

## 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. APTC has made significant contributions in the Solomon Islands during APTC3.

## Solomon Islands Country Office

Established in 2013. Currently employs 23 full-time staff (16 Solomon Islanders 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.

During stage 3 APTC actively supported and strengthened the capability of 10 local training providers. We collaborated with these institutions to pilot national skills packages. This included trainer capability development, providing essential resources, international standard equipment, technical expertise, and ensures high-quality vocational training that met the evolving needs of domestic and international labour markets.

## Graduates and training

Graduates from 52 different accredited full qualifications and International Skills Training (IST) courses since 2008.

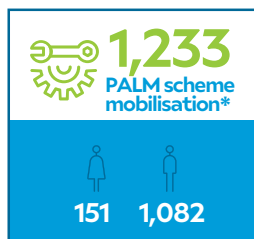


In addition to the total graduates, there are:



**Note:** Some of these graduates were trained in other APTC campuses across the Pacific.

## Labour mobility



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

## 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



In 2024, APTC began collaborating with Bethesda Disability and Support Centre (BDTC), which delivered training to students with various disabilities.

## Key achievements in Stage 3

- Since 2018, APTC has supported a total of 2,622 students in the Solomon Islands, including 832 females and 116 persons with disabilities, through partnerships with local training providers. These initiatives have included tailored training programs such as coaching and mentoring, IST, and IST Advanced training. The partnerships included APTC's collaborations with AATI (313 students, 17 trainers), BAVS (225 students, 45 trainers), BINIOT (57 students, 16 trainers), DIVIT (248 students, 10 trainers), DBTI (443 students, 12 trainers), DBTRTC (186 students, 14 trainers), Kaotave (35 students, 6 trainers), MPTI (506 students, 24 trainers), SITCC (43 students, 4 trainers), and TRTC (439 students, 30 trainers), all of which was supported with specialised training to enhance the skills of both students and trainers in the region.
- Supported SITESA to develop the Solomon Islands Qualifications Framework, Quality Standards for Tertiary Providers, and Non-formal Learning, along with policies, evidence guides, and procedures for registration and accreditation.
- Strengthened SIAVRTC with training resources, equipment, and co-facilitated TVET stakeholder workshops in 2023-2024.
- Enhanced SINYC with ICT equipment for the Virtual Youth Skills Hub Dialogue series on TVET advocacy.
- Assisted AATI with Cert III Agribusiness and Carpentry training through transport, equipment, professional development, and a prefabricated building for agriculture training.
- Supported BAVS with professional development, tools, and resources for Certificate III Agribusiness and Automotive Engineering.
- Provided BINIOT with tools, equipment, professional development, and a boat for remote operations.
- Supported DIVIT with tools, laptops, furniture, and a vehicle for training delivery and student placements.
- Delivered Cert II in Construction and Cert III in Carpentry, including resources, ICT equipment, and a vehicle for DBTI.
- Provided DBTRTC with professional development, tools, 30 student laptops, ICT equipment, a training vehicle, two generators, and tractors for the Cert III Agribusiness pilot.
- Delivered Cert I Agrifood Operations and Cert II Agriculture at KRTC, along with resources, trainer development, literacy support, and a vehicle.
- Supported MPTI with professional development, tools, a vehicle, laptops, and equipment for Cert III Construction, Carpentry, and Automotive Engineering pilots.
- Supported SITCC with resources, disability training support, student laptops, a student bus for training and campus operations.
- Supplied TRTC with equipment, laptops for Cert III Tourism & Hospitality and automotive engineering pilots, facilitated 60 micro-credentials, and provided a boat for work placements.
- Equipped BDSC with furniture, a generator, fuel, supplies, and ICT tools, supporting six RTC trainers with IST and IST Advanced training.
- Conducted well-attended annual government and media briefings, fostering robust discussions.

 **904**  
TVET Awards

 **311**  **9**

Since 2022, APTC has supported 904 Solomon Islands students through a TVET Award, covering tuition, meals and accommodation to undertake training at a partner training provider.

## Delivering strong GEDSI outcomes

APTC successfully addressed barriers to training and employment for women, people living with disabilities and individuals from rural and remote areas. APTC worked in consultation and collaboration with governments, peak bodies, associations and individuals who advocate for inclusivity and accessibility.


Key activities and achievements:

- Delivered Australian Sign Language Training to APTC staff.
- Conducted on-site workshops on the Washington Group questions pertaining to disability data with 10 TVET training provider partners.

 **263**  
Menstrual health and hygiene training

 **235**  **28**  
Provided menstrual health and hygiene training for staff, students, and partner staff. 263 people from rural and remote areas have been trained.

 **1,148**  
Virtual Youth Skills Hub Dialogue event

 **464**  
Supported 7 Virtual Youth Skills Hub Dialogue organised events with 1,148 provincial youth participants including 464 women.

 **96.4k**  
Skills Without Barriers radio program

Promoted TVET to marginalised groups through the Skills Without Barriers radio program 2023 and 2024 (96.4k listeners).

## Climate change initiatives

APTC supported targeted activities for climate change adaptation and skills for the green economy and has successfully:

- Integrated sustainable practices into training programs.
- Together with SIIP, we developed a Green Jobs in Construction pathway with the Solomon Islands National University, linking APTC Cert II Construction female graduates to solar maintenance training.



**367**

Climate Adaptation Training

Number of completions in Climate Change Module 101.



APTC committed to collaborating with training providers in the Solomon Islands to support the delivery of high-quality TVET and promoted inclusive education.

### Looking Ahead:

While APTC3 concludes in March 2025, the Australian Government remains committed to supporting Solomon Island's workforce development, ensuring it is more skilled, inclusive and productive. The Pacific Australia Skills Platform (PASP) will build on APTC's achievements.