



Overview

The Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC) is Australia's largest Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) investment in the Pacific and Timor-Leste. It was established in 2007 and is managed by TAFE Queensland. APTC's mission is to enhance workforce skills, inclusivity, and productivity in the Solomon Islands, contributing to regional prosperity.

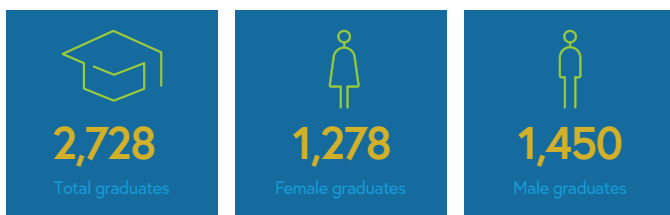
Solomon Islands Country Office

Established in 2013. Currently employs 23 full-time staff (16 nationals and 7 international staff) and 3 advisors for specific projects. We work closely with the public and private sectors together with other key TVET stakeholders.

APTC actively supports and strengthens the capability of 10 local training providers. We collaborate with these institutions to pilot national skills packages. This includes trainer capability development, providing essential resources, international standard equipment, and technical expertise, and ensures high-quality vocational training that meets the evolving needs of domestic and international labour markets.

Graduates and training

Graduates from 52 different accredited qualifications and International Skills Training (IST) courses since 2007.

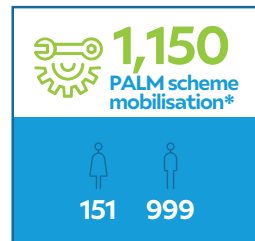


In addition to the total graduates, there are:



Note: Some of these graduates have been trained in other APTC campuses across the Pacific.

Labour mobility



IST



Note:* The number of graduates who have been mobilised for the PALM scheme during APTC3. We supported staff capacity development through IST and other professional development programs.

Current courses and training programs

- Certificate I in Agrifood Operations
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate II in Agriculture
- Certificate II in Construction
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Construction Work, Health, and Safety
- Certificate III Carpentry
- Construction Short Course
- Hospitality Short Course

Non-accredited courses

- Introduction to the Meat Processing Industry
- Agriculture Work, Health and Safety
- Team Leader Skill Set

List of key partners

- Solomon Islands Tertiary Education and Skills Authority (SITESA)
- Don Bosco Technical Institute (DBTI)
- Solomon Islands Association of Vocational Rural Training Centres (SIAVRTC)
- Don Bosco Tetera Rural Training Centre (DBTRTC)
- Kaotave Rural Training Centre (KRTC)
- Bishop Naramana Institute of Technology (BNIOT)
- Malaita Provincial Technical Institute (MPTI)
- Solomon Islands National Youth Congress (SINYC)
- Afutara Adventist Technical Institute (AATI)
- Tabaka Rural Training Centre (TRTC)
- San Isidro Training Care Center (SITCC)
- Divit Rural Training Centre (Divit)
- Batuna Adventist Vocational School (BAVS)



Achievements

- Provided SITESA with technical expertise to draft and finalise the Solomon Islands Qualifications Framework and the Solomon Islands Quality Standards for Tertiary Providers and the Solomon Islands Quality Standards for Non-formal Learning. Collaborated to develop policies and procedures for training provider registration and accreditation.
- Delivered Certificate II in Construction and Certificate III in Carpentry; provided tools, student ICT equipment, professional development, and a vehicle for DBTI.
- Delivered Certificate I in Agrifood Operations and Certificate II in Agriculture at the KRTC. Provided resources, and professional development for trainers including language, literacy, and numeracy support, and a vehicle for the centre.
- Provided MPTI professional development for trainers and the principal, tools, a vehicle, student laptops, and equipment for the delivery of the Certificate III Construction and Carpentry and the Certificate III Automotive Engineering national skills packages pilot.
- Strengthened outreach for SIAVRTC with training resources, a vehicle, and a multi-function printer.
- Provided professional development for BNIOT trainers and the principal, including a boat for remote operations, tools and equipment, support for carpentry and joinery.
- Supported agribusiness and carpentry training for AATI with transport and equipment; provided professional development for trainers and the principal; and handed over a boat for training supplies, industry engagement, and the campus operation.
- Provided equipment and student laptops for the delivery of the Certificate III Tourism and Hospitality, Certificate III Automotive Engineering national skills packages pilot, facilitated microcredential training for TRTC and provided a boat to support student work placements and the campus operations.
- Provided professional development and resources for disability training at San Isidro Training and Care Center and handed over student laptops and a student bus to support training delivery and the campus operations.
- Provided professional development for Divit trainers and the principal and handed over tools, equipment, student laptops, furniture, and a training vehicle to transport the remotely located trainers and connect students to work placements.
- Provided professional development for DBTRTC trainers and the principal and handed over tools, and equipment, student laptops, a training vehicle, a generator, and a tractor for the delivery of the Certificate III Agribusiness national skills package pilot.

Gender equality, disability, and social inclusion (GEDSI)

APTC is committed to addressing the barriers to training and employment for women, people living with disabilities and individuals from rural and remote areas. We work in consultation and collaboration with governments, peak bodies, associations and individuals who advocate for inclusivity and accessibility.

Key activities and achievements:

- Provided menstrual health and hygiene training for staff, students, and partner staff. A total of 260 individuals from rural and remote areas have been trained.
- Delivered Australian Sign Language Training to APTC staff.
- Supported the Virtual Youth Skills Hub Dialogue organised events with 1,148 provincial youth participants including 464 women.
- Conducted sessions on the Washington Group questions on disability data with 5 TVET partners.

 **71K**
listeners

Promotes TVET to marginalized groups through the Skills Without Barriers radio program

Climate change initiatives

APTC supports targeted activities for climate change adaptation and skills for the green economy.

- Integrated sustainable practices into training programs.
- Developed a Green Jobs in Construction pathway with the Solomon Islands Infrastructure Program and the Solomon Islands National University, linking APTC graduates to solar maintenance training



196 Climate
101 completions



APTC works in partnership with DBTI to provide students with enriched training and practical learning experiences in the Solomon Islands.



APTC delivered the internationally-recognised Individual Support (aged care) course in Honiara for the first time in 2024