TAFE Centres of Excellence

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales
TAFE Centre of Excellence	TAFE NSW Hunter Net Zero Manufacturing Centre of Excellence (HNZM CoE)
Duration	This Agreement will expire on 31 December 2028 (in line with the National Skills Agreement [NSA]), or on completion of all milestones in Table 2 below, including final performance reporting.
Purpose	This Project Plan will support the delivery of the HNZM CoE. The HNZM CoE is being established under Part 6 of the NSA. This Project Plan outlines the additional activities funding for the HNZM CoE through the Turbocharging TAFE Centres of Excellence and Advancing Higher Apprenticeships (Turbocharging) measure. The Turbocharging measure was announced as part of *Working Future: The Australian Government's White Paper on Jobs and Opportunities*. The purpose of this additional funding is to fast-track the establishment of the HNZM CoE and to support work to expand the use of higher apprenticeship pathways.
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to New South Wales of $5.274 million in respect of this Project Plan.

Table 1

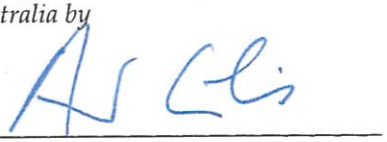
($ million)	**2024-25**	**2025-26**	**2026-27**	**Total**
Estimated total budget	**2.109**	**1.846**	**1.319**	**5.274**
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	2.109	1.846	1.319	5.274
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Part 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Milestone	**Deliverable/Evidence**	**Estimated milestone delivery and payment date**	**Payment Value (Commonwealth Funded)**
Milestone 1 Commonwealth agreement to and signing of this Project Plan for the Turbocharging TAFE Centres of Excellence and Advancing Higher Apprenticeships measure for the HNZM CoE (Turbocharging HNZM CoE).	Final TAFE Centre of Excellence Schedule Final Turbocharging HNZM CoE Project Plan	30 November 2024 For payment by 30 November 2024	$1.582 million
Milestone 2 Commonwealth acceptance that the HNZM CoE has completed recruitment of the dedicated strategic partnership team to fast-track engagement with key stakeholders to facilitate early development of Higher Apprenticeship.	Report signed by NSW senior official with responsibility for skills or their appropriate delegate that outlines key activities of the HNZM CoE in the reporting period (1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024) and attaches: • evidence of engagement with key stakeholder groups, and • evidence of stakeholder engagement in early development of Higher Apprenticeships content.	31 March 2025 For payment by 30 June 2025	$0.527 million
Milestone 3 Commonwealth acceptance that the HNZM CoE has completed development of three microcredentials that test / pilot Higher Apprenticeship associate degree content.	Report signed by NSW senior official with responsibility for skills or their appropriate delegate that outlines key activities of the HNZM CoE in the reporting period (1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025) and attaches details of three Higher Apprenticeship Associate Degree Microcredentials developed and pilot plan.	30 September 2025 For payment by 31 December 2025	$0.527 million
Milestone 4 Commonwealth acceptance that the HNZM CoE has:	Report signed by NSW senior official with responsibility for skills or their appropriate delegate that outlines key activities of the HNZM CoE in the reporting period (1 April 2025 to 30 September 2025) and attaches:	31 March 2026 For payment by 30 June 2026	$1.319 million

• completed development of three microcredentials that test / pilot Higher Apprenticeship associate degree content • completed fit out of Mobile Training Unit for regional and remote training • completed design and development of the program for training employers of apprentices, and • developed strategic partnerships with industry to deliver pilot Higher Apprenticeship program, mini electricity grid, and sustainable manufacturing hub.	• evidence of three Higher Apprenticeship Associate Degree Microcredentials developed and pilot plan • evidence of a Mobile Training Unit (MTU) equipped for delivery and evidence of regional and remote delivery plan • evidence of a complete program developed for training employers of apprentices and delivery plan, and • evidence of strategic partnership with industry.		
Milestone 5 Commonwealth acceptance that the HNZM CoE has: • completed full development and accreditation of the Associate Degree in Electrotechnology and Renewable Technologies (Higher Apprenticeship) • developed renewable energy-related units of study from the program as pilot microcredentials in 2025 • completed capability uplift of two trainers through Paid-to-Learn or Diploma of Adult Education • completed first cohort of training for employers of apprentices, and • commenced training the first pilot cohort of the Associate Degree in Electrotechnology and Renewable Technologies (Higher Apprenticeship).	Report signed by NSW senior official with responsibility for skills or their appropriate delegate that outlines key activities of the HNZM CoE in the reporting period (1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026) and attaches: • program documentation for associate degree in Electrotechnology and Renewable Technologies (Higher Apprenticeship), including details of course accreditation • evidence of completion of two trainers in the Paid-to-Learn or Diploma of Adult Education program • evidence of the first cohort of training for employers of apprentices, and • evidence of commencement of training for associate degree in Electrotechnology and Renewable Technologies.	30 September 2026 For payment by 31 December 2026	$1.319 million

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this Project Plan as follows:

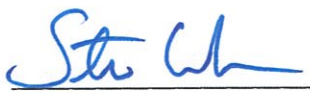
Signed *for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by*



The Honourable Andrew Giles MP
Minister for Skills and Training

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



The Honourable Steve Whan MP
Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education

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