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JURISDICTIONAL ACTION PLAN OUTLINES VET REFORM PROGRESS AND PRIORITIES

The Australian Government has released its [Jurisdictional Action Plan 2025–2026 Update](#), outlining progress and priorities aimed at strengthening a more responsive, inclusive and future-focused vocational education and training (VET) system.

The update reports on actions under the National Skills Agreement, with a continued focus on improving system quality, expanding access to training, and aligning skills development with workforce demand. Alongside major investment in TAFE infrastructure and delivery, the plan highlights reforms to foundation skills, new approaches to national collaboration, and measures designed to improve participation and responsiveness across the system.

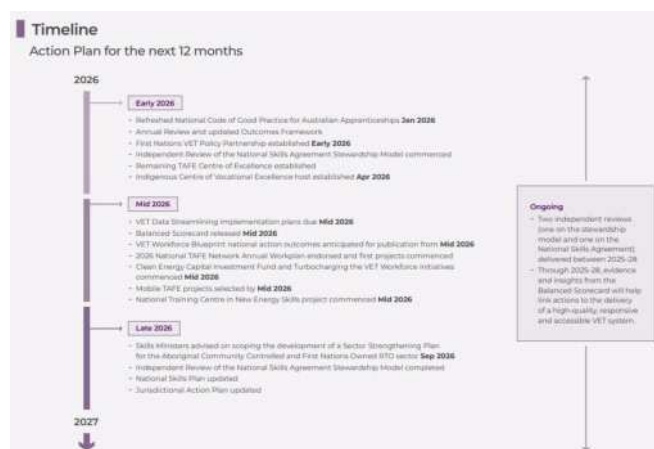
A strong emphasis has been placed on addressing national workforce priorities. These include supporting the net zero transition, strengthening the essential care workforce, building digital and AI capability, and increasing housing supply through targeted skills development. The plan also highlights the growing importance of sovereign capability and food security, with VET positioned as a key enabler of workforce readiness across these sectors.

Workforce projections highlight the scale of demand. Employment in the care sector alone is expected to grow by more than 22% over the next decade, alongside significant increases needed in construction and clean energy workforces.

Equity and participation remain central to the reform agenda. Efforts to reduce gender imbalance, improve outcomes for First Nations learners, and expand access in regional and remote communities continue, supported by initiatives such as Mobile TAFE and Remote Training Hubs.

Reforms to qualification design and regulation are also progressing, with a shift toward more flexible, purpose-led training and strengthened oversight to support quality outcomes.

Looking ahead, the plan identifies further milestones in 2026, including the release of a national Balanced Scorecard to track system performance and continued implementation of workforce and training reforms.



Source: Australian Government *Jurisdictional Action Plan, 2025–2026 Update*, Pg. 4.

To read the full Action Plan, click [here](#).



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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2026 AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

[Direct entry nominations](#) for the 2026 Australian Training Awards are now open, providing an opportunity to recognise individuals and organisations contributing to excellence across Australia's vocational education and training (VET) sector.

The annual awards program highlights achievement, innovation and commitment within VET, showcasing the role of the sector in supporting workforce development and skills outcomes. The awards also recognise those delivering high-quality training, supporting learners, and driving improvements across the system.

The 2026 awards will be held in Sydney, bringing together finalists, state and territory winners, and representatives from across the VET community.

The following categories are now open for nomination:

- [Outstanding Achievement in the VET and Skills Sector Award](#)
- [Innovation in VET Award](#)
- [Australian Apprenticeships Employer Award](#)
- [School Pathways to VET Award](#)
- [Excellence in Language, Literacy, and Numeracy Practice Award](#)

Finalists in these categories will join state and territory award recipients at the national event later in the year.

Nominations can be submitted on the [Australian Training Award website](#) and will close on 20 May 2026.



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How to Improve Outcomes Without Increasing Admin Load

What if you could strengthen learner support without stretching your team further?

See how RTOs are improving learner support, reducing admin burden, and meeting 2025 standards with smarter systems.

