National TAFE Network – Bilateral Appendix between Victoria and the Commonwealth

PAYMENTS

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

2) As part of the performance reporting, Victoria 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, Victoria 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 ($)	**Victoria Investment ($)**	**Planned Start Date**	**Planned End Date**
$35.494 million	$35.494 million	31 December 2025	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) Victoria 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 Victorian 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 – Victoria	**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)	0.444	0.533	0.533	0.266	1.775
Scalable investment: NTN annual workplan contribution	5.620	11.239	11.239	5.620	33.718
Total	6.064	11.772	11.772	5.886	35.494
Details of matched funding – Commonwealth **(in accordance with Table 3)**	12.678	8.647	11.671	2.498	35.494
Grand total	18.742	20.419	23.443	8.384	70.988

Note: funding amounts described in Table 2 are reflective of milestone payments, as described in Table 3. Some totals may not sum due to rounding

Table 3: Victoria: 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 this implementation plan and bilateral appendix (December 2025)	Multilateral implementation plan and bilateral appendix agreed and signed by Victoria and the Commonwealth.	• $177,500.00 Core Investment • $3,371,900.00 Scalable Investment	N/A
Milestone 2: Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report of activities achieved by Victoria for the period 31 December 2025 to 31 March 2026 against the Annual workplan	Report signed by Victoria senior official with responsibility for skills that outlines key activities of project proposals achieved for the period 31 December 2025 to 31 March 2026 and attaches details of those key activities.	• $266,250.00 Core Investment • $8,861,933.00 Scalable Investment	31 March 2026
Milestone 3: Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report of activities achieved by Victoria for the period 01 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 against the Annual workplan	Report signed by Victoria 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.	• $532,500.00 Core Investment • $8,114,667.00 Scalable Investment	31 March 2027
Milestone 4: Commonwealth acceptance of a progress report of activities achieved by Victoria for the period 01 April 2027 to 31 March 2028 against the Annual workplan	Report signed by Victoria 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.	• $532,500.00 Core Investment • $11,138,667.00 Scalable Investment	31 March 2028

Milestone 5: Commonwealth acceptance of a final report of activities achieved by Victoria for the period 01 April 2028 to 31 December 2028 against the Annual workplan	Final report signed by Victoria 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.	• $266,250.00 Core Investment • $2,231,833.00 Scalable Investment	31 December 2028
	Total	**$35.494 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

27 / 12 / 2025

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

The Honourable Gayle Tierney MLC

Minister for Skills and TAFE

23 / 12 / 2025