TAFE Centres of Excellence

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Part 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Queensland
TAFE Centre of Excellence	TAFE Qld Centre of Excellence – Health Care and Support (CoE in HCaS)
Duration	This Project Plan 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 CoE in HCaS. The CoE in HCaS is being established through the NSA. This Project Plan outlines the additional activities funding for the CoE in HCaS 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 CoE in HCaS 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 Queensland of $5.0 million in respect of this Project Plan.

Table 1

($ million)	**2024-25**	**2025-26**	**Total**
Estimated total budget	**2.5**	**2.5**	**5.0**
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	2.5	2.5	5.0
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 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 CoE in HCaS (Turbocharging CoE in HCaS).	Final TAFE Centre of Excellence Schedule Final Turbocharging CoE in HCaS Project Plan	15 September 2024 For payment by 31 October 2024	$1.5 million
Milestone 2 Commonwealth acceptance that the CoE in HCAS has established a strategic partnerships strategy and is undertaking collaborative activities with the following stakeholders: • relevant employers, unions, universities, governments, Jobs and Skills Councils, other TAFE Centres of Excellence • other TAFEs, including through the National TAFE Network • Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia • Council of Ageing Queensland • National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ageing • Aged Care Council • the Queensland Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer, and • national nursing stakeholders.	Report signed by Queensland senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of the CoE in HCaS in the reporting period (1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025) and attaches details of stakeholder engagement and establishment of strategic partnerships.	31 March 2025 For payment by 30 June 2025	$1.0 million

Milestone 3 Commonwealth acceptance that the CoE in HCaS has: • undertaken stakeholder consultation and collaboration to explore higher apprenticeship (or equivalent) options, issues and opportunities, and recommended options, and • researched pathway options for higher level apprenticeships in the care and support sector, including options for existing Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) approved higher education providers.	Report signed by Queensland senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of the CoE in HCaS in the reporting period (1 April 2025 to 30 September2025) and attaches: • a summary of stakeholder engagement exploring higher apprenticeship (or equivalent) options, issues and opportunities, and recommended options, and • documentation on pathway options for higher level apprenticeships in the care and support sector.	30 September 2025 For payment by 31 December 2025	$1.5 million
Milestone 4 Commonwealth acceptance that the CoE in HCaS has: • developed new higher apprenticeship (or equivalent) options for implementation in collaboration with key stakeholders, and • secured pilot opportunities for preferred model(s).	Report signed by Queensland senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of the CoE in HCaS in the reporting period (1 October 2025 to 30 April 2026) and attaches: • details of stakeholder engagement in training product design and development of new higher apprenticeship (or equivalent) options for implementation, and • details of pilot opportunities for preferred model(s).	30 April 2026 For payment by 30 June 2026	$1.0 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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10/09/2024

Signed *for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by*



The Honourable Lance McCallum MP
Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development

23/09/2024