



Goal and Program Outcomes

The Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC) is 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

Our Key Partners

- National University of Samoa (NUS)
- Nuanua O le Alofa (NOLA)
- Samoa Qualifications Authority (SQA)
- Land Transport Authority (LTA)
- Lakapi Samoa
- Electric Power Corporation (EPC)
- Samoa Police, Prisons & Correction Services (SPPCS)
- Samoa Fire and Emergency Services Authority (SFESA)
- Samoa Water Authority (SWA)



APTC hospitality alumni and staff showcased the Samoan hospitality during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in Apia.

Our Graduates

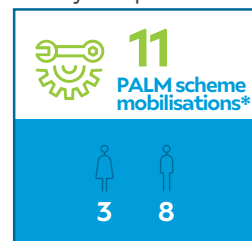
Graduates from 56 different accredited qualifications and International Skills Training Courses (IST) since 2007:



In addition to the total graduates, there are:



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



Note: * The number of graduates who have been mobilised for the PALM scheme during APTC3.

Samoa Country Office

- Established in 2007
- Currently employs 20 staff (including 18 Samoan staff, 2 expatriates)

APTC currently delivers the following Australian accredited programs in Apia:

- FSK20119 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- 11054NAT Certificate II in Plumbing
- SIT30821 Certificate III in Commercial Cookery
- CPC20720 Certificate II in Drainage

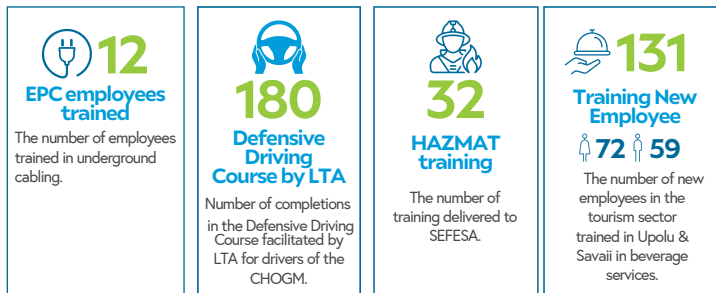
APTC offers flexible training delivery that meets the demand of industry and stakeholders through a broad regional program. Samoans are supported to undertake training in a range of Australian qualification courses both in Apia and at APTC's four other campuses across the Pacific.

We are committed to enhancing Samoa's vocational education sector through a range of partnerships. With the support of the Australian Government, we address skills gaps in critical sectors such as tourism and hospitality, water, and security by delivering Australian-accredited qualifications issued by TAFE Queensland. We emphasize inclusivity in training and employment by delivering training to inmates, aiding their successful reintegration into society and through our partnership with the Nuanua ole Alofa Disability Advocacy organisation and a range of government agencies. Our partnerships drive economic growth, social progress, and individual empowerment in Samoa, demonstrating the transformative power of education and skills development.

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

Achievements

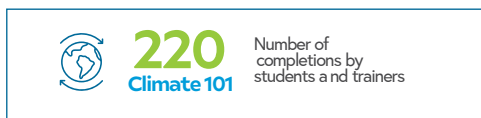
- Worked with NUS to develop a national qualification Certificate IV in Leadership and Management, which is now undergoing an accreditation process.
- Provided technical expertise for the Samoa Police Academy to develop its curricula to meet SQA accreditation requirements.
- Translated language, literacy, and numeracy resources into braille to ensure inclusivity and to empower individuals who are visually impaired with essential skills. This supports Samoa's Education Sector Plan by promoting diverse learning needs.
- With NOLA Disability Advocacy, we undertook research on Inclusive TVET in Samoa. The results highlighted there was enhanced employability, skills development, increased self-confidence, and a positive learning experience for people with disabilities who engaged in training.
- Worked with NUS to develop a national qualification Certificate IV in Leadership and Management, which is now undergoing the NUS internal quality assurance process to enable submission to SQA for program accreditation.
- Provided technical expertise for the Samoa Police Training Academy under the SPPCS partnership, Samoa Water Authority, and Samoa Fire and Emergency Services Authority to develop their curricula to meet SQA program accreditation and non-formal learning requirements.



Climate Change

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

- Delivering units on sustainable practices for the environment within APTC training programs.



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.

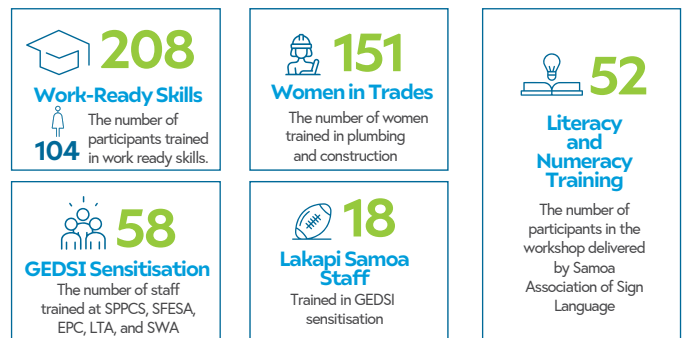
- APTC Samoa has:
- Reviewed and implemented a training profile that supports national and international demand and net skills gain;
 - Ensured country ownership of skills development by engaging and collaborating with key national labour mobility stakeholders, such as government ministries, national training providers, labour sending units, civil society organizations, employers, and industry bodies.
- Delivered meat processing and first aid training to candidates in the work-ready pool, aligning training to the PALM Scheme priorities.

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

- We have conducted the first Accessibility Audits with NOLA for EPC, SWA and LTA.
 - Funded the development of the Samoa Water Authority GEDSI Policy and Action Plan, which has been successfully completed and submitted by the SWA GEDSI Advisor.
 - Delivered GEDSI workshops to SQA, NUS, and NOLA, enabling them to create and implement their own GEDSI strategies and action plans and supported Land Transport Authority and Samoa Water Authority to successfully recruit their first GEDSI Interns.
 - Co-hosted the inaugural Women in TVET Forum to celebrate International Women's Day 2024, promoting inclusive education, training opportunities, and pathways into employment.
 - Delivered Prevention from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH) in Workplace Training for our partners and the Samoa Faafafine Association.
- This initiative highlights our commitment to fostering safe and respectful work environments across the Pacific region.
- Employed four individuals with disabilities through the APTC and NOLA Partnership Internship program.
 - Delivered accredited short courses in construction, food handling skills, Women in Plumbing, Work Ready Skills and Financial Literacy for over 60 inmates under the SPPCS partnership, equipping inmates with valuable skills for their reintegration into society.



APTC is proud to support partners such as EPC in skills development through capacity development training for staff.