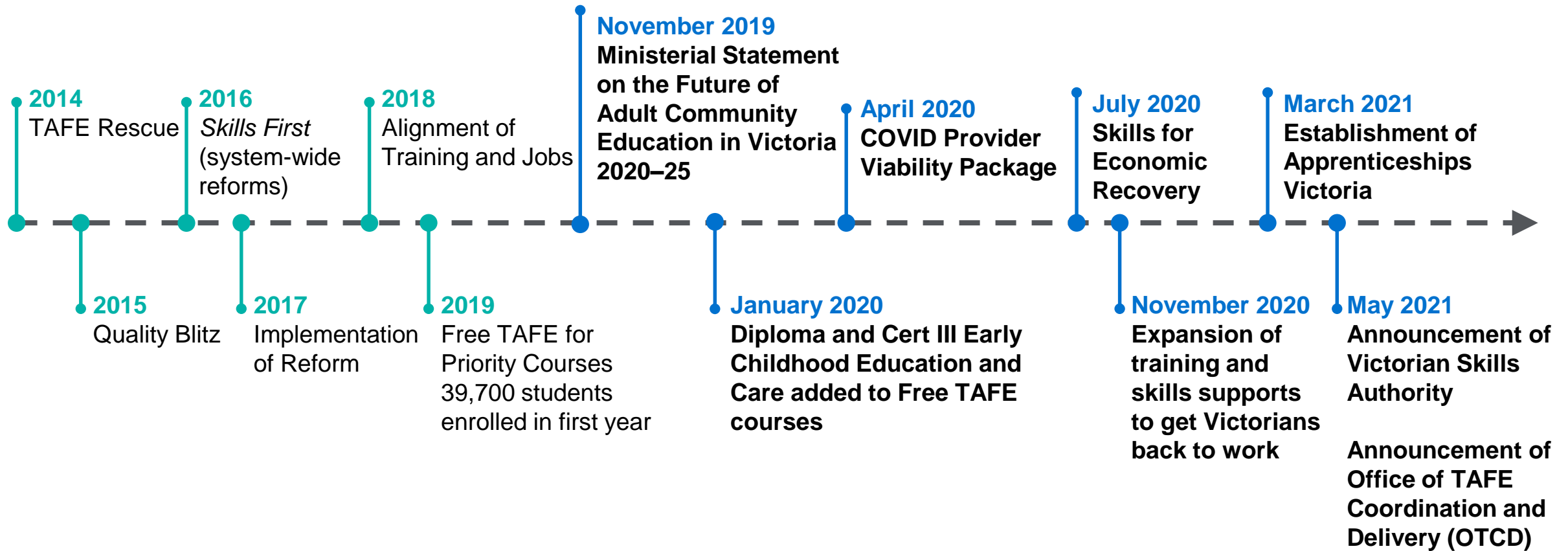


# Public Accounts and Estimates Hearing – Budget 2021-2022



21 June 2021

# \$3.2 billion investment in Victoria's TAFE and training system



High-volume training  
Tick and flick

High-quality training  
Real skills for real jobs

# Post-secondary education sector's role in supporting jobs


Previous Budget investment of **\$1 billion** creating an extra **80,000** training places — 60,000 of those being Free TAFE — over four years including:

Additional **\$350 million** Higher Education State Investment Fund

Through:

**\$631.4 million** 

For extra training places, ensuring Victorians can get the skills they need to secure a stable job

**\$6.5 million** 

For a TAFE teacher scholarship program and attraction campaign to ensure we have the highly skilled teachers to deliver Free TAFE, as part of **\$631.4 million** package

**\$155.4 million**

To increase access for those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic including women, young people, Aboriginal Victorians, people with disability and Victorians from CALD backgrounds

**These investments support jobs and look after Victorians.**



# Free TAFE remains central to our efforts to reskill Victorians

Previous investment creating

**60,000**

extra Free TAFE places

**Free TAFE** is increasing access for those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic including women, young people, and Victorians from diverse backgrounds

**Free TAFE**

**38,268** 

Victorians enrolled in a Free TAFE course as of 30 April 2021, **23%** more than same period in 2020



# Investment already making a difference to economic recovery

APPRENTICESHIPS VICTORIA

466+



EOIs in a Big Build Apprenticeship since established in Dec 2020

Big Build Apprentices are working on some of Victoria's biggest projects including:

The North East Link and Footscray Hospital

17%



Big Build Apprentices are women, compared to **10%** for Victorian apprentices, which drops to **2%** for the construction trades generally

28%

increase in new commencements by apprentices to April this year



# Budget 2021/2022 access to skills needed for jobs in demand

**\$383.8 million**   
Investment in skills and training

## Key initiatives:



Establishing the Victorian Skills Authority



Expanding affordable accredited training to get more people into jobs



Making TAFE even better



Supporting Adult Community Education and our Learn Locals



# Supporting students and getting Victorians back into work

**\$88.8 million** 

subsidised vocational education and training to enhance skills and employment opportunities and continuation of Asylum Seeker VET program resulting in **12,200** more training places

**\$2.8 million** 

for Victorians to develop their digital literacy and employability skills at Learn Locals

**\$3.3 million** 

to develop an online literacy and numeracy assessment tool for TAFE and training providers, including Learn Locals

**\$7.9 million** 

to support employers, communities, and students through the co-ordination of mandatory practical placements for TAFE students in demand areas such as: allied health, community services and early childhood, education and training

**\$2.7 million** 

Marrung initiative to teach First Nations languages

# Supporting accredited courses at TAFEs and other providers

On top of **\$631.4 million** we invested in last year's Budget for extra training places, this year's Budget invests:

**\$99.2 million** 

to increase support for government-subsidised accredited courses delivered by TAFEs and contracted training providers including:

- subsidy rates,
- maximum concession contribution rates, and
- non-free TAFE fee waiver rates.





