TAFE Centres of Excellence

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – EDUCATION AND SKILLS

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<tr><th colspan="2">Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</th></tr>
<tr><td>Parties</td><td>Commonwealth
Tasmania</td></tr>
<tr><td>TAFE Centre of Excellence</td><td>Tasmanian Clean Energy Centre of Excellence (TCE CoE)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Duration</td><td>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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Purpose</td><td>This Project Plan will support the delivery of the TCE CoE. The TCE CoE is being established under Part 6 of the NSA.
This Project Plan outlines the additional activities funding for the TCE CoE through the Turbocharging TAFE Centres of Excellence and Advancing Higher Apprenticeships (Turbocharging) measure. The Turbocharging measure was announced as part of the 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 TCE CoE and to support work to expand the use of higher apprenticeship pathways.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Estimated financial contributions</td><td>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Tasmania of $0.800 million in respect of this Project Plan.
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($ million)</th><th>2024-25</th><th>2025-26</th><th>2026-27</th><th>Total</th></tr>
<tr><td>Estimated total budget</td><td>0.400</td><td>0.300</td><td>0.100</td><td>0.800</td></tr>
<tr><td>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</td><td>0.400</td><td>0.300</td><td>0.100</td><td>0.800</td></tr>
<tr><td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td></tr>
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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 TCE CoE (Turbocharging TCE CoE).	Final TAFE Centres of Excellence Schedule Final Turbocharging TCE CoE Project Plan	31 March 2025 For payment by 30 April 2025	$240,000
Milestone 2 Commonwealth acceptance that the TCE CoE has: • commenced development of a Project Plan for the delivery of the General and Electrical (technical) Engineering Paraprofessional pilots, in consultation with the University of Tasmania.	Report signed by Tasmanian senior official with responsibility for skills or their appropriate delegate that provides an update on progress of the TCE CoE in the reporting period (30 April2025) and attaches: • evidence of engagement with the University of Tasmania, including details of the formalised agreement (between TasTAFE and the University of Tasmania) in relation to the development and delivery of the General and Electrical (technical) Engineering Paraprofessional pilots.	30 April 2025 For payment by 30 June 2025	$160,000
Milestone 3 Commonwealth acceptance that the TCE CoE has: • completed enrolment for the first cohort in the General Engineering Paraprofessional Stream, and • commenced development of the Electrical (technical) Engineering Paraprofessional Stream.	Report signed by Tasmanian senior official with responsibility for skills or their appropriate delegate that provides an update on progress of the TCE CoE in the reporting period (31 March 2026) and attaches: • evidence of commencement of training for the General Engineering Paraprofessional Stream, and • a draft of an industry-endorsed model for development of the Electrical (technical) Engineering Paraprofessional Stream.	31 March 2026 For payment by 30 June 2026	$300,000

Milestone 4 Commonwealth acceptance that the TCE CoE has: • continued operation of the General Engineering Paraprofessional Stream, and • completed enrolment for the first cohort in the Electrical (technical) Engineering Paraprofessional Stream.	Report signed by Tasmanian senior official with responsibility for skills or their appropriate delegate that provides an update on progress of the TCE CoE in the reporting period (31 March 2027) and attaches: • evidence of commencement of training for the Electrical (technical) Engineering Paraprofessional Stream, and • evaluation report for activities conducted across the term of the Agreement, including outcomes of the first-year enrolments for the General Engineering Paraprofessional Stream.	31 March 2027 For payment by30 June 2027	$100,000

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
26 / 3 / 2025

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

The Honourable Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Skills and Training
9 / 4 / 2025