

# South Australia's Fee Free TAFE

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

- More than 16,000 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 \$37 million in student fees.**



**Total enrolments 16,410**  
Includes TAFE SA and private providers



## Top 5

### Fee Free TAFE courses

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

The top 5 courses make up 36% of all Fee-Free TAFE enrolments.

## Top 5

### trade related Fee Free TAFE courses

1. Certificate II in Cookery
2. Certificate IV in Building and Construction
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 **47%\***, 5 percentage points above the current TAFE SA completion rate for all qualifications<sup>^</sup>.



\*Certificate II and below qualifications which are more likely to have completed training by now.

<sup>^</sup>Based on NCVET 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>	32% of students were unemployed prior to starting
<b>Low-income students</b>	More than 3,920 low-income learners have saved over \$9.08 million in student fees
<b>Female students</b>	55% of students enrolled are women
<b>First Nations students</b>	510 enrolments by First Nations students

As at December 2024

## Supporting communities

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

- 4,200 enrolments in Northern Adelaide
- 3,300 enrolments in Southern Adelaide
- More than 4,000 enrolments in regional areas

**89 courses were delivered to regional students in 2023, including the introduction or re-introduction of 14 courses, including:**

- Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
- Diploma of Electrical Engineering
- Diploma of Building and Construction
- Certificate III in Tourism



## Impact of Free TAFE

- The number of students undertaking vocational education and training increased by 1.6% in the first half of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023.
- The number of students attending TAFE increased by 4.2% compared to the same period in 2023.
- There are more students participating in VET:
  - aged 24 years and under (up 7.5%)
  - from regional and remote locations (up 4.6%)
  - reporting a disability (up 7.4%)
  - who identify as Aboriginal (up 2.6%)

\*NCVER Government funded Students and Courses January to June 2024

# 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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