



Goal and Program Outcomes

The Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC) is the Australian Government's largest Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) investment in the Pacific and Timor-Leste. It is implemented by TAFE Queensland (RTO 0275).

Goal: A more skilled, inclusive and productive workforce that enhances Pacific and Timor-Leste prosperity.

Supporting Purpose: The skills and attributes available to employers from Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) systems align with labour market requirements.

The APTC goal is supported by the achievement of three end-of-program outcomes:

- Graduates have improved employment outcomes
- Co-investment in skills training increases
- Selected TVET partners demonstrate quality TVET provision

APTC is proud to partner with FVTTCPD under the National Council for Persons with Disabilities to support inclusive education and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities throughout Fiji.



Our Graduates

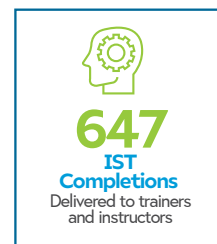
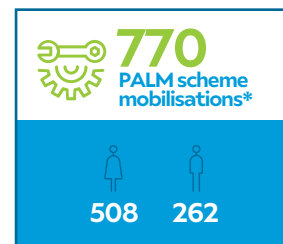
Graduates from 68 different accredited qualifications and International Skills Training (IST) Courses since 2007.



In addition to the total graduates, there are:



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



Note:* The number of graduates who have been mobilised for the PALM Scheme

Fiji Country Office

- Established in 2007
- Currently employs 40 staff

We work closely with partners such as the Higher Education Commission of Fiji (HECF), the Ministry of Education Heritage and Arts and Training and local TVET providers to support and strengthen the TVET sector in Fiji.

The commitment to supporting the training needs identified by the Fijian Government remains our top priority.



317 graduates in Fiji are the latest to receive Australian standard qualifications, one of the largest graduating cohorts for the APTC Fiji campus since 2018, showcasing the power of TVET in Fiji and the Pacific region.



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Key partners

- Pacific TAFE, University of the South Pacific
- Fiji National University (FNU)
- Navuso Agricultural Technical Institute (NATI)
- Centre for Appropriate Technology & Development (CATD) Nadave
- Makoi Women's Vocational Training Centre (MWVTC),
- Sangam College of Nursing (SCN)
- Fiji Vocational Technical Training Centre for Persons with Disabilities (FVTTCPD)
- Higher Education Commission of Fiji (HECF)
- Fiji Commerce Employers Federation (FCEF)
- Fiji TVET National Working Group
- Chevalier Training Centre (CTC)
- Pacific Disability Forum (PDF)

Delivering strong GEDSI outcomes



APTC works hard to address 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.

APTC Fiji has initiated a range of successful and innovative projects to tackle barriers and forms of exclusion.

Highlights would be:

In driving inclusion in TVET, we worked in collaboration with FNU, co-develop the FNU GEDSI Strategy and Action Plan, reinforcing our commitment to fostering inclusive and enabling environments for excluded and marginalized groups within Pacific TVET systems.

Our GEDSI initiatives have included:

- Supported the Homes of Hope through the formal process of becoming a registered training provider in Fiji. Close to 20 trainers from Homes of Hope completed the IST TVET Trainer and Assessor Courses in Suva, which helped Homes of Hope towards recognition, accreditation and delivery of national qualifications.
- Delivered dementia training and awareness on elder abuse for 38 caregivers from Vanua Levu and small islands.
- We upgraded the Walu Bay Trades Hub to improve accessibility for current and future students with disabilities, including building a new ramp, a raised concrete walkway, wider classroom doors, a sliding door for wheelchair access and a new accessible washroom.

Achievements

- We provided technical expertise to the MoE and HECF to develop Fiji's TVET Policy, which is now in the final stage of approval.
- Collaborated with the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) to conduct disability accessibility audits in all APTC training facilities. The same is currently being conducted with the Christian Mission Fellowship International College in the construction of their new 4 Storey vocational centre. PDF also conducted Disability Awareness to its TVET partners.
- Introduced new TVET programs and upgraded training facilities at NATI, CATD, SIT-CON, FVTTCPD, and MWVTC, providing students with enriched learning environments and industry-relevant skills.
- Established the APTC Aged Care Hub at the Fiji Campus, where we are supporting the delivery of the National Certificate Level 2 in Aged Care with Prestige Aged Care and Service Pro.
- Created and delivered national certificates for various industry sectors, including Certificate III in Aged Care, Certificate II Automotive Mechanical, Certificate IV in Counselling, Certificate I and II in Applied Fashion and Design, and Certificate III in Sustainable Boat Building.
- Development of the Trades Hub at Walu Bay which is also utilized as a training space by selected partners such as CATD, Chevalier and Montfort.
- Supporting 24 Solomon Island students (6 male, 18 females) in Certificate III in IS who are currently in Fiji for 8 weeks of practical and vocational placements. They will also undertake the 3 weeks Disability Specialty component of the Certificate III in Ageing Disability, which will be completed in early December.

75 Individual Support Training
Number of participants in the Certificate III in Individual Support (disability) training at FVTTCPD from July to October

24 Individual Support Training **18 6**
Number of Solomon Island students in the Certificate III in IS who are currently in Fiji for 8 weeks of practical and vocational placements.

19 Literacy and Numeracy Training
Number of students with disabilities which were funded by the Fiji Australia Business Council.

186 GEDSI Sensitisation
Number of APTC students and TVET partner staff trained

14 GEDSI Sensitisation
Number of TVET partner staff trained in Preventing Sexual Harassment and Corruption.

Climate Change

We support targeted activities for climate change adaptation and skills for the green economy.

This includes:

- Developed the Certificate III in Sustainable Boat Building in partnership with CATD. This program is helping to foster a skilled workforce dedicated to building vessels using environmentally conscious methodology.
- Installing grid-connected solar power with training equipment and an off-grid solar system with a hybrid inverter for short-course training in renewable energy at NATI and CATD.
- Delivering units on sustainable practices for the environment within APTC training programs.

35 UEE22120 Certificate II in Sustainable Energy
Number of completions

Labour Mobility

APTC supports labour mobility by delivering targeted training and supporting our partners to develop high quality training programs that provide skills in demand by Australian employers.

APTC Fiji has:

- Reviewed and implemented a training profile that supports national and international skills demand and net skills gain. This has been demonstrated through APTC's delivery mode of
- Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing) which uses a blended and accelerated learning approach to training in the fields. A total of 191 people were trained, 164 of them women.
- Representation at relevant labour mobility regional and sub-regional meetings, such as the Pacific Labour Mobility Annual Meeting and other conferences and seminars. Collaborated with the National Employment Centre and the Pacific Labour Facility to deliver targeted training programs that open labour mobility pathways for Fijians in key sectors such as meat processing works and aged care.