National TAFE Network – Bilateral Appendix between Australian Capital Territory and the Commonwealth

PAYMENTS

1) The Commonwealth will make payment subject to satisfactory performance reporting by Australian Capital Territory demonstrating that relevant milestones have been met. After the initial payment, second and subsequent milestone payments will be assessed and processed in the following reporting period.
2) As part of the performance reporting, Australian Capital Territory will provide evidence of what has been delivered in the reporting period as specified in the Milestone and Payment tables. Payments will be processed once performance reports have been assessed and accepted.
3) Where a payment is due at a reporting period (31 March and/or 30 September), Australian Capital Territory will complete the relevant section of the reporting template and provide the evidence required as agreed in the Milestones and Payments associated with this bilateral appendix.

Table 1

Commonwealth Investment ($)	**Australian Capital Territory Investment ($)**	**Planned Start Date**	**Planned End Date**
$4.881 million	$4.881 million	01 July 2025	31 December 2028

MATCHED FUNDING ARRANGMENTS

4) Commonwealth funding will be for the purpose of national activities, actions and outcomes.
5) State funding can be used for activities within that state where national benefit is demonstrated, commensurate with the intent of the National TAFE Network.
6) The National TAFE Network approach to matched funding arrangements aligns with clause A119 of the NSA and are to be reconciled over the life of the NSA.
7) Australian Capital Territory will provide details of its matched funding contributions at the end of each financial year, commencing 1 July 2024 until 31 December 2028. Final payments under this implementation plan may be reduced where the total contribution by the Australian Capital Territory Government over the life of the project does not align with the Commonwealth contribution.

Table 2

Details of matched funding – Australian Capital Territory	**2025-26 ($m)**	**2026-27 ($m)**	**2027-28 ($m)**	**2028-29 ($m)**	**Total ($m)**
Core investment: Contribution to core function of the NTN (minimum 5 per cent)	0.200	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.400
Scalable investment: NTN annual workplan contribution	2.241	1.120	1.120	0.000	4.481
Total	2.441	1.220	1.220	0.000	4.881
Details of matched funding – Commonwealth	2.441	1.220	1.220	0.000	4.881
Grand total	4.882	2.440	2.440	0.000	9.762

Note: Funding totals may not sum due to rounding

Table 3: Australian Capital Territory: Core and scalable investment activities for the NTN for the period 2024 to 2028			
Milestone	**Evidence**	**Payment Value Up To (Commonwealth funded)**	**Report due**
Milestone 1: Signing of this implementation plan and bilateral appendix (July 2025)	Implementation plan and bilateral appendix agreed and signed by Australian Capital Territory and Commonwealth.	• $100,000.00 <Core Investment> • $388,000.00 <Scalable Investment> • To be paid in 2025/26 financial year	No report. Implementation plan and bilateral appendix agreed and signed.
Milestone 2: Commonwealth acceptance of a 3-month progress report of activities achieved by Australian Capital Territory for the period 01 July 2025 to 30 September 2025 against the Annual workplan	Report signed by Australian Capital Territory senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of project proposals achieved for the period 01 July 2025 to 30 September 2025 and attaches details of those key activities.	• $0 <Core Investment> • $733,000.00 <Scalable Investment > • To be paid in 2025/26 financial year	30 September 2025 for payment by 31 December 2025
Milestone 3: Commonwealth acceptance of a 6-month progress report of activities achieved by Australian Capital Territory for the period 01 October 2025 to 31 March 2026 against the Annual workplan	Report signed by Australian Capital Territory senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of project proposals achieved for the period 01 October 2025 to 31 March 2026 and attaches details of those key activities.	• $100,000.00 <Core Investment> • $1,120,000.00 <Scalable Investment > • To be paid in 2025/26 financial year	31 March 2026 for payment by 30 June 2026
Milestone 4: Commonwealth acceptance of a 12-month progress report of activities achieved by Australian Capital Territory for the period 01 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 against the Annual workplan	Report signed by Australian Capital Territory senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of project proposals achieved for the period 01 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 and attaches details of those key activities.	• $100,000.00 <Core Investment> • $1,120,000.00 <Scalable Investment> • To be paid in 2026/27 financial year	31 March 2027 for payment by 30 June 2027

Milestone 5: Commonwealth acceptance of a 12-month progress report of activities achieved by Australian Capital Territory for the period 01 April 2027 to 31 March 2028 against the Annual workplan	Report signed by Australian Capital Territory senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of project proposals achieved for the 01 April 2027 to 31 March 2028 and attaches details of those key activities.	• $100,000.00 <Core Investment> • $1,120,000.00 <Scalable Investment> • To be paid in 2027/28 financial year	31 March 2028 for payment by 30 June 2028
Milestone 6: Commonwealth acceptance of a final report of activities achieved by Australian Capital Territory for the period 01 April 2028 to 31 December 2028 against the Annual workplan	Final report signed by Australian Capital Territory senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of project proposals achieved for the period 01 April 2028 to 31 December 2028 and attaches details of those key activities.	• $0	Final report submitted by 31 December 2028
	Total	**$4.881 million**	

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this bilateral appendix as follows:

Signed *for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by*

The Honourable Andrew Giles MP

Minister for Skills and Training

24 / 7 / 2025

Signed *for and on behalf of the Australian Capital Territory by*

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