



# Trade Training Centres in Schools Program

The Trade Training Centres in Schools Program is an important element of the Commonwealth Government’s Education Revolution. It will provide \$2.5 billion over 10 years to enable all secondary schools across Australia to apply for funding of between \$500 000 and \$1.5 million for Trade Training Centres.

Trade Training Centres are being established to help increase the proportion of students achieving Year 12 or an equivalent qualification. An important step in achieving this increase is to ensure students have access to high quality, relevant education and training opportunities that continue to engage and encourage them to complete their studies.

The Program will help address national skills shortages in traditional trades and emerging industries by improving the relevance and responsiveness of trade training programs in secondary schools.

The aim is that there will be an equitable share of funding among States, Territories and education sectors provided over the life of the Program.

## Consultation

Consultation with stakeholders has been a key element to the successful development and implementation of the program and will continue throughout the delivery of the initiative.

Details on the program are available on the Trade Training Centres in Schools Program website at

**[www.tradetrainingcentres.deewr.gov.au](http://www.tradetrainingcentres.deewr.gov.au)**.

## Focus on Program Priorities

- The assessment process places an emphasis on schools that meet the Program priorities, which are projects that:
  - develop regional skills hubs or joint facilities in urban areas
  - support links to existing infrastructure
  - support Indigenous students and students from rural, regional and disadvantaged communities
  - offer or provide pathways to Certificate III or above qualifications
  - engage with local industry and take into account local employment opportunities
  - complement and build on existing programs aimed at improving transition from school to work and increasing Year 12 or equivalent attainment.
- Eligible schools must develop proposals in consultation with their relevant education authority.

**Table 1: Schools who will receive funding Round One (Phase One)  
All sectors by state/territory**

	No of Projects	No of Schools	Approx Funding Amount	% of Total Phase 1 Funding
NSW	7	30	\$30,017,000	33%
VIC	4	13	\$16,027,000	18%
QLD	11	24	\$18,816,000	21%
WA	6	15	\$15,504,000	17%
SA	3	6	\$5,402,000	6%
TAS	0	—	—	—
ACT	0	—	—	—
NT	3	8	\$4,500,000	5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>\$90,266,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Partnership Arrangements

Strong Partnership Arrangements with the government and non-government sectors underpin the Trade Training Centres in Schools Program.

All sectors have agreed in principle to the Partnership Arrangements and formalisation of this agreement is progressing. Funding will be able to flow to schools once Partnership Arrangements are formalised. As part of this arrangement, dedicated Trade Training Centres in Schools Support Units are being established to actively engage with schools in the initial stages of the Program. These dedicated Support Units will work with schools to develop high quality, sustainable proposals that are built on strong local partnerships. The Trade Training Centres in Schools Program website includes details of contacts.

The Australian Government will continue to work in close partnership with state and territory governments, and non-government education authorities to ensure students have access to high quality, relevant education and training opportunities that continue to engage and encourage them to complete their studies.

## Application Process

### Round One – 2008

- In 2008 there are two phases of funding; Phase one will deliver up to \$100 million in funding to schools.
- Applications for Round One (Phase One), and Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Round One (Phase Two) funding closed on 9 May 2008.
- In the initial stages of the Program, funding will be prioritised to secondary schools with the greatest need for, and capacity to benefit from, a new or upgraded Trade Training Centre. The final distribution of funds will, however, be dependent on the quality of applications received from each sector in each state and territory.

## Phase One

- Over 80 applications involving more than 200 schools were received for Phase One, totalling bids of more than \$200 million.
- The assessment process for this first phase was extremely competitive. Only those schools able to demonstrate in their application proposals for a high quality, sustainable trade training model progressed through the process.
- Of the applications received, \$90.27 million will be distributed to 34 lead schools to benefit a total of 96 schools.
- Of the Trade Training Centres approved in this Phase:
  - 88% (30 out of 34) have indicated their schools will deliver Certificate III qualifications
  - 56% (19 out of 34) were submitted on behalf of a cluster of schools and/or other organisations
  - 44% (15 out of 34) support schools with significant indigenous student populations
  - 32% (11 out of 34) will benefit schools in rural or remote regions.

## Phase Two

- For Phase Two, over 300 Expressions of Interest, totalling more than \$600 million, have been received.
- Phase Two applications for those schools that successfully submitted an Expression of Interest will open on 23 July 2008. Revised Guidelines will be available on the Trade Training Centres in Schools Program website at the same time.
- Schools that were unsuccessful in Phase One will also be eligible to reapply in Phase Two. Schools must develop proposals in consultation with their relevant education authority.

