

TAFE Technology Fund Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the TAFE Technology Fund (the Fund)?
 - The Fund is \$50 million to 'improve IT facilities, workshops, laboratories and tele-health simulators across the country'.⁵
2. Are private RTO's eligible for funding from the remaining funds available?
 - No, only state governments are eligible to apply for funding for publicly owned VET provider campuses, including public dual sector higher education providers (e.g. CQ University, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education), and does not include schools).
3. Can TAFEs apply directly for funding?
 - No, state governments will apply for the funding.
 - States may also submit proposals for community education providers and other public provider campuses, including public dual sector higher education providers.
4. Why is the funding for infrastructure and information technology only?
 - The funding specifically targets TAFE infrastructure to ensure TAFEs (and public provider campuses) are equipped to deliver training to the standards expected by industry and students.
5. What other assistance is there available for TAFEs?
 - This funding is in addition to the Australian Government's National Skills and Workforce Development Special Purpose Payment (SPP), which provides around \$1.6 billion to the states each year to support state training systems.
 - This funding is also in addition to the \$1 billion co-investment in Fee Free TAFE in 2023.
6. What about projects over \$3.2 million?
 - The Australian Government contribution is capped at \$3.2 million per project. That is, the Australian Government may fund the full cost of a project up to the value of \$3.2 million when the value of the project is \$3.2 million or less.
 - For projects with total costs over \$3.2 million, states will be responsible for funding the balance of projects above \$3.2 million, as well as ongoing operational funding for the project.
7. What happens in the case of cost over-runs?
 - States are responsible for meeting any costs for the project above those agreed by the Australian Government.
8. How will projects with completion beyond 30 June 2025 be treated?
 - Payments will be made upon completion of the project, unless the state and federal government have agreed to terminate the project and no further payments will be made.
9. Is an urgent project required to still meet the criteria?
 - Urgent projects are required to meet the assessment criteria.
10. How will industry support be assessed?
 - Industry support will be assessed on the evidence included in the project proposal.
11. What reporting evidence will be required quarterly?
 - States and TAFEs will be required to report quarterly (within 15 days of the end of the quarter) using the TAFE Technology Fund Project Quarterly Reporting Template provided by the Australian Government. Reporting will include:
 1. Status of the project
 2. Description of progress over the quarter
 3. Expenditure to date on the projects
 4. Major delays or risks to the project
 5. Outlook for the next quarter, including any planned events in relation to the project
 6. Endorsement by State and TAFE officials

12. Can we get the minister to sign a covering letter for all proposals that expresses support for all proposals and provides an order of priority for individual proposals?
- Yes, as long as it clearly expresses support for all proposals and gives an order of priority for the state for each proposal.