Covering key areas of the 2025 Standards:

- Training and learner support (2.3)
- Reasonable adjustments (2.4)
- Cultural safety (2.5)
- Wellbeing support (2.6)

**Your
speakers**



Nick Bishop
Partnerships Manager
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Joel Di Trapani
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Lyndin Smith-Francis
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How can you be sure your quality management is truly effective?

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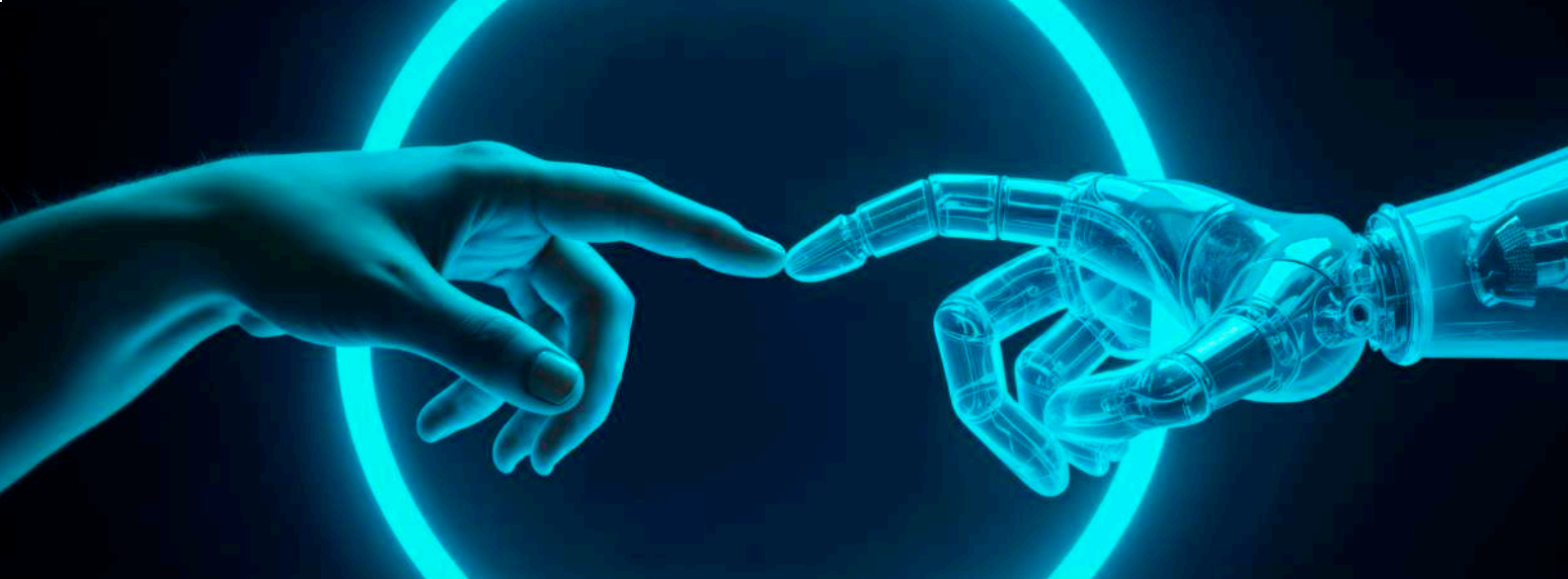
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AI-DRIVEN RECRUITMENT HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR SKILLS-BASED APPROACH

Artificial intelligence is now the first gatekeeper in hiring.

[An opinion piece from Jobs and Skills](#)

[Australia](#) Deputy Commissioner Megan Lilly highlights that AI is now often the first point of interaction in hiring, with systems scanning, scoring and shortlisting candidates before human review. While these tools are improving efficiency, they are also reshaping how applicants are assessed, with algorithms frequently prioritising job titles and formal qualifications over broader capabilities.

This has direct implications for the VET sector, where learners often develop strong practical, transferable and interpersonal skills that may not be easily reflected through job titles or credentials alone. It reinforces the importance of clearly articulating skills outcomes within training products and supporting learners to describe their capabilities in ways that align with evolving recruitment practices.

The piece highlights that many recruitment systems continue to rely on keywords and formal indicators, which can overlook “invisible skills” such as communication, problem-solving, adaptability and teamwork. This is particularly relevant in sectors such as care and community services, where these capabilities are critical to job performance but are not always explicitly recognised in hiring processes.

