

Return to VET Scenarios

The following outlines a series of phases, and the type of return settings that the VET sector should follow:

Phase two:

NSW reaches 70% double vaccination rates

Principles	Safety measures
<p>TAFE, ACE and VET providers can deliver courses face to face, with providers encouraged to return teachers who are double vaccinated to deliver face to face training where practicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unvaccinated teachers should continue to deliver training online where reasonably practicable. Face to face training can be delivered for critical skills where this cannot be done online. Consider how unvaccinated students will be supported. Continue to deliver content online wherever possible. If you choose to return to face to face delivery this must be subject to a current COVID-19 Safety Plan, and in compliance with the public health orders. Return of workplace assessment and training can occur in compliance with the public health orders. Providers should consider limiting this to critical industry sectors in the first instance. Partial student cohorts attending face to face delivery in the first instance. Partial staff contingency is possible, but safe rostering should be implemented. Workforce and learners, with double vaccination attending the site is strongly encouraged. Preference for face-to-face training is for critical/practical industries* only at this stage where online or virtual training cannot take place. 	<p>Providers are required to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan focusing on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All operating procedures complying with Public Health Orders. Access to PPE, sanitising, additional cleaning regimes. Mask wearing is mandatory for all indoor and outdoor activity. Hospitality staff will be required to wear a mask while outdoors – relevant where providers have onsite catering facilities. Ventilation: open windows, overhead fans, consider HEPA filters added to air conditioning units, no reverse cycled air conditioning. Scheduled breaks for common break out areas – minimise mingling of students/staff (max 20 people gathering in outdoor settings). Tea rooms/ staff common rooms require 1.5m physical distancing at all times, mandatory mask wearing and minimum timeframes allowed for mingling. Vaccination: vaccinated students where Public Health Orders mandate: aged care, education, early childhood education, disability care, health care and NSW Police and construction (for people from LGAs of concern). Small class cohorting to enable containment and tracing and the minimisation of movement. Record Keeping: QR codes provide a record of who is entering the site. Providers need to have a contingency plan to manage COVID-19 cases. The plan should include how they will respond to COVID-19 outbreaks, procedures to reduce transmission, an isolation strategy for close contacts, how they will support contact tracers and return to training strategies for students and staff who have COVID-19.