National TAFE Network – Bilateral Appendix between New South Wales and the Commonwealth

PAYMENTS

1) The Commonwealth will make payment subject to satisfactory performance reporting by New South Wales demonstrating that relevant milestones have been met.
2) As part of the performance reporting, New South Wales 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, New South Wales 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 ($)	New South Wales Investment ($)	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date
$41.975 million	$41.975 million	30 September 2025	31 December 2028

COORDINATION SUPPORT FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (REFER CLAUSE A120 OF THE NSA)

4) The Commonwealth will provide funding to New South Wales to commission the coordination support for the National TAFE Network, on behalf of participating jurisdictions while New South Wales retains membership of the National TAFE Network.
5) A funding agreement will be signed between New South Wales and the central coordination body for this function. New South Wales will act solely as an intermediary to distribute the funds to the preferred provider.

Table 2

Coordination Support	2025-26 ($m)	2026-27 ($m)	2027-28 ($m)	2028-29 ($m)	Total ($m)
Commonwealth funding for the delivery of the National TAFE Network coordination support (in accordance with Table 4)	1.934	1.934	1.934	0.968	6.770

Note: Funding totals may not sum due to rounding

NATIONAL TAFE NETWORK MATCHED FUNDING ARRANGMENTS

6) Commonwealth and State funding can be used for activities within that state where national benefit is demonstrated, commensurate with the intent of the National TAFE Network.
7) 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.

8) New South Wales will provide details of its matched funding contributions (clauses 52 and 53 of the National TAFE Network multilateral implementation plan refer) at the end of each financial year, commencing 1 July 2025 until 31 December 2028. Final payments under the bilateral appendix to the multilateral implementation plan may be reduced where the total contribution by the New South Wales Government over the life of the project does not align with the Commonwealth contribution.

9) This appendix may be amended at any time by agreement in writing by The Parties to update matched funding, reporting and payment milestones, as appropriate, to reflect project proposal activities developed and agreed by the National TAFE Network Committee through the annual workplan process.

Table 3

Details of matched funding – New South Wales	**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)	0.451	0.599	0.599	0.450	2.099
Scalable Investment NTN annual workplan contribution	8.545	11.393	11.393	8.545	39.876
Total	8.996	11.992	11.992	8.995	41.975
Details of matched funding – Commonwealth **(in accordance with Table 5)**	8.996	11.992	11.992	8.995	41.975
Grand total	17.992	23.984	23.984	17.990	83.950

Note: Funding totals may not sum due to rounding

MILESTONES AND PAYMENTS

Table 4: New South Wales: Coordination support activities for the NTN (clause A120 of the NSA) for the period 2025 to 2028			
Milestone	**Evidence**	**Payment Value (Commonwealth funded)**	**Report due**
Milestone 1: Signing of the multilateral implementation plan and bilateral appendix (September 2025).	• Multilateral implementation plan and bilateral appendix agreed and signed by New South Wales and Commonwealth.	• $ 677,000.00	N/A
Milestone 2: Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report of activities achieved by New South Wales for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 against the Annual workplan.	• A statement by the National TAFE Network Committee confirming satisfaction with coordination support activity for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 March 2026. • Report signed by New South Wales senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of coordination support project proposals achieved for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 and attaches details of those key activities.	• $ 1,257,000.00	31 March 2026
Milestone 3: Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report of activities achieved by New South Wales for the period 01 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 against the Annual workplan.	• A statement by the National TAFE Network Committee confirming satisfaction with coordination support activity for the period 01 April 2026 to 31 March 2027. • Report signed by New South Wales senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of coordination support project proposals achieved for the period 01 April 2026 to	• $ 1,934,000.00	31 March 2027

	31 March 2027 and attaches details of those key activities.		
Milestone 4: Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report of activities achieved by New South Wales for the period 01 April 2027 to 31 March 2028 against the Annual workplan.	• A statement by the National TAFE Network Committee confirming satisfaction with coordination support activity for the period 01 April 2027 to 31 March 2028. • Report signed by New South Wales senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of coordination support project proposals achieved for the 01 April 2027 to 31 March 2028 and attaches details of those key activities.	• $ 1,934,000.00	• 31 March 2028
Milestone 5: Commonwealth acceptance of a final report of activities achieved by New South Wales for the period 01 April 2028 to 31 December 2028 against the Annual workplan.	• A statement by the National TAFE Network Committee confirming satisfaction with coordination support activity for the period 01 April 2028 to 31 December 2028. • Final report signed by New South Wales senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of coordination support project proposals achieved for the period 01 April 2028 to 31 December 2028 and attaches details of those key activities.	• $ 968,000.00	31 December 2028
	Total	**$6.770 million**	

Table 5: New South Wales: Core and Scalable investment activities for the NTN for the period 2025 to 2028			
Milestone	**Evidence**	**Payment Value Up To (Commonwealth funded)**	**Report due**
Milestone 1: Signing of the multilateral implementation plan and bilateral appendix (30 September 2025).	Multilateral Implementation plan and bilateral appendix agreed and signed by New South Wales and Commonwealth.	• $104,950.00 Core Investment • $569,650.00 Scalable Investment	N/A
Milestone 2: Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report of activities achieved by New South Wales for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 against the Annual workplan.	Report signed by New South Wales senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of project proposals achieved for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 March 2026 and attaches details of those key activities.	• $346,050.00 Core Investment • $7,975,350.00 Scalable Investment	31 March 2026
Milestone 3: Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report of activities achieved by New South Wales for the period 01 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 against the Annual workplan.	Report signed by New South Wales 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.	• $599,000.00 Core Investment • $11,393,000.00 Scalable Investment	31 March 2027
Milestone 4: Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report of activities achieved by New South Wales for the period 01 April 2027 to 31 March 2028 against the Annual workplan.	Report signed by New South Wales 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.	• $599,000.00 Core Investment • $11,393,000.00 Scalable Investment	31 March 2028

Milestone 5: Commonwealth acceptance of a final report of activities achieved by New South Wales for the period 01 April 2028 to 31 December 2028 against the Annual workplan.	Final report signed by New South Wales 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.	• $450,000.00 Core Investment • $8,545,000.00 Scalable Investment	31 December 2028
	Total	**$41.975 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

5 / 11 / 2025

Signed *for and on behalf of the New South Wales by*

The Honourable Steve Whan MP

Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education

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