



USER GUIDE:

VET Knowledge Bank

About this guide

The aim of this guide is to provide an overview of the VET Knowledge Bank and timelines. This guide covers:

VET Knowledge Bank	2
• What's in the VET Knowledge Bank?.....	2
Navigating around the VET Knowledge Bank	3
VET Knowledge Bank timelines	4
• Timeline of Australian VET policy initiatives: 1998-2019	5
• Tips on using the Australian VET policy initiatives timeline	5

VET Knowledge Bank

The [VET Knowledge Bank](#) is a suite of products that tell the story of VET in Australia. Together, they capture the diverse, complex and ever-changing VET system and is a memory bank of VET reference information.

What's in the VET Knowledge Bank?

Included in the VET Knowledge Bank are:

- a chart mapping the VET sector showing the paths individuals take through the VET system, as well as the drivers and enablers that contribute to the process
- a timeline of VET programs and policy initiatives from 1998-2023 that may have influenced participation in VET courses, apprenticeships and traineeships, at national, state and territory levels
- timelines that track major milestones in the history of VET, federal legislation relating to VET, and the key players who govern VET
- links to essays, theses, reports and books about the history of VET in Australia
- key landmark documents that have influenced and shaped the national VET system
- highlights from federal, state and territory budgets that relate to skills and training
- listings of current and historical VET-related organisations and resources
- the Glossary of VET



Getting to know VET

Get a broad overview of different aspects of the VET system in Australia.



Policy initiatives

Locate information about VET policies, programs and initiatives, and their funding.



Governance and regulation

Access information about who governs and regulates VET in Australia.



Glossary of VET

Understand the terms and acronyms used in Australian VET.



History of VET

Trace the story of VET in Australia through timelines and key publications.



Landmark documents

Explore the evolution of VET in Australia through landmark documents and historical overviews.



Organisations and resources

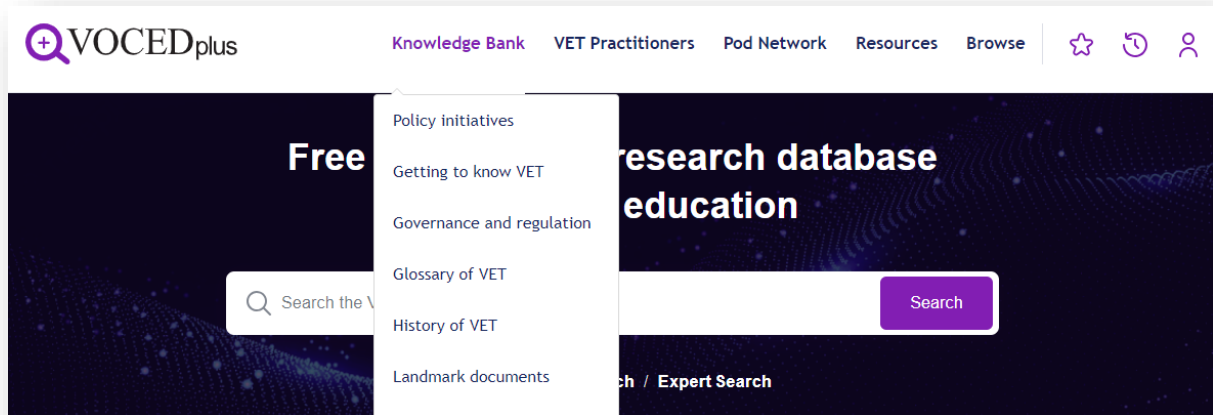
Discover key Australian research organisations and useful VET resources.



Further reading

Read the main information sources consulted in developing the VET Knowledge Bank.

The VET Knowledge Bank is available at: <http://www.voced.edu.au/vet-knowledge-bank>, and can be accessed from the main menu titled **Knowledge Bank**:



Navigating around the VET Knowledge Bank

The VET Knowledge Bank logo appears on all the VET Knowledge Bank pages. Click on the logo to return to the VET Knowledge Bank homepage.



Some of the VET Knowledge Bank products have multiple resources in them. These are provided as links on the 'parent' product pages and 'breadcrumbs' are provided on the individual resource page to navigate to the parent product.

Example

The **Getting to know VET** (parent) page provides information about the Australian vocational and education training system. It also includes 'Overviews' including:

- Apprenticeships and traineeships
- Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)
- Provider peak bodies
- VET funding
- VET pathways

The 'Apprenticeships and traineeships' link, for example, opens a new page. This page displays the breadcrumb at the top of the page, indicating that the 'Apprenticeships and traineeships' page sits under 'Overview' page, which sits under the 'Getting to know VET' page – these breadcrumb links allow you to navigate back to these pages:



Good to know: Links to some resources are provided on more than one product page. The breadcrumbs take you to the main product to which it belongs. You can also use your browser's back button to return to the previous page.

