



International education and managed growth arrangements for 2027 – transnational VET education

The Australian Government remains committed to a high quality, resilient and sustainable international education sector. A managed approach has been effective in returning student numbers to more sustainable levels in 2025 and 2026 and the government has now determined arrangements for 2027, including for transnational delivery of VET qualifications.

More information about [managed growth for international education](#) is published by the Department of Education.

Eligible transnational VET education arrangements

The government supports providers taking Australian education and training to the world. High-quality transnational education (TNE) builds important linkages and institutional partnerships, contributes to Australia's research goals and foreign policy priorities, and complements Australia's onshore international education sector.

To support high-quality TNE, students enrolled in eligible TNE arrangements will not count towards a provider's total of New Overseas Student Commencements (NOSC) and will receive 'Priority 1 – High' status during Student visa application processing.

This TNE Factsheet sets out the eligibility criteria for the VET TNE exemption for 2027.

Students studying under a TNE program are eligible for exemption from a provider's NOSC allocation and prioritisation of their Student visa application, if:

1. The overseas component of study forms part of the delivery of an Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) VET qualification. This is a single VET course, regulated by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and registered as an approved course of study on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS), and
2. The course is delivered to the relevant student¹ through face-to-face learning, not online delivery, where both trainers and students are co-located together offshore, and

¹ A relevant student is a student making a Student visa (Subclass 500) application.

3. No more than 60% of the course duration (in weeks) leading to the AQF qualification is completed in Australia, and
4. ASQA has been notified of offshore delivery and the offshore delivery location through the Asqanet portal.

Providers delivering nationally recognised training offshore are reminded they are required to comply with the 2025 Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs).

VET providers must apply to DEWR to have their TNE arrangements considered for eligibility for the TNE exemption and Priority 1 Student visa processing.

For further information and to apply for approval of a TNE arrangement, VET providers should email ManagedGrowth@dewr.gov.au.