

# South Australia's Fee Free TAFE

Giving more South Australians the skills  
they want in the areas we need

2025 Update

- More than 26,300 enrolments in areas of need
- Higher completion rates
- More students in VET
- Delivering millions in cost of living relief for South Australians



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The South Australian Government, in partnership with the Australian Government, is rebuilding TAFE SA and the VET sector, investing in high-quality training and giving South Australians every opportunity to get the skills they need for a rewarding career.

Fee Free TAFE courses align with the industries where skilled workers are needed most: health, technology, construction, major defence projects, education, and renewable energy.



**Fee Free TAFE has saved South Australians more than \$58.7 million in student fees.**

**Total enrolments 26,369**  
Includes TAFE SA and private providers

## Top 5 (2025)

### Fee Free TAFE courses

1. Certificate III in Individual Support
2. Certificate IV in Information Technology
3. Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
4. Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
5. Certificate IV in Cyber Security

**The top 5 courses make up 25.7% of all Fee Free TAFE enrolments.**

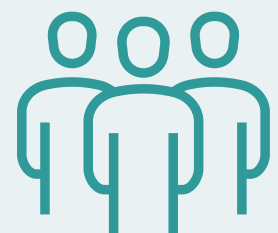
## Top 5 (2025)

### trade related Fee Free TAFE courses

1. Certificate IV in Building and Construction
2. Certificate II in Cookery
3. Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)
4. Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services
5. Certificate II in Construction Pathways

## Completions

Completions rate for TAFE SA students undertaking Fee Free TAFE is currently **50.7%\***, for Certificate III and below, **8.8%** above the TAFE SA completion rate for all qualifications.



\*Certificate III and below qualifications for the 2023 commencing cohort.

^Based on NCVER data for all qualifications delivered by TAFE SA for students commencing in 2020.

# Where Fee Free TAFE is making a difference



## Supporting students

<b>Unemployed students</b>	24% of students were unemployed prior to starting
<b>Low-income students</b>	More than 6,500 students were on a low-income
<b>Female students</b>	55.9% of students enrolled are women
<b>First Nations students</b>	750 commencements by First Nations students

As at December 2025



## Supporting communities

**Since the commencement of the Fee Free TAFE initiative, there has been:**

- 7,151 enrolments in Northern Adelaide
- 5,369 enrolments in Southern Adelaide
- Almost 6,000 enrolments in regional areas
- 46 courses delivered to students in regional areas



## Kiera's story

Kiera Wilkinson works in payroll and accounts for a transport company but always dreamed of being a nurse.

***"I always wanted to do further study, but I didn't want to burden my family with a HECS debt," she says.***

Thanks to Fee Free TAFE, she's now studying for a Diploma of Nursing at TAFE SA and preparing to transition to a career as an enrolled nurse.

***"I feel privileged that I've been able to gain my skills without debt and without taking away from the kids and their activities," she said.***

## Impact of Fee Free TAFE

- The number of students undertaking vocational education and training increased by 4% in the first 9 months of 2025 compared to the same period in 2024.
- The number of students attending TAFE increased by 3% compared to the same period in 2024.
- There are more students participating in VET:
  - aged 24 years and under (up 6.5%)
  - from regional and remote locations (up 2.4%)
  - reporting a disability (up 6.9%)
  - who identify as Aboriginal (up 12.8%)

\*NCVER Government funded Students and Courses January to September 2025

# How to get involved

Enrol in Fee Free TAFE now:

[www.tafesa.edu.au](http://www.tafesa.edu.au)

For further information on the opportunities available through Fee Free TAFE visit:

[www.mytraining.skills.sa.gov.au/training/get-started/fee-free](http://www.mytraining.skills.sa.gov.au/training/get-started/fee-free)



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