

VET Delivered to Secondary Students Funding Information

How are funds allocated?

Approximately a \$6.2 million dollar budget for VET Delivered to Secondary Students (VETDSS) will go towards qualifications that have occupational outcomes pertinent to today's job market and/or are key in the engagement of remote community students in employment opportunities in their local context.

Charles Darwin University receives approximately \$4 million each year in recurrent funds to cater for the majority of VETDSS across the Northern Territory.

Industry Training Programs (ITP) staff meet regularly with industry stakeholders to discuss current industry labor market and skill shortage needs across the Territory.

All urban and regional VET programs are under a cluster arrangement. Exceptions will only apply for pre-negotiated special arrangements.

ITP will allocate funds to RTOs:

- who are registered by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) in accordance with the National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011.
- have scope of registration for the particular qualification/s being contracted.

Considerations are made for:

- regional equity
- prior success/professional integrity
- RTO fairness/thin market/cluster arrangements etc.

Priority funding:

- Courses directly aligned to the Northern Territory Government Economic Development Framework.
- Pathways to jobs in skill shortage areas.
- Number of schools requesting the qualification.
- Courses linked to Department of Trade, Business and Innovation's (DTBI) School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship high intake industry areas.
- Trade Training Centre approved qualifications.
- RTOs who have reached 100% of their AVETMISS AHC hour deliverables in previous years.

How funds are paid

Funds are paid in accordance with the DTBI AHC Provider rates: <https://nt.gov.au/learning/adult-education-and-training/for-registered-training-organisations-rtos/private-provider-ahc-rates-2020>

Funds are paid directly to the RTOs in instalments as per below:

- 50% of funds are paid to the RTO once the Resource Agreement is signed and previous year acquittal is finalised (if applicable).
- 80% of funds are paid upon AVETMISS submission and 50% of AHC hours reached.
- 100% of funds are paid upon final AVETMISS submission and 100% of AHC hours completed.