TAFE Centres of Excellence

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Part1: Formalities and operation of Project Plan	
Parties	Commonwealth South Australia
TAFE Centre of Excellence	TAFE SA Centre of Excellence in Early Childhood Education and Care (TAFE SA CoE in ECEC)
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 TAFE SA CoE in ECEC. The TAFE SA CoE in ECEC is being established under Part 6 of the NSA. This Project Plan outlines the additional activities funding for the TAFE SA CoE in ECEC 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 TAFE SA CoE in ECEC 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 South Australia of $5.003 million in respect of this Project Plan.

Table 1

($ million)	**2024-25**	**2025-26**	**Total**
Estimated total budget	**3.252**	**1.751**	**5.003**
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	3.252	1.751	5.003
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 TAFE SA CoE in ECEC (Turbocharging TAFE SA CoE in ECEC).	Final TAFE Centre of Excellence Schedule Final Turbocharging TAFE SA CoE in ECEC Project Plan	30 November 2024 For payment by 31 December 2024	$1.501 million
Milestone 2 Commonwealth acceptance that the TAFE SA CoE in ECEC has appointed staff.	Report signed by SA senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of the TAFE SA CoE in ECEC in the reporting period (1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024) and attaches details of appointed TAFE SA CoE in ECEC staff.	20 November 2024 For payment by 31 December 2024	$0.500 million
Milestone 3 Commonwealth acceptance that the TAFE SA CoE in ECEC has: • held stakeholder forums and workshops (minimum 4) • established demonstration sites for accelerated initiatives (6) • identified requirements and recommendations for tools, and learning and assessment resources to support the meeting of entry requirements for the Diploma of ECEC (with modification or removal of pre-requisite Certificate III in ECEC requirements), and	Report signed by SA senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of the TAFE SA CoE in ECEC in the reporting period (1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025) and attaches: • a report outlining stakeholder attendance and outcomes of four stakeholder forums and workshops • a report of established demonstration sites for accelerated initiatives • a report identifying requirements and recommendations for tools, and learning resources to support the meeting of entry requirements for the Diploma of ECEC, and • a complete report of Diploma of ECEC higher apprenticeship delivery model analysis.	31 March 2025 For payment by 30 June 2025	$1.251 million

• completed analysis of the Diploma of ECEC higher apprenticeship deliveryyes model.			
Milestone 4 Commonwealth acceptance that the TAFE SA CoE in ECEC has: • had the Diploma of ECEC higher apprenticeship delivery model designed and validated by the ECEC sector • provided support to HumanAbility to modify the existing Diploma of ECEC to remove barriers to uptake • identified requirements and recommendations for TAFE developed Bachelor in ECEC or AQF VET qualification in ECEC subject to pathway approval and industry feedback, and • commenced delivery of Diploma of ECEC higher apprenticeship model.	Report signed by SA senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of the TAFE SA CoE in ECEC in the reporting period (1 April 2025 to 30 September 2025) and attaches: • details of validation of ECEC higher apprenticeship delivery model by sector • details of support provided to HumanAbility to modify the existing Diploma of ECEC to remove barriers to uptake and associated outcomes • details of requirements and recommendations for TAFE developed Bachelor in ECEC, and • details of commencement of Diploma of ECEC higher apprenticeship model delivery.	30 September 2025 For payment by 31 December 2025	$1.251 million
Milestone 5 Commonwealth acceptance that the TAFE SA CoE in ECEC has: developed and submitted the Bachelor in ECEC curriculum to the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) for accreditation, or developed and submitted the AQF VET qualification in ECEC to the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for accreditation.	Report signed by SA senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of the TAFE SA CoE in ECEC in the reporting period (1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026) and attaches: • details of Bachelor in ECEC curriculum course developed and submitted to TEQSA, and • outcomes of TESQA accreditation process.	31 March 2026 For payment by 30 June 2026	$0.500 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
20/ 11 / 2024

Signed *for and on behalf of the State of South Australia by*



The Honourable Blair Boyer MP
Minister for Education Training and Skills
8 / 1 / 2025