History of VET in Australia
Focus on Apprenticeships and Traineeships
1939-2015

- Dilutees allowed to perform some of the duties of tradesmen (1939 - 1945)
- Commonwealth Reconstruction and Training Scheme (CRTS) (1945 - 1952)
- Tradesmen's Rights Regulation Act 1946
- Wright inquiry (1952)
- Wright report
- NAAS was superseded by the Commonwealth Rebate for Apprentice Full-time Training (CRAFT) in 1977
- First year for which complete national statistics are available (1963)
- Report of the inquiry regarding the functioning of the apprenticeship system in New South Wales, July 1969
- ACOTAFE established (1973)
- National Apprenticeship Assistance Scheme (NAAS) (1973 - 1977)
- Kangan report (ACOTAFE's 1st report)
- TAFE in Australia (ACOTAFE's 2nd report)
- COSAC/COSTAC established to develop a national approach to apprenticeships (1978 - 1990)
- First Group Training Organisation (Master Builders' Association Group Training Scheme) (1979)
- Metal Trades Industry Association Group Training Scheme established (1979)
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- Employer Cash Rebate Scheme (ECRS) (1979)
- Group Apprenticeship Scheme (GAS) established (1981)
- Committee of Inquiry into Labour Market Programs (Kirby Inquiry) (1984)
- Kirby report
- Australian Traineeship System (ATS) established (1985)
- National Training Reform Agenda developed (1986 - 1996)
- Skills for Australia
- Improving Australia's training system
- Competency based training endorsed (1989)
- Deveson report
- Registered Industry Training Agent (RITA) established (1990)
- Training Guarantee Act 1990
- Training Guarantee Scheme
- National Group Training Conference (1990)
- VEETAC established as a new advisory committee to replace COSTAC (1990 - 1993)
- National Training Board (NTB) responsible for setting the national skill standards (1990 - 1995)
- Skills training for the 21st century
- Pre-vocational Places Program introduced (1991)
- Firm review
- Progress and prospects in improved skills recognition
- Group Training Australia established (1991)
- Carmichael Report
- Age restrictions removed from apprenticeships and traineeships (1992)
The AVCTS was superseded by the AVTS, a precursor to the Modern Australian Apprenticeship and Traineeship System (MAATS).

**Australian National Training Authority Act 1992**

**Australian National Training Authority (ANTA) (1992 - 2005)**


**Career Start Traineeships (CSTs) announced (1992)**

**Australian Vocational Training System (AVTS) (1993 - 1996)**

**Australian Student Traineeship Foundation (ASTF) established (1994 - 2001)**

**Remaining age restrictions to traineeships removed (1994)**

**NETFORCE established to encourage employer take-up of traineeships (1994)**

**Working nation**

**Towards a skilled Australia**

**AVETMISS introduced (1994)**

**Karpin report**

**Jobs Pathway Guarantee Program introduced (1995)**

**Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) introduced (1995)**

**A best kept secret**

**Marshman Report**

**Traineeship Employer Assistance Program introduced (1996)**

**Training Packages introduced (1996)**


**Training Guarantee: its impact and legacy 1990-1994**

**Traineeship Employer Assistance Program (TEAP) (1996)**

**First Training Packages endorsed (1997)**

**Taking care of business**

**A bridge to the future**

**New Apprenticeships became Australian Apprenticeships from 1 July 2006**

**New Apprenticeships (1998 - 2006)**

**New Apprenticeships Incentives Program (NAIP) (1998 - 2006)**

**Australian Recognition Framework (ARF) (1998 - 2001)**

**Introduction of user choice (1998)**

**New Apprenticeships Access Program (NAAP) (1998 - 2006)**

**Training Packages expanded (1998)**

**Review of ANTA research national projects**

**Rural and Regional New Apprenticeships Incentive program introduced (1999)**

**Aspiring to excellence**

**Scotfield report**

**Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) (2001)**

**Enterprise and Career Education Foundation (ECEF) (2001 - 2003)**

**Shaping our future**

Legend:
- Legislation
- Key document
- Event

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- National VET Provider Collection Data Requirements Policy (2013)
- New Trades Pathways pilot (2013)
- COAG Industry Skills Council established (2013)
- Review of RTO VET data reporting requirements (2013)
- Review of JGTP and group training (2013)
- Technical and further education in Australia (2013)
- Student Identifiers Act 2014 (2014)
- Australian Apprenticeship Management System (AAMS) (2014)
- Australian Apprenticeships Support Network (AASN) (2014)
- Industry Skills Fund established (2014)
- VET reform announced (2014)
- Total VET Activity (TVA) implemented (2014)
- VET-FEE Help reform (2015)
- New standards for registered training organisations and regulators come into effect (2015)
- Unique Student Identifier commences (2015)