This issue is occurring alongside ongoing skills shortages, with industry data indicating that 85% of hiring managers report skills gaps, and 86% are moving toward skills-based hiring approaches. However, challenges remain, with many organisations still facing difficulties in identifying and assessing skills consistently.

To address this, Jobs and Skills Australia have proposed the development of a [National Skills Taxonomy](#), aimed at creating a shared language for describing skills across education, training and employment. The framework is intended to better align how skills are understood and to support clearer pathways between training and work.

Trials of the National Skills Taxonomy are expected to commence shortly, with broader rollout planned from mid-2026. The initiative is positioned as a step toward improving transparency in skills recognition and supporting a more consistent, skills-focused approach to workforce development.

You can read the Opinion Piece [here](#).



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JOBS AND SKILLS COUNCILS & TRAINING PACKAGE NEWS



Australian Government



Jobs and Skills Australia

News Updates:

- [2026-27 Work Plan development consultation](#)
- [As AI recruitment becomes the norm, Australia risks leaving real talent behind](#)
- [BSA VET Workforce Pilot – Feedback](#)
- [First Nations VET Workforce Research Paper](#)
- [New research highlights the vital role of First Nations leadership in Australia's VET workforce](#)
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BuildSkills
Australia

News Updates:

- [BuildSkills Australia Events](#)
- [Civil Construction Review](#)
- [VET Workforce Study](#)
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Industry Skills
Australia

News Updates:

- [2026 Industry Roundtables](#)
- [Advance Air Mobility Skills Gap Analysis](#)
- [Examining Earn While You Learn Promising Models – Consultation Snapshot Report](#)
- [Increasing Diversity across Transport Supply Chain Industries](#)
- [Joint Training and Licensing Program Launched to Boost Women in Transport](#)
- [Workforce Planning Update](#)
- [Read more](#) on Industry Skills' LinkedIn



FUTURE SKILLS
ORGANISATION
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News Updates:

- [Adobe and Western Sydney University uplift educator and learner AI capability across disciplines](#)
- [Digital Knowledge Exchange](#)
- [FSO Future Skills News](#) – 14 April 2026
- [FSO Spotlight](#) – March 2026
- [FSO Workforce Research Survey](#)
- [What We Heard: Insights from the FSO Workforce Roadshows](#)
- [Read more](#) on the FSO's LinkedIn



HumanAbility

News Updates:

- [2026 Roadshow](#)
- [Earn While You Learn Workshops](#)
- [HumanAbility Newsletter](#) – 1 April 2026
- [Read more](#) on HumanAbility's LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [Best Practice Case Studies](#)
- [Manufacturing Matters](#) – April 2026
- [Manufacturing Workforce Plan 2025](#)
- [MEA: Aviation Maintenance Skills Alignment](#)
- [Pathways+ – A resource supporting women in manufacturing](#)
- [Women in Manufacturing Network and Mentoring Program](#)
- [Read more](#) on MISA's LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [2026 Energy Workforce and Skills Survey](#)
- [Energise Newsletter](#) – April Edition 2026
- [Energy Jobs and Skills](#)
- [Expression of Interest: SparkED Pilot](#)
- [Foundation for Energy: Literacy and Numeracy for Energy Jobs – Stage 4](#)
- [Get involved](#)
- [Insights Update](#) – 27 March 2026
- [Read more](#) on Powering Skills' LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [EOI: Call for Participants in the Arts and Creative Industries – Share Your Journey](#)
- [March 2026 Policy and Reports Update](#)
- [Secure your FREE spot at a SaCSA Retail and Community Pharmacy Workshop](#)
- [Scoping Service Sector Futures: Career Journey Mapping](#)
- [Shaping Creative Futures: Designing a Framework for Creative Producers](#)
- [Update of Beauty Qualifications](#)
- [The Latest](#) – March 2026
- [Read more](#) on SACSA's LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [Drilling Operations Industry and Workforce Survey](#)
- [Feedback for the review of AUR32721 Cert III in Automotive Electric Vehicle Technology](#)
- [Handling Automotive Flammable Refrigerant Gases](#)
- [Handling Flammable Refrigerant Gases Consultation Webinar](#)
- [Review of Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology](#)
- [The Journey Newsletter](#) – April 2026
- [Read more](#) on AUSMASA's LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [Correctional Services Training Implementation \(Phase 2\)](#)
- [Join Our Strategic Networks](#)
- [Public Skills Australia – Workforce Insights Reports](#)
- [Volunteer Leadership Project](#)
- [Read more](#) on Public Skills' LinkedIn



