



# 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 the Australian Government will partner with states and territories to support a quality teaching VET Workforce and lift the quality of VET education and training.

Measures to strengthen the VET workforce will be identified in the VET Workforce Blueprint, which is currently being developed in collaboration with the states and territories.

The Blueprint will identify effective strategies for VET workforce attraction, retention, building capability, supporting career development, and succession planning.

### What are the benefits?

Measures to strengthen the VET workforce will:

- Deliver short, medium and long-term actions to support and grow a quality VET workforce
- Identify strategies for attraction, retention, career development and succession planning
- Focus on quality and capability of the existing workforce
- Provide localised and state and territory-based responses that can be implemented, where relevant
- Include national responses

### 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 five years for measures to strengthen the VET workforce. This comprises:

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

Commonwealth financial contributions to states and territories will be matched by the relevant state or territory.

## **What are the next steps?**

The development of the VET Workforce Blueprint is being guided by a tripartite expert steering group. It will be finalised in early 2024, following consultation with the sector and industry representatives through key stakeholder roundtables and a public submission process.

The Australian Government will work with states and territories to agree on implementation arrangements to deliver the initiative.