

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. APTC made significant contributions in Papua New Guinea during APTC3.

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 expats)

Graduates and training

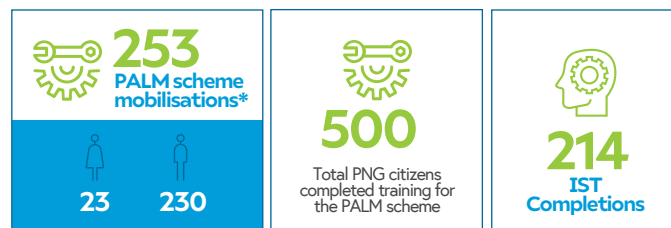
Graduates from 52 different accredited full qualifications and International Skills Training courses since 2008.



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.

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)



APTC awarded full Australian qualifications to more than 4,070 Papua New Guineans, in various vocational courses.

Key Achievements in Stage 3

- 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
- Provided mentoring and employability training for women via Meri Tradies Association.
- Facilitated industry and education forums in Mt Hagen and Bougainville.
- Supported work placements for students and alumni across various industries.
- Provided storage containers 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.

 **1,037**

Work placements

 **107**  **930**

Facilitated work placements.

 **214**

Construction & IST

Delivered IST and Certificate II in Construction; 23 out of 37 students secured employment at MTC.

 **49**

Engineering

Delivered basic engineering training to residents from Kido and Lealea villages.

Labour mobility

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

Training delivered:

- Meat processing, aged care, engineering pathways, digital literacy, cybersecurity.
- We partnered with the PNG Labour Mobility Unit and Pacific Labour Facility.

Climate change initiatives

We achieved our goals in supporting targeted activities for climate change adaptation and skills for the green economy. APTC's training programs now incorporate climate change adaptation and sustainable practices, demonstrating a significant advancement.



208 **Climate Adaptation Training**

Climate 101: Introduction to Climate Adaptation short course

Delivering strong GEDSI outcomes

APTC committed to addressing the barriers to training and employment for women, persons with disabilities and individuals from rural and remote areas. We worked in consultation and collaboration with governments, peak bodies, associations, and individuals who advocated for inclusivity and accessibility. We also;

- Provided specific training, such as preventing sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment training for women in non-traditional trades.
- Offered GEDSI training for staff and students, including internships for persons with disabilities.
- Provided feminine hygiene products and supported the GEDSI committee for BTC.



APTC has committed to breaking barriers and fostering gender equality in non-traditional trades.

Looking Ahead:

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