



## FACTSHEET

### NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP ON YOUTH ATTAINMENT AND TRANSITIONS

International research confirms that the completion of year 12, or a vocational equivalent, is a key factor in improving a person's future economic opportunities and interest in life-long learning.

With this in mind, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) has set new goals relating to education for Australian young people and their successful transitions onto further education, training and/or employment. The first goal is to have 90 per cent of all young people completing year 12 or an equivalent by 2015. The second is to increase the number of Indigenous students completing year 12 or an equivalent by 2020.

The National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions was created to support the achievement of these two goals. The Australian Government has provided funding of \$623 million over four years. The specifics include:

- \$287 million for Youth Connections—this program helps young people who at risk of not finishing Year 12 or an equivalent to get the support and skills they need to remain in, or return to, schooling and/or training.
- \$183 million for School Business Community Partnership Brokers—this program strives to strengthen and increase the involvement and relationships between schools and their communities and local businesses.

- \$106 million for states and territories—to help them expand and maximise aspects such as career development programs, multiple learning pathways and mentoring activities.
- \$47 million for national career development initiatives administered by the Australian Government.

A further \$100 million is also available to states and territories for achieving improvements in young people's participation and attainment.

Another aspect of the National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions is the Compact with Young Australians. This initiative includes measures to strengthen educational and training opportunities for young people. Its core elements are:

- A national requirement that young people remain in school until year 10 (or an approved equivalent) and then in full-time education, training or employment (or a combination of these) until age 17.
- An entitlement, for 15 to 24-year-olds, to an education or training place that focuses on completing year 12, an equivalent or a higher qualification.
- Participation requirements that must be met for a young person to qualify for Youth Allowance and/or Family Tax Benefit.

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