National TAFE Network – Bilateral Appendix between Northern Territory and the Commonwealth

PAYMENTS

1) The Commonwealth will make payment subject to satisfactory performance reporting by Northern Territory demonstrating that relevant milestones have been met.

2) As part of the performance reporting, Northern 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, Northern 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 ($)	Northern Territory Investment ($)	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date
$3.870 million	$3.870 million	1 January 2026	31 December 2028

NATIONAL TAFE NETWORK MATCHED FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

4) 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.

5) 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.

6) Northern Territory 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 Northern Territory Government over the life of the project does not align with the Commonwealth contribution.

7) 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 2

Details of matched funding – Northern 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)	0.183	0.187	0.187	0.121	0.678
Scalable investment: NTN annual workplan contribution	0.387	1.061	1.061	0.683	3.192
Total	0.570	1.248	1.248	0.804	3.870
Details of matched funding – Commonwealth **(in accordance with Table 3)**	0.570	1.248	1.248	0.804	3.870
Grand total	1.140	2.496	2.496	1.608	7.740

Note: Funding totals may not sum due to rounding

Table 3: Northern Territory: 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 (December 2025)	Multilateral Implementation plan and bilateral appendix agreed and signed by Northern Territory and Commonwealth.	• $183,000.00 Core Investment	N/A
Milestone 2: Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report of activities achieved by Northern Territory for the period 01 January 2026 to 31 March 2026 against the Annual workplan	Report signed by Northern Territory senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of project proposals achieved for the period 01 January 2026 to 31 March 2026 and attaches details of those key activities.	• $387,000.00 Scalable Investment	31 March 2026
Milestone 3: Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report of activities achieved by Northern Territory for the period 01 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 against the Annual workplan	Report signed by Northern 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.	• $187,200.00 Core Investment • $1,060,800.00 Scalable Investment	31 March 2027
Milestone 4: Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report of activities achieved by Northern Territory for the period 01 April 2027 to 31 March 2028 against the Annual workplan	Report signed by Northern 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.	• $187,200.00 Core Investment • $1,060,800.00 Scalable Investment	31 March 2028

Milestone 5: Commonwealth acceptance of a final report of activities achieved by Northern Territory for the period 01 April 2028 to 31 December 2028 against the Annual workplan	Final report signed by Northern 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.	• $120,600.00 Core Investment • $683,400.00 Scalable Investment	31 December 2028
	Total	**$3.870 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

23 / 12 / 2025

Signed *for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by*

The Honourable Jo Hersey

Minister for Education and Training

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