News Updates:

- [Attraction and retention tools for employers](#)
- [Essential Meat Processing Skills Project](#)
- [Furnishing Apprenticeship Guidance Project](#)
- [Mapping Workplace Training to PPM Qualifications](#)
- [Resources](#)
- [Textiles, Clothing and Footwear Skills Mapping Project](#)
- [VET Workforce Project – Roundtable events](#)
- [Read more](#) on Skills Insight's LinkedIn



UPDATES FROM THE REGULATORS



Australian Government
Australian Skills Quality Authority

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(ASQA)

News Updates:

- [ASQA IQ](#) – 25 February 2026
- [ASQA Update](#) – 23 February 2026
- [Introducing our new beta website](#)
- [Real Skills Deserve Real Recognition](#)



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Training Accreditation Council
(TAC)

News Updates:

- [TAC Registration Standards 2025 Hub](#) - Updated 2 January 2026
- [TAC 2026 Roadshows](#)
- [TAC Update – Issue 117](#) – April 2026



Australian Government
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

TEQSA

Tertiary Education Quality and
Standards Agency (TEQSA)

News Updates:

- [Revised Academic Integrity Toolkit now available](#)
- [Sector alert: Commercial academic cheating service activities on campus](#)
- [TEQSA eNews](#) – 31 March 2026
- [TEQSA Talks #1, 2026](#): 19 March 2026
- [TEQSA Student Advisory Panel](#)



Victorian Registration &
Qualifications Authority

Victorian Registration & Qualifications
Authority (VRQA)

News Updates:

- [2026 Victorian Training Awards](#)
- [Free and confidential counselling for apprentices and trainees](#)
- [VRQA e-News](#) – 23 March 2026

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YOUR VET NEWSLETTERS AND PUBLICATIONS

NEWSLETTERS

- [AAIR Announcement](#) – March 2026
- [AITSL Mail](#) – 24 March 2026
- [ASQA IQ](#) - 25 February 2026
- [ASQA Update](#) – 23 February 2026
- [Australian Industry Group Newsletter – Edition 46](#) – 31 March 2026
- [Community Education Australia](#) – 1 April 2026
- [FSO Future Skills News](#) – 14 April 2026
- [HumanAbility Newsletter](#) – 1 April 2026
- [L&D Insights](#) – March 2026 Edition
- [Manufacturing Matters](#) – April 2026
- [Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance - The Journey](#) - April 2026
- [NCVER Data Support Bulletin](#) – April 2026
- [NCVER News – Edition #627](#) – 22 April 2026
- [Powering Skills Organisation – Energise Newsletter](#) – March 2026
- [Queensland Jobs and Skills Connect](#) – March 2026
- [Service and Creative Skills Australia – The Latest](#) – March 2026
- [TAC Update – Issue 117](#) – April 2026
- [TAFE Directors Australia News](#) – 20 April 2026
- [TAFE Directors Australia News](#) – 13 April 2026
- [TEQSA e-News](#) – 31 March 2026
- [VDC News – Edition 5](#) – 25 March 2026
- [VOCEDplus News](#) - 24 March 2026
- [VRQA e-News](#) – 23 March 2026
- [WorldSkills Australia – Skill News](#) – March 2026

PUBLICATIONS

- [2026-27 Work Plan development consultation](#)
- [HumanAbility – Examining Earn While You Learn Promising Models](#)
- [Jobs and Skills Australia - Vacancy Report – March 2026](#)
- [Mode of attendance in Australian higher education](#)
- [OES Assurance of Learning Positioning Paper](#)
- [Work-Related Training and Adult Learning](#)

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FOCUS WEEK
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