



International education and managed growth arrangements for 2026 – transnational VET education

The Australian Government remains committed to a high quality, resilient international education sector with modest growth over time. A managed growth approach has been effective in returning student numbers to a more sustainable level in 2025 and the Government has now determined arrangements for 2026, including for transnational VET education.

More information about the [Government's managed growth arrangements for 2026](#) is published by the Department of Education.

[Allocations for all VET providers for 2026](#) were published on 4 August 2025 (and continue to be available in PRISMS) and provider progress against allocations will continue to inform prioritisation for offshore student visa processing.

Eligible transnational VET education arrangements

The government supports providers to take 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 education.

To support high-quality TNE, visa applications from students enrolled in eligible TNE arrangements will continue to receive ongoing Priority 1 processing. This TNE Factsheet updates the previous criteria for eligible VET TNE arrangements.

An eligible TNE arrangement is a VET course which meets the following criteria:

1. Offshore study forms part of the course delivery of Nationally Recognised Training (NRT). This is a VET course leading to an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) qualification, regulated and registered with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), 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 leading to the AQF qualification is completed in Australia, with limited scope for VET courses delivered by public providers to exceed this threshold with approval on a case-by-case basis by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR), and
4. The VET course was in place prior to 1 July 2025, or, for VET courses registered after 1 July 2025, has been assessed as eligible by DEWR, and
5. ASQA has been notified of offshore delivery and the VET course is listed as an approved course of study on the provider's CRICOS registration.

A TNE arrangement is not an eligible TNE arrangement if it only provides for credit recognition of a qualification already obtained overseas.

VET providers must apply to have their TNE arrangements considered for eligibility for ongoing Priority 1 processing. For further information and to apply for approval of an eligible TNE arrangement, VET providers should email ManagedGrowth@dewr.gov.au.