

# THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC TECHNICAL COLLEGE (APTC)



## WHAT IS THE APTC?

The Australia-Pacific Technical College (APTC) will be a centre of training excellence aimed at skilling and qualifying Pacific Islanders for a range of vocational occupations needed throughout the Pacific.

## BACKGROUND

The APTC is an Australian Government initiative announced by the Prime Minister, John Howard, and welcomed by Pacific Island leaders at the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) in October 2006. Australia will provide almost A\$150m in funding for the APTC through to 2011.

## WHERE WILL THE APTC BE?

The APTC will have training centres in Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Vanuatu and Fiji. The location of APTC training centres will take into account local industry, existing infrastructure and population size.



The APTC will build on existing strengths within the region working closely with other education providers. The centres will make use of existing facilities at other educational institutions including the Fiji Institute of Technology, the National University of Samoa – Institute of Technology, the Port Moresby Technical College and the Vanuatu Institute of Technology.

## WHAT COURSES WILL BE ON OFFER?

APTC will be responsive to existing and future needs with courses evolving to meet demand. Consultations in the Pacific have resulted in courses being identified within the following five areas:

- > hospitality and tourism
- > health and community services
- > automotive trades
- > manufacturing
- > construction and electrical trades

## WHO WILL DELIVER THE TRAINING?

Australian registered training organisations are being contracted to design and implement courses.

## WHAT AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE?

APTC students will be able to undertake courses from Certificate III up to Certificate IV. Opportunities are also being explored for Certificate II level courses.

## THE ADVISORY BOARD

An APTC advisory board will help to ensure the relevance of courses meaning graduates will have the best possible opportunity to gain employment.

The Board will also have membership from the education sector, regional organisations and government.

## WHEN WILL COURSES BEGIN?

The initial intake of students is planned for July 2007. It is expected that a limited number of courses will be offered in the construction and electrical, manufacturing, automotive trades, and hospitality and tourism schools for the July 2007 intake.

Additional courses will become available from 2008. The delivery of a health and community services school is planned to commence at a later date.

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## HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL THERE BE?

It is anticipated that around 3,000 students will graduate within the first four years of operation.

## SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Scholarships worth A\$10m in total will be available up to 2011 for students from PIF countries (excluding Australia and New Zealand).

## NEXT STEPS

Work will begin in March 2007 on refurbishing some facilities at partner institutions, buying equipment, recruiting staff, and student selection. The first intake of students will be in July.

## COURSES, LOCATIONS AND TRAINING PARTNERS

SCHOOL	LOCATION	TRAINING PARTNER
Automotive	Fiji	ASCO Motors
	PNG	Ela Motors Port Moresby, Hastings Deering Port Moresby, Sustainable Development Program (Tabubil)
	Samoa	National University of Samoa – Institute of Technology
Construction and electrical	Fiji	Training and Productivity Authority of Fiji
	PNG	Port Moresby Technical College
	Samoa	National University of Samoa – Institute of Technology
Manufacturing	PNG	Port Moresby Technical College, Sustainable Development Program (Tabubil)
	Samoa	National University of Samoa – Institute of Technology
Tourism and Hospitality	Fiji	Fiji Institute of Technology
	Samoa	National University of Samoa – Institute of Technology
	Vanuatu	Vanuatu Institute of Technology
Health and Community Services	Fiji	At the time of publication, design of the Health and Community Services School is still to be finalised.
	PNG	
	Samoa	
	Vanuatu	



## FURTHER INFORMATION

Student enrolment and course enquiries

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