



Australian Government

Skills Reform

To support the future growth and prosperity of our nation, the Australian, state and territory governments are committed to improving the vocational education and training (VET) system. A strong VET system is critical for Australia's long-term economic recovery as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Building on this reform commitment, the Australian Government has also announced a series of initiatives in the 2021-22 Budget that will strengthen the VET system.


2019-21

Immediate reforms and achievements

-  Independent expert review of Australia's VET sector: Joyce review ▶
-  VET Reform Roadmap and consultation ▶
-  Heads of Agreement for Skills Reform ▶
-  Strengthening the role of industry and employers in the VET system ▶
-  Improving VET qualifications ▶
-  Supporting high-quality training delivery ▶
-  National Careers Institute established ▶
-  National Skills Commission established ▶
-  Free or low-fee training funded through the JobTrainer Fund ▶
-  Negotiations for a new National Skills Agreement by August 2021 ▶

2022-24

Implementation and next steps

-  Improving access to and support for Foundation Skills ▶
-  Supporting micro-credentials in the training system ▶
-  Harmonising and modernising apprenticeships to boost completion rates, support businesses and improve labour mobility ▶
-  Improving VET delivered to secondary students ▶
-  Promoting the National Careers Institute as the national front door to local career services ▶
-  Improving VET data collection, use and analysis ▶
-  Increasing investment under a new funding model ▶

Ongoing

Benefits

-  Simplified and streamlined national VET qualifications which are responsive to current and future skills needs
-  Building the skills of the workforce through high-quality and relevant training, with more opportunities for Australians
-  Career information is streamlined and empowers informed decision making
-  Improved transparency and accountability – learners, employers and industry are all supported to easily navigate a fair and transparent VET system
-  National consistency for learners, employers and industry, across course costs and quality, skills needs, subsidies and loans