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**Training and Skills, and
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Jobs, Skills,
Industry
and Regions

We are investing in skills and training to meet industry demand

Victoria is investing in and preparing for workforce demand now and into the future through investment in training and skills



Low migration continues to keep job vacancies high



Approximately 373,000 extra workers will be needed in Victoria by 2025 #



Roughly 82,000 of these extra workers will be needed in regional Victoria by 2025 #



Victoria's TAFE, training and higher education systems provide students with the skills and support they need to find new employment opportunities.

Since 2014:

- ▶ **\$627 million**
for new and updated TAFE campuses
- ▶ **\$340 million**
saved by over 137,000 Free TAFE students
- ▶ **\$350 million**
for the Higher Education State Investment Fund for projects that support jobs



In 2022, activity in government-subsidised and Free TAFE activity increased, with strong pathways into work

In 2022, 91.1% of government-subsidised enrolments were linked to jobs and economic growth*.

- 322,000+ government-subsidised course enrolments
- 52,000+ pre-accredited course enrolments
- 56,000+ government-subsidised apprenticeship enrolments
- 47,000+ Free TAFE enrolments.



Free TAFE is giving Victorians the skills they need

Since 2019, Free TAFE has helped more than 137,000 students save more than \$340 million and delivered graduates to key employment areas.

- There have been 47,000+ Free TAFE enrolments in 2022 alone
- There are now 80 Free TAFE courses and skill sets available



The Victorian Skills Authority and Skills and Jobs Centres make sure that training is closely linked to jobs and economic need

In 2022, the first Victorian Skills Plan was released to help guide training and skills programs, policy and investment.

In addition, the Victorian Skills Authority:

- Developed 7 Regional Skills Demand Profiles
- Ran 7 regional skills taskforces with over 700 community contributors
- Made over 20,000 client contacts, via 36 Skills and Jobs Centre sites, including 3 mobile services
- Fielded over 17,000 enquiries to the TAFE and Training Line.



**Victorian
Skills Authority**

Increasing participation, safety, quality and innovation of apprenticeships and traineeships

In 2022 there were 85,930 apprentices and trainees in Victoria – an increase of 11.8% from the previous year*.

Supports are vital to maximising training outcomes and apprentice success:

- There are currently 29 Apprenticeship Support Officers at 13 TAFE and dual sector institutes.
- In 2022, there were 76,500 ASO contacts with apprentices.



Victorian Government support for universities was vital during the COVID-19 pandemic

More than \$600 million has been provided to support Victorian universities since 2020.

- **\$350 million** for the Victorian Higher Education State Investment Fund
 - 50+ capital works, applied research and research infrastructure projects
- **\$265 million** in payroll tax support via deferrals [administered by the Treasury portfolio]

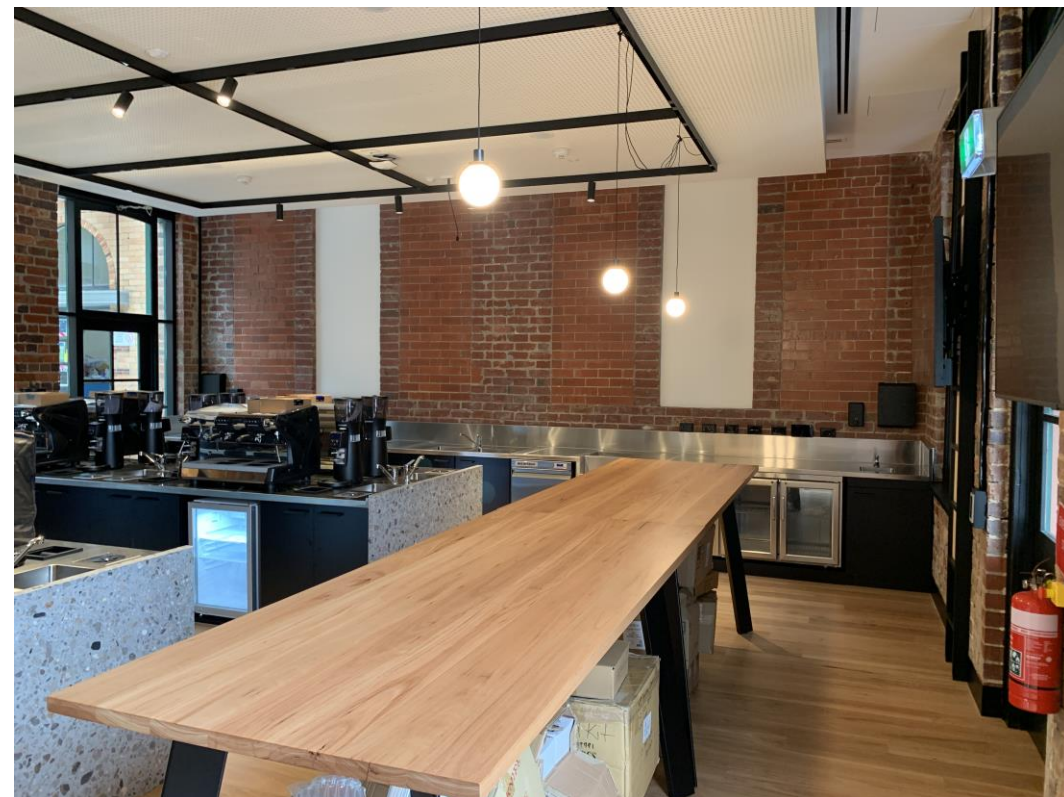


The Victorian Government will continue to support universities and will work with the Federal Government to agree on a University Accord that is in Victoria's interests.

Since 2014, the Victorian Government has delivered nearly \$627 million in funding to support more than 20 capital projects across the state

Capital projects over 2014 to 2022 include:

- The Gordon Culinary Centre, Geelong
- Chisholm Institute's Frankston campus
- TAFE Gippsland Morwell and Port of Sale campuses
- Melbourne Polytechnic's Advanced Manufacturing Centre of Excellence
- Bendigo TAFE's City campus
- SuniTAFE's Swan Hill campus
- Box Hill TAFE's Lilydale Trade Centre



This year, we will invest a further \$170 million to support new projects in key growth areas across the state, through the expansion of the Building Better TAFE Fund.

In 2023-24 the Victorian Government builds on its investment in training and skills with \$545.4 million for new initiatives

We will back TAFE institutes to ensure Victorians can get the skills they need for the jobs they want.

- ▶ **\$170 million** to boost the Building Better TAFE Fund and deliver:
 - new campuses in Melton and Sunbury
 - a new Centre for Excellence in Disability and Inclusion at The Gordon TAFE, Geelong
 - a Community Health and Learning Hub at Bendigo TAFE, Castlemaine campus
 - a new TAFE Clean Energy Fund
- ▶ **\$89.7 million** for continued supports to Victorian TAFE students
- ▶ **\$3.8 million** for TAFE curriculum and assessment resources



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We will expand the availability of government funded courses and apprentice supports.

- ▶ **\$186 million** to expand eligibility for Free TAFE and government-funded training
- ▶ **\$4 million** to deliver mental health training for Victorian apprentices
- ▶ **\$90.5 million** for additional government funded places, including Free TAFE and pre-accredited courses
- ▶ **\$1.5 million** for an Apprenticeships Taskforce to improve safety and fairness for apprentices and trainees

