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Skills Development in the Pacific: The National Context

Australia's skills development frameworks, priorities and challenges

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Australia's vocational education and training (VET) system

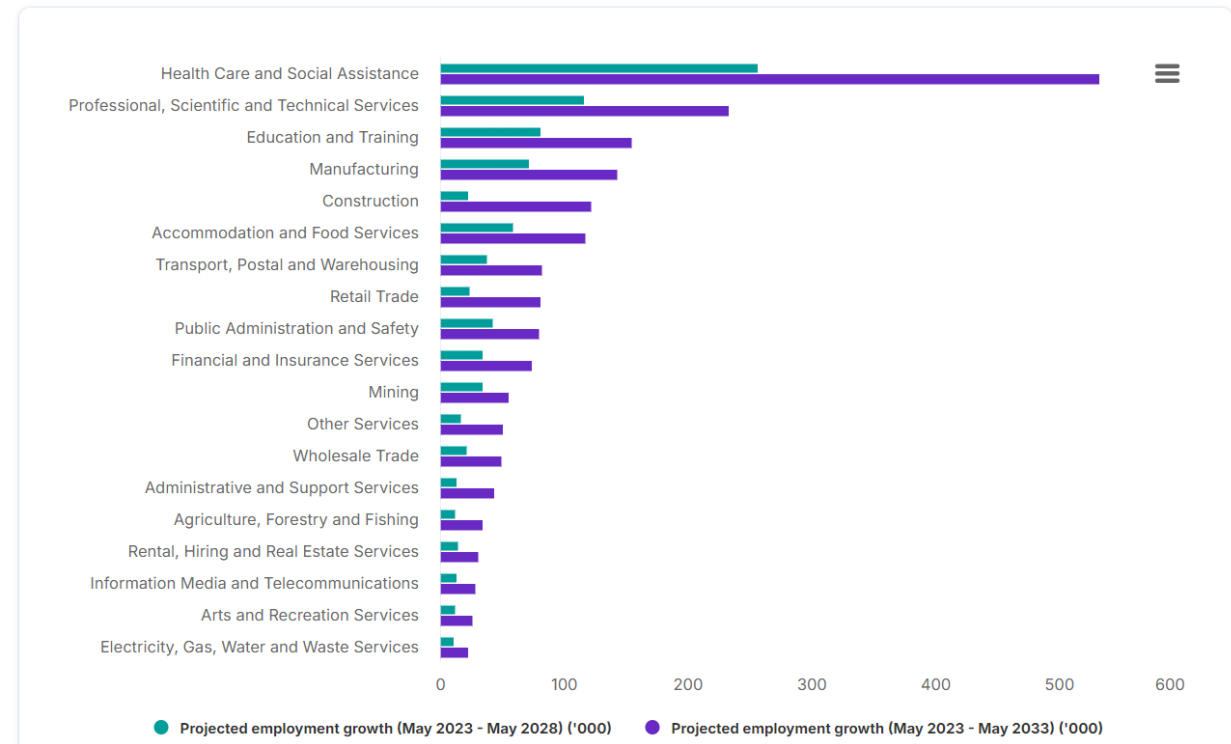


- The **Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)** is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training.
- The **Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)** regulates the VET system.
- The **Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR)** supports people to have safe, secure and well-paid work with the skills for a sustainable future.
- **Jobs and Skills Councils (JSCs)** provides industry with a stronger voice to ensure Australia's VET sector delivers better outcomes for learners and employers.
- The **National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER)** is responsible for collecting, managing, analysing and communicating research and statistics on the sector
 - In 2022, 4.5 million students were enrolled in nationally recognised VET in Australia.
 - In 2022, there were 3,589 registered training organisations (RTOs) delivering nationally recognised VET in Australia.

Our shared skills development challenges

- Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) helps us to meet present and future skills needs – to encourage improved workforce participation, productivity, wages and equity.
- As you can see, care sector demands continue to grow... Growth in technology and automation is also having an impact.
- The Australian Government is very focused on provider integrity.

Projected employment growth by industry, May 2023 to May 2028, and May 2023 to May 2033



Responding to skills needs and priorities

- The Australia Pacific Training Coalition (**APTC**) – since 2007, over 20,000 Pacific islanders have graduated with an Australian qualification through APTC.
- The Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (**PALM**) scheme – providing upskilling and training opportunities during work placements in Australia.
- The University of the South Pacific (**USP**) – Pacific TAFE – providing tertiary services to Pacific islanders across the region.
- The Educational Quality and Assessment Programme (EQAP) - supports Pacific education systems in the quality assurance, validation and accreditation of their programmes and institutions.



Australian Minister for International Development and the Pacific meets APTC students in the Solomon Islands (July 2023)

PALM 
Pacific Australia Labour Mobility

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