



WELCOME TO THE APTC

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

OVERVIEW:

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WHAT IS THE APTC?

The Australia-Pacific Technical College (APTC) is a centre of training excellence for Pacific Island students. The College delivers internationally recognised, Australian-standard, vocational education and training in four central locations – Vanuatu, Samoa, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea.

Graduates will achieve qualifications for skilled jobs needed throughout the Pacific.

APTC courses are designed to meet national and regional skill needs and increase job opportunities and economic growth in the region.

How did the APTC start?

The APTC is an Australian Government initiative announced by the Prime Minister, John Howard, and welcomed by Pacific Island leaders at the Pacific Island

Forum in October 2006. Australia will provide almost A\$150m in funding for the APTC through to 2011.

WHERE IS THE APTC?

APTC training centres are centrally located with existing local education institutions and industry partners at a range of sites in each of the four campus countries:

- Vanuatu
- Samoa
- Fiji, and
- Papua New Guinea.

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Each location has been chosen to make the best use of local industry, existing infrastructure and population size. This will benefit students and the local community.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY TO THE APTC?

Students from the Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Niue, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu are all eligible to apply to study at the APTC.

WHAT COURSES ARE AVAILABLE?

A range of Certificate III and IV level training is available in:

- tourism and hospitality
- automotive
- manufacturing
- construction, and
- electrical trades.



What courses are planned for the future?

The range of available courses at all schools will grow to meet future needs and demand.

Additional courses in health and community services are planned for late 2008.

WHO DELIVERS THE TRAINING?

The courses are delivered by highly qualified Australian registered trainers who are managed by Australian TAFE colleges.

THE ADVISORY BOARD

The APTC Advisory Board will ensure training is relevant to local industry so graduates have the best possible opportunity to find work.

Board members are from the education sector, regional organisations and government.

HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL THERE BE?

By 2011 around 3,000 Pacific Island students are expected to graduate. Australia is committed to working with our partners in the Pacific to achieve this significant goal.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

An APTC scholarship scheme worth A\$10m will be available for students from PIF countries (excluding Australia and New Zealand). Students can apply to the scholarship scheme after they have been accepted for a place at the APTC.

HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY FOR A PLACE AT THE APTC?

Places in APTC courses are now available.

Visit www.aptc.edu.au for enrolment and fee information.

You can also email the APTC at enquiries@aptc.edu.au or write to the APTC Coordination Office in Fiji.

MORE INFORMATION

- Visit: www.aptc.edu.au
- Email: enquiries@aptc.edu.au
- Mail: **Australia-Pacific Technical College, PO Box 10885, Nadi Airport, Fiji**

COURSES, LOCATIONS AND PARTNERS

School	Location	Training partners
Tourism and hospitality	Fiji Samoa Vanuatu	Fiji Institute of Technology (tbc) National University of Samoa – Institute of Technology Vanuatu Institute of Technology
Automotive	Fiji PNG Samoa	ASCO Motors Ela Motors Port Moresby, Hastings Deering Port Moresby, Ok Tedi Mining Limited (Tabubil) National University of Samoa – Institute of Technology
Manufacturing	PNG Samoa	Port Moresby Technical College, Ok Tedi Mining Limited (Tabubil) National University of Samoa – Institute of Technology
Construction and electrical	Fiji PNG Samoa	Training and Productivity Authority of Fiji, Fiji Gas Port Moresby Technical College, Ok Tedi Mining Limited (Tabubil) National University of Samoa – Institute of Technology
Health and community services	tba	<i>Available 2008</i>

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