



Skilling Australians Fund

2018–19 Projects Factsheet

The National Partnership on the Skilling Australians Fund (the Fund) commenced on 1 July 2018 for a four-year period. Payments are made to state and territory governments based on achievement against agreed deliverables. These deliverables are based on improving employment outcomes for Australians by increasing the uptake of apprenticeships and traineeships, as well as other employment related training.

In recognition of achievements in 2018–19, the Australian Government has provided over \$145 million to the six participating state and territory governments through the Fund.

This funding supported around 30,000 commencements, as reported by the six participating states on 30 April 2019. This includes apprenticeships, traineeships, pre-apprenticeships, and other employment-related training activities through a range of state and territory government managed projects.

These initiatives have supported Australians to obtain the skills they need for employment in occupations in high demand, those with a reliance on skilled migration, in future growth industries, and in rural and regional areas.

The funding has been vital to our state and territory partners, providing many opportunities for apprentices and trainees, including through the:

- expansion of NSW's fee free apprenticeship places
- introduction of a new incentive for small business in WA
- trialling traineeships in the digital and disability care sectors in SA
- establishment of new pathways for pre-apprenticeships in Tasmania
- greater industry collaboration and provider capacity in the ACT
- implementation of a new grants program for NT industry.

For further details on state and territory projects, please contact the department in your state or territory responsible for skills and training.

Funding amounts

Funding provided to the states for 2018–19 SAF projects is as specified below:

State	Funding provided (\$ millions)
New South Wales	93.8
Western Australia	18.4
South Australia	20.1
Tasmania	5.5
Australian Capital Territory	4.9
Northern Territory	2.9
Total	145.6

