

## Overview

The Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC) is Australia's largest investment in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the Pacific and Timor-Leste. Established in 2007, the program is implemented by TAFE Queensland. APTC aims to boost workforce skills, inclusivity, and productivity in the region, contributing to enhanced regional prosperity through improved employment outcomes, increased co-investment in skills training, and high-quality TVET provision.

## Bilateral Program

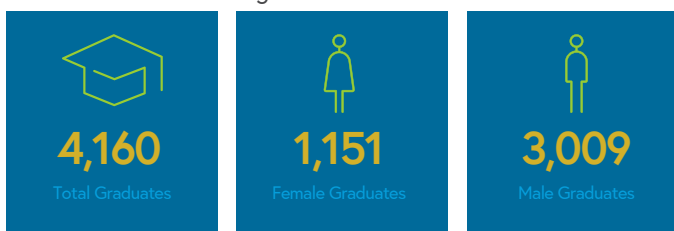
The Sub-National Growth Investment (SNGI) program is an expansion of the APTC regional program in Papua New Guinea. It was established to build the capability of four PNG national TVET institutions; Mt Hagen Technical College, Highlands Agriculture College, Bougainville Technical College, and most recently the Manus Training Centre. (NHRDP).

## PNG Country Office

- Established: 2007
- Staff: 38 (33 PNG nationals, 5 expatriates)

## Graduates and Training

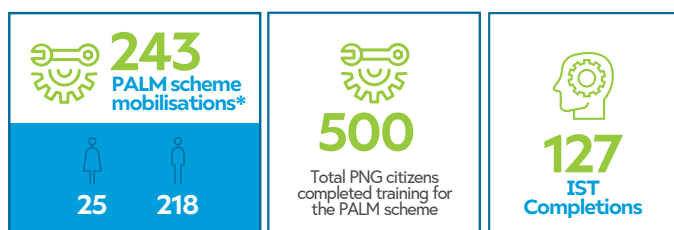
Graduates from 51 different accredited qualifications and International Skills Training courses since 2007.



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 during APTC3.

## Current Courses and Training Programs

- Certificate III in Carpentry
- Certificate III in Commercial Cookery
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- International Skills Training (IST)

## Key Partners

- Port Moresby Technical College (POMTECH)
- Mt Hagen Technical College (MHTC)
- Highlands Agriculture College (HAC)
- Bougainville Technical College (BTC)
- Manus Training Centre (MTC)
- Meri Tradies Association
- Mayur Resources Limited
- South Pacific Brewery Ltd
- Coral Sea Hotels



APTC supports students to acquire skills through Certificate II in Sustainable Energy (Career Start) course to support the growing demand for skilled professionals in the sustainable energy sector.

## GEDSI Outcomes

APTC is committed 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.

- Provided specific training such as Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment training for women in non-traditional trades.
- GEDSI training for staff and students, including internships for people with disabilities.
- Provided feminine hygiene products, and supported GEDSI committee for BTC.

## Major Achievements

- Established Flexible Learning Centres, provided training tools & equipment, upskilled trainers and administration staff and assisted in the development of policies, procedures, and operational plans for MHTC, BTC, POMTECH and HAC.
- Refurbished commercial cookery kitchen for training students at MHTC
- Facilitated 1,037 work placements, including 107 for women.
- Delivered IST and Certificate II in Construction; 23 out of 37 students secured employment at MTC.
- Provided mentoring and employability training for women via Meri Tradies.
- Delivered basic engineering training to 49 residents from Kido and Lealea villages.
- Facilitated industry and education forums in Mt Hagen and Bougainville.
- Supported work placements for students and alumni across various industries.
- Provided storage container for tools and supported internship with local employers at HAC.
- Purchased new woodworking machine and tools to allow for the delivery of small engines maintenance short course at BTC.

## 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.
- Training delivered: Meat processing, aged care, engineering pathways, digital literacy, cybersecurity.
- We work in partnership with the PNG Labour Mobility Unit and Pacific Labour Facility.

## Climate Change

- We support targeted activities for climate change adaptation and skills for the green economy.
- APTC integrates climate change adaptation and sustainable practices in its training programs.

 **131** Climate 101 Completions



Proud participants from East New Britain with their certificates after completing the aged care training delivered by the APTC in Papua New Guinea.