

Regional and Specialist Training Fund (RSTF) and Workforce Training and Innovation Fund (WTIF)

Victorian Government Priorities

The purpose of this document is to support the development of Workforce Training Innovation Fund (WTIF) and Regional and Specialist Training Fund (RSTF) applications in line with the Victorian Government's priorities to support economic recovery and growth. Applicants are encouraged to draw from the priorities listed below in the development of WTIF and RSTF applications. Applications that cover multiple priority areas will receive greater weighting under the fund assessment criteria. The criteria listed below will be subject to change from time-to-time, and applicants are encouraged to check this document prior to submission.

1. Priority regions

The Victorian Government is committed to supporting communities across regional and rural Victoria to participate in education and training. Applications that seek to support regional communities to participate in training, and support regional employers to address skills needs will be prioritised for funding in the current round of RSTF and WTIF.

2. Priority industries

The target industries that will be prioritised for funding in WTIF and RSTF include:

- Advanced manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Clean economy
- Digital technologies
- Health
- Infrastructure
- Social services

3. Priority cohorts

Applications that support the following priority cohorts to access training will be prioritised for funding in the current round of WTIF and RSTF:

- Students from Aboriginal and Torres strait Islander communities
- Students experiencing barriers to employment (e.g. long-term unemployed)
- Students from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse groups
- Students with disabilities
- Students facing gender-based barriers to training (e.g. women seeking to work in traditionally male industries)
- Students from low socio-economic status (SES) backgrounds

4. Other government priorities

In the current round of WTIF and RSTF, the Victorian Government is seeking applications that specifically address the following priority issue:

- **Workforce retention in social services:** applications that seek to improve the approach to delivering training to people already in the social services workforce