VET Knowledge Bank timelines

There are currently six timelines in the VET Knowledge Bank:

- [Australian VET policy initiatives](#)
This timeline helps you understand the scale of change and the individual policies, programs or initiatives that have shaped VET at both the national and state and territory level. See page 5 for tips on using this timeline.
- [From MINCO to CISC](#)
This historical timeline captures the different Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Ministerial Councils responsible for education and training and their committees and advisory bodies between 1992 to 2020.
- [Governing VET in Australia](#)
This timeline shows the Prime Ministers, Federal ministers and the Commonwealth departments responsible for skills and training in Australia.
- [Landmark documents](#)
This timeline shows the key documents that have influenced the development of Australia's VET system.
- [Milestones in the history of VET](#)
This timeline highlights key events in the history of VET.
- [VET legislation](#)
This timeline lists past and current federal legislation for VET in Australia.

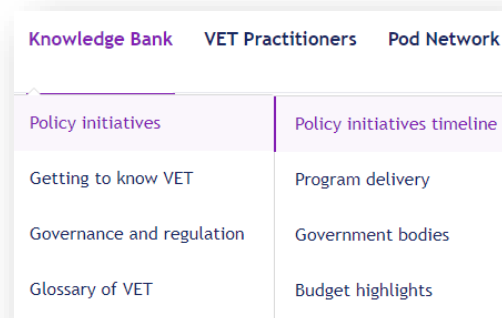
Good to know: you can also access all of the timelines on the [History of VET](#) page, a menu item under the **Knowledge Bank** main menu heading.

Timeline of Australian VET policy initiatives

This timeline shows national, state and territory programs and policy initiatives since 1998.

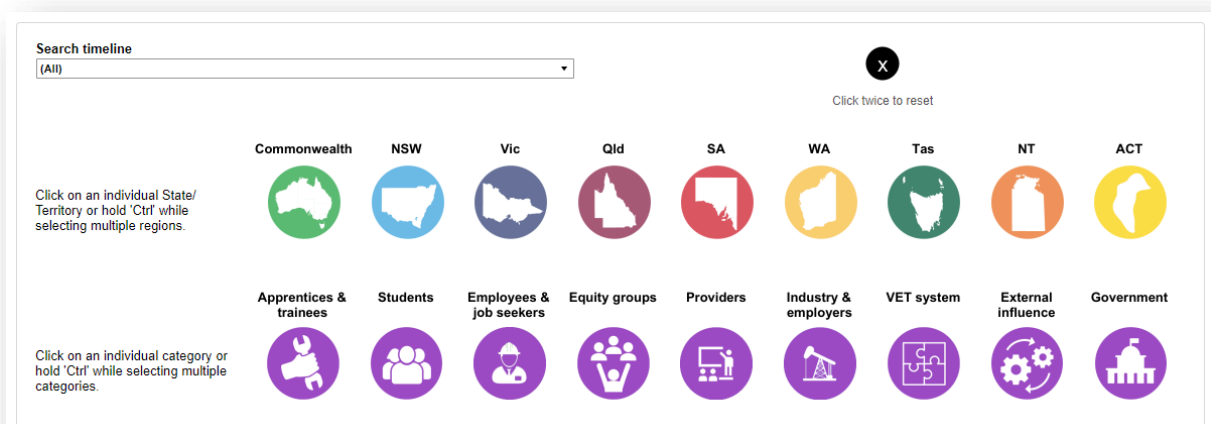
This timeline can be accessed by clicking on **Policy initiatives** from the main VET Knowledge Bank page:

Or from the **Knowledge Bank** main menu heading:

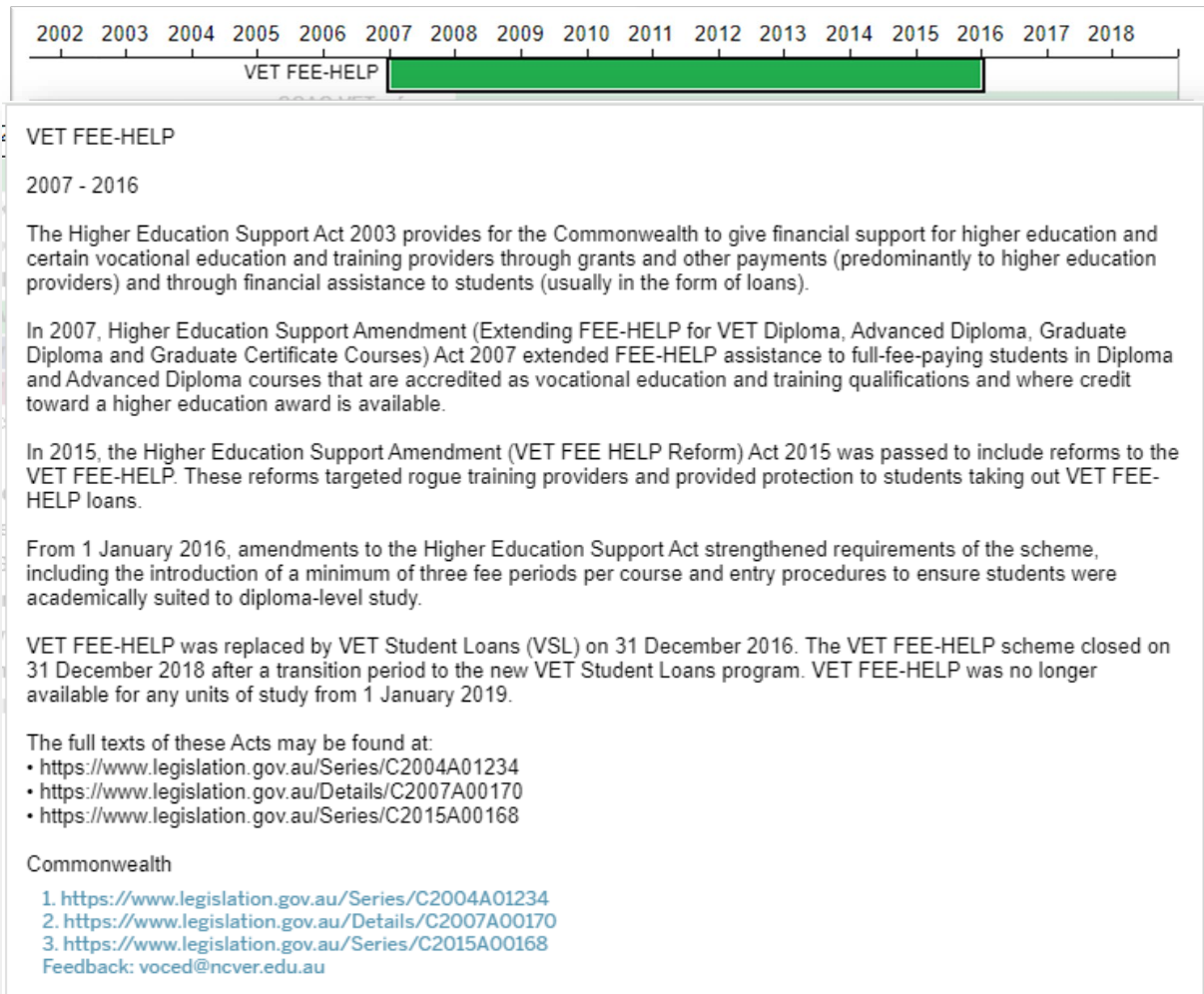


Tips on using the Australian VET policy initiatives timeline

The timeline can be filtered by jurisdiction and category. Multiple jurisdictions and categories can be selected. To remove the filters applied, double click on the cross at the top right of the screen. A description of the categories is available under the timeline.



To view more information about an event, **hover** over the event. More information will appear in a pop-up. The description pop-up box may also include URLs to publications, legislations or websites. You need to anchor the pop-up to be able to click on the URL. Do this by **clicking** on the event:



VET FEE-HELP

2007 - 2016

The Higher Education Support Act 2003 provides for the Commonwealth to give financial support for higher education and certain vocational education and training providers through grants and other payments (predominantly to higher education providers) and through financial assistance to students (usually in the form of loans).

In 2007, Higher Education Support Amendment (Extending FEE-HELP for VET Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate Courses) Act 2007 extended FEE-HELP assistance to full-fee-paying students in Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses that are accredited as vocational education and training qualifications and where credit toward a higher education award is available.

In 2015, the Higher Education Support Amendment (VET FEE HELP Reform) Act 2015 was passed to include reforms to the VET FEE-HELP. These reforms targeted rogue training providers and provided protection to students taking out VET FEE-HELP loans.

From 1 January 2016, amendments to the Higher Education Support Act strengthened requirements of the scheme, including the introduction of a minimum of three fee periods per course and entry procedures to ensure students were academically suited to diploma-level study.

VET FEE-HELP was replaced by VET Student Loans (VSL) on 31 December 2016. The VET FEE-HELP scheme closed on 31 December 2018 after a transition period to the new VET Student Loans program. VET FEE-HELP was no longer available for any units of study from 1 January 2019.