# World-class TAFE facilities

**\$72.4 million** 

For the Building Better TAFEs Fund for major TAFE redevelopment projects to improve lifelong education pathways including:

**\$60 million** 

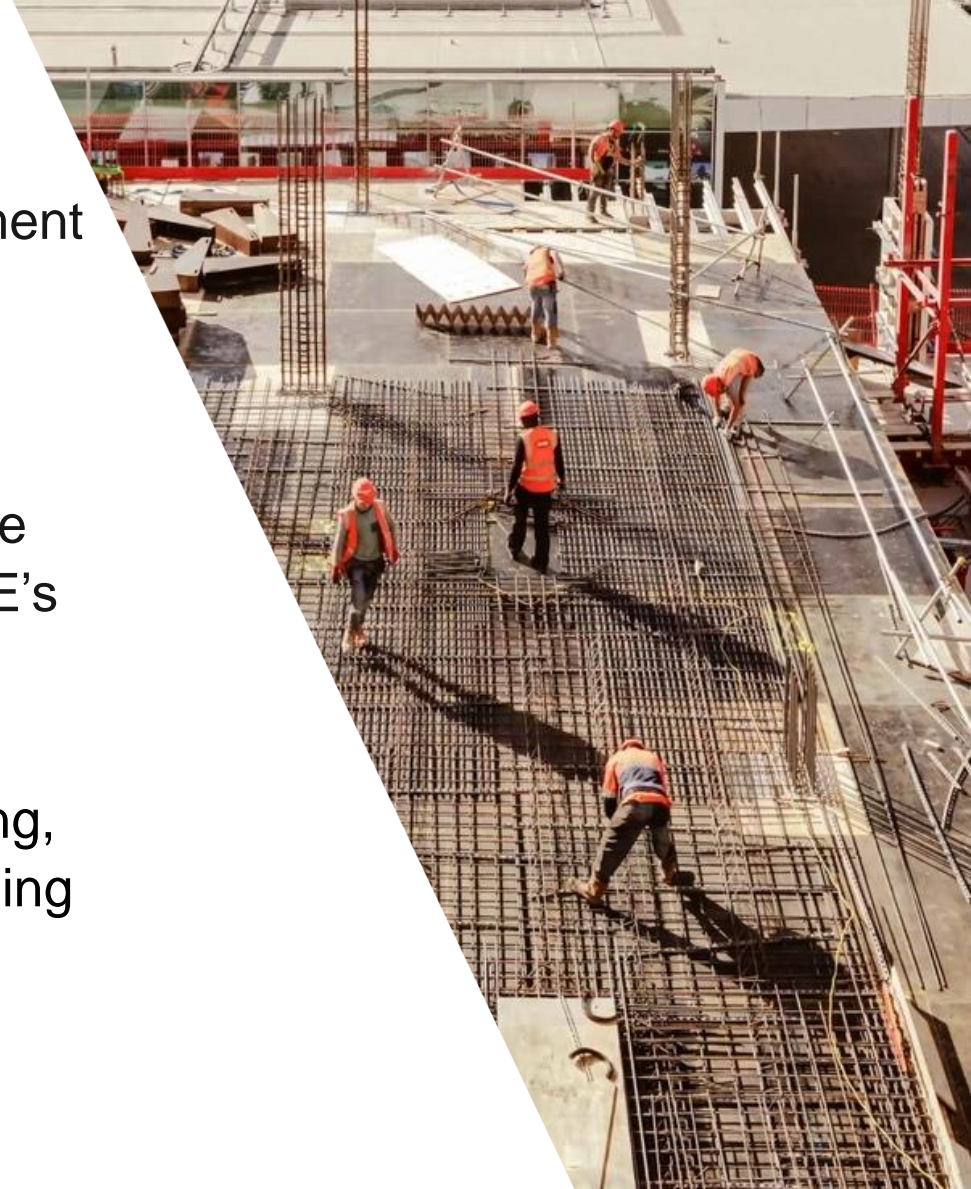
For the redevelopment of Kangan Institute of TAFE's Broadmeadows Campus, including:

- establishment of Broadmeadows Health and Community Centre of Excellence

**\$10.7 million** 

For the second stage of the redevelopment of GOTAFE's Archer St Shepparton Campus, including:

- relocation of Engineering, Automotive, and Plumbing Trades from the Fryers Street and William Orr campuses



# World-class TAFE facilities

**\$12 million** 

for TAFEs to upgrade facilities and equipment to support training for apprentices and trainees

**\$250,000** 

to begin planning for TAFE provision in Melton, for one of fastest-growing municipalities in Victoria



# Victorian Skills Authority

An even better TAFE and training system

**\$85.9 million** 

to establish the Victorian Skills Authority and be more responsive to the needs of our economy

The new Authority brings together the Victorian Skills Commissioner, Skills and Job Centres, and the VET Development Centre, and will work with industry, providers, and stakeholders to:

- use data analysis and insights to better plan for the future training needs of Victoria's economy
- generate place-based solutions for local and state-wide problems
- support improvements in the quality of training
- drive collaborative innovation across the VET sector.



# Office of TAFE Coordination and Delivery (OTCD)

**\$7 million** 

to support the Office of TAFE Coordination and Delivery

- to drive collaboration and coordination across the TAFE network
- coordinate public provider strategy, asset strategy, workforce strategy, shared services, governance, performance and accountability and oversight of TAFE finances
- expected to be implemented as a new business unit with the Department of Education and Training from mid-2021.



