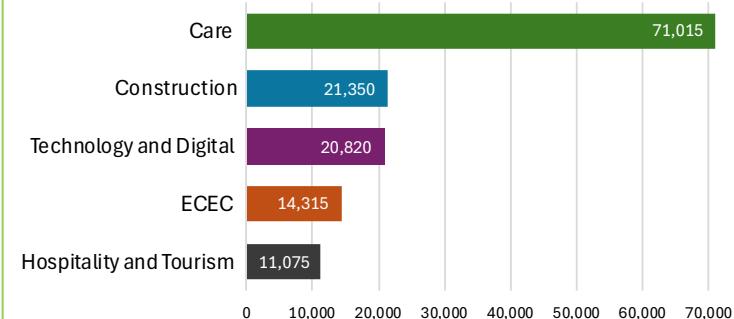
The top enrolled courses are focussed on key areas of national priority

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 31 December 2025, there have been 245,785 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 II in Electrotechnology (Pre-Vocational)	Certificate IV in Cyber Security
Certificate IV in Building and Construction	Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician

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 4, 2025. Numbers are expected to rise as more students finish their courses, especially those studying part-time or in longer courses.