The full texts of these Acts may be found at:

- <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A01234>
- <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2007A00170>
- <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2015A00168>

Commonwealth

1. <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A01234>
2. <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2007A00170>
3. <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2015A00168>

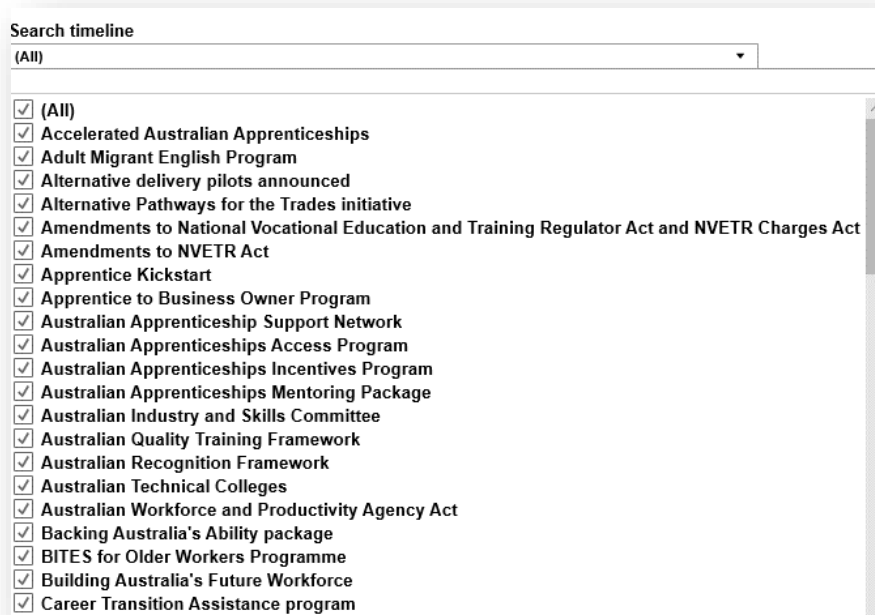
Feedback: voced@ncver.edu.au

To search for events in the timeline, open the search by clicking on the drop-down icon:

Search timeline 

(All) 

1. Untick the **(All)** checkbox



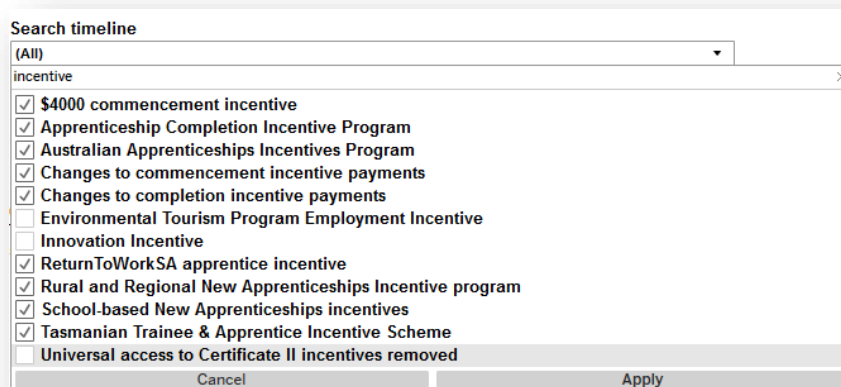
Search timeline

(All)

- ☒ (All)
- ☒ Accelerated Australian Apprenticeships
- ☒ Adult Migrant English Program
- ☒ Alternative delivery pilots announced
- ☒ Alternative Pathways for the Trades initiative
- ☒ Amendments to National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act and NVETR Charges Act
- ☒ Amendments to NVETR Act
- ☒ Apprentice Kickstart
- ☒ Apprentice to Business Owner Program
- ☒ Australian Apprenticeship Support Network
- ☒ Australian Apprenticeships Access Program
- ☒ Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program
- ☒ Australian Apprenticeships Mentoring Package
- ☒ Australian Industry and Skills Committee
- ☒ Australian Quality Training Framework
- ☒ Australian Recognition Framework
- ☒ Australian Technical Colleges
- ☒ Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency Act
- ☒ Backing Australia's Ability package
- ☒ BITES for Older Workers Programme
- ☒ Building Australia's Future Workforce
- ☒ Career Transition Assistance program

2. Type in your search term

3. Tick the checkboxes of the entries you want to display, then click on **Apply**.



Search timeline

(All)

incentive

- ☒ \$4000 commencement incentive
- ☒ Apprenticeship Completion Incentive Program
- ☒ Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program
- ☒ Changes to commencement incentive payments
- ☒ Changes to completion incentive payments
- ☐ Environmental Tourism Program Employment Incentive
- ☐ Innovation Incentive
- ☒ ReturnToWorkSA apprentice incentive
- ☒ Rural and Regional New Apprenticeships Incentive program
- ☒ School-based New Apprenticeships incentives
- ☒ Tasmanian Trainee & Apprentice Incentive Scheme
- ☐ Universal access to Certificate II incentives removed

Cancel Apply

To clear the search, click on the little funnel icon or click the **(All)** checkbox:



Search timeline

(All)