

Turbocharging the VET Workforce

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australian Tasmania Australian Capital Territory Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2027, or on completion of all approved projects (whichever is later), including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones.
Purpose	This Schedule establishes the funding arrangements between the Commonwealth and the states and territories (the States) to support the delivery of Turbocharging the VET Workforce. This Schedule provides Commonwealth funding to State projects that increase the teacher, trainer and assessor workforce for clean energy occupations.

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$30.0m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <hr/> <p>Table 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="403 271 847 349">(\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="847 271 1007 349">2025-26</th> <th data-bbox="1007 271 1166 349">2026-27</th> <th data-bbox="1166 271 1310 349">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 349 847 394">Estimated total budget</td> <td data-bbox="847 349 1007 394">15.0</td> <td data-bbox="1007 349 1166 394">15.0</td> <td data-bbox="1166 349 1310 394">30.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 394 847 483"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td data-bbox="847 394 1007 483">15.0</td> <td data-bbox="1007 394 1166 483">15.0</td> <td data-bbox="1166 394 1310 483">30.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 483 847 528">- New South Wales</td> <td data-bbox="847 483 1007 528">3.8</td> <td data-bbox="1007 483 1166 528">3.8</td> <td data-bbox="1166 483 1310 528">7.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 528 847 573">- Victoria</td> <td data-bbox="847 528 1007 573">3.2</td> <td data-bbox="1007 528 1166 573">3.2</td> <td data-bbox="1166 528 1310 573">6.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 573 847 618">- Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="847 573 1007 618">2.7</td> <td data-bbox="1007 573 1166 618">2.7</td> <td data-bbox="1166 573 1310 618">5.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 618 847 663">- Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="847 618 1007 663">1.7</td> <td data-bbox="1007 618 1166 663">1.7</td> <td data-bbox="1166 618 1310 663">3.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 663 847 707">- South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="847 663 1007 707">1.3</td> <td data-bbox="1007 663 1166 707">1.3</td> <td data-bbox="1166 663 1310 707">2.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 707 847 752">- Tasmania</td> <td data-bbox="847 707 1007 752">0.8</td> <td data-bbox="1007 707 1166 752">0.8</td> <td data-bbox="1166 707 1310 752">1.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 752 847 797">- Australian Capital Territory</td> <td data-bbox="847 752 1007 797">0.8</td> <td data-bbox="1007 752 1166 797">0.8</td> <td data-bbox="1166 752 1310 797">1.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 797 847 842">- Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="847 797 1007 842">0.7</td> <td data-bbox="1007 797 1166 842">0.7</td> <td data-bbox="1166 797 1310 842">1.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="403 842 847 954">Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td data-bbox="847 842 1007 954">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1007 842 1166 954">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1166 842 1310 954">0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: These figures reflect rounding – actuals may differ slightly and will be detailed in the Tables below.</p>	(\$ million)	2025-26	2026-27	Total	Estimated total budget	15.0	15.0	30.0	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	15.0	15.0	30.0	- New South Wales	3.8	3.8	7.5	- Victoria	3.2	3.2	6.5	- Queensland	2.7	2.7	5.4	- Western Australia	1.7	1.7	3.4	- South Australia	1.3	1.3	2.6	- Tasmania	0.8	0.8	1.6	- Australian Capital Territory	0.8	0.8	1.6	- Northern Territory	0.7	0.7	1.4	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0
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