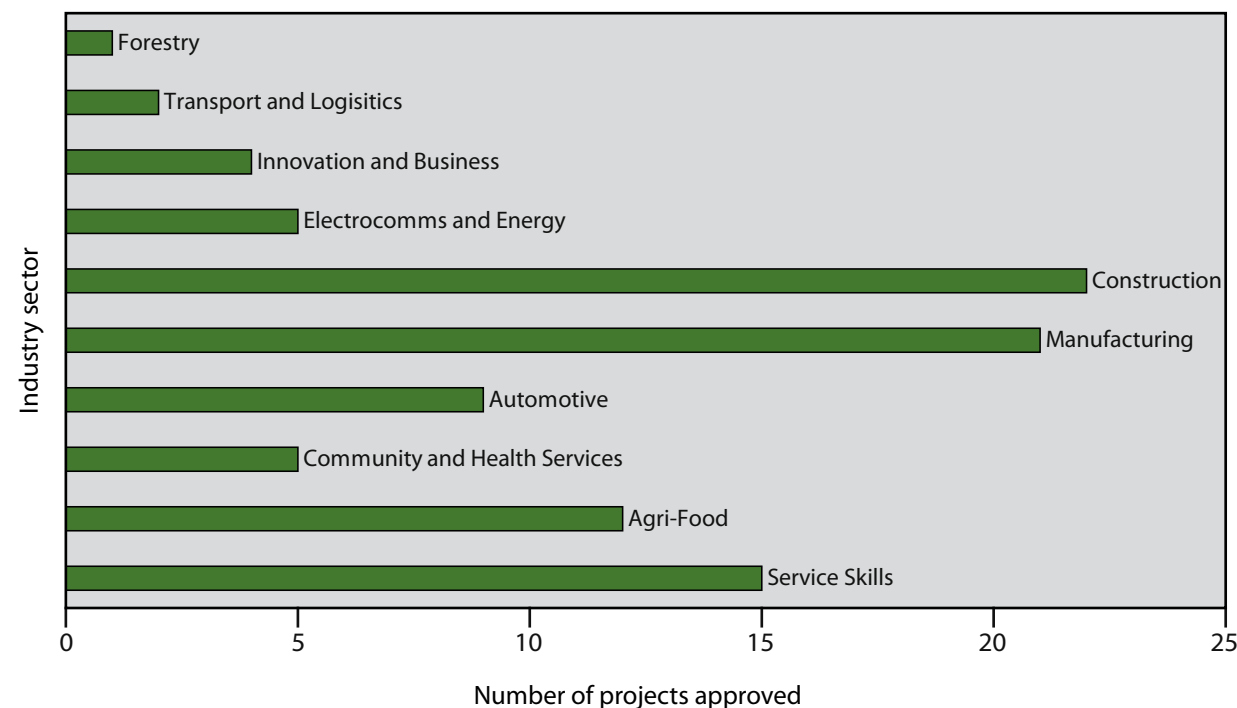
# Analysis

## Round One (Phase One) Schools that will receive funding

It is of note that many applications were submitted by a lead school on behalf of a cluster of schools.

Some sectors within some States and Territories did not have any schools that applied for funding in Phase One.

**Graph 1: Approved Projects by Industry Sector**



**Table 2: State Government Sector**

	No of Projects	No of Schools	Approx Funding Amount	% of Total Phase 1 Funding
NSW	5	17	\$16,021,000	30%
VIC	2	7	\$8,450,000	16%
QLD	6	15	\$8,804,000	17%
WA	5	14	\$14,003,000	27%
SA	3	6	\$5,402,000	10%
TAS	0	—	—	—
ACT	0	—	—	—
NT	0	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$52,680,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 3: Catholic Sector**

	No of Projects	No of Schools	Approx Funding Amount	% of Total Phase 1 Funding
NSW	1	11	\$11,000,000	41%
VIC	2	6	\$7,578,000	28%
QLD	3	5	\$5,127,000	19%
WA	1	1	\$1,500,000	6%
SA	0	—	—	—
TAS	0	—	—	—
ACT	0	—	—	—
NT	1	1	\$1,500,000	6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>\$26,705,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 4: Independent Sector**

	No of Projects	No of Schools	Approx Funding Amount	% of Total Phase 1 Funding
NSW	1	2	\$2,996,000	27%
VIC	0	—	—	—
QLD	2	4	\$4,886,000	45%
WA	0	—	—	—
SA	0	—	—	—
TAS	0	—	—	—
ACT	0	—	—	—
NT	2	7	\$3,000,000	28%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$10,882,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 5: All Sectors**

	No of Projects	No of Schools	Approx Funding Amount	% of Total Phase 1 Funding
Government	21	59	\$52,680,000	58%
Catholic	8	24	\$26,705,000	30%
Independent	5	13	\$10,882,000	12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>\$90,267,000</b>	<b>100%</b>