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## Highlights

### Quarterly training activity

There were 319 700 apprentices and trainees in-training as at 31 March 2015, a decrease of 16.4% from 31 March 2014.

In the March quarter 2015, compared with the March quarter 2014:

- commencements decreased by 1.2%, to 60 400
- completions decreased by 19.8%, to 31 500
- cancellations and withdrawals increased by 0.9%, to 28 800.

### Training activity: 12-month ending series

In the 12 months ending 31 March 2015, compared with the 12 months ending 31 March 2014:

- commencements decreased by 19.8%, to 190 200
- completions decreased by 19.4%, to 148 200
- cancellations and withdrawals decreased by 4.2%, to 112 600.

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## Introduction

This publication presents estimates of apprentice and trainee activity in Australia for the March quarter 2015. The figures in this publication are derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.84 (June 2015 estimates).

The most recent figures in this publication are estimated (those for training activity from the September quarter 2013 to the March quarter 2015). Estimates take into account reporting lags that occur at the time of data collection. Consequently, the figures in this publication may differ from those published in earlier or later reports. The figures in **bold** are actual numbers.

Estimated data are presented on a quarterly and 12-month ending series basis. The 12-month ending series is particularly useful in showing longer-term data trends, but is less useful in identifying turning points.

This publication also presents early trend estimates for the June quarter 2015 for seasonally adjusted and smoothed commencements at the national level for trade and non-trade occupations. Seasonal adjustment and smoothing involves the use of a mathematical model to smooth out fluctuations due to seasonal influences. These early trend estimates cannot be disaggregated further by state and territory.

Note that percentages presented in this publication are reported to one decimal place. All other numbers, after aggregation, have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Rounding can lead to situations where the numbers in the body of a given table might not add to the rounded totals.

## More information

Further details on the estimation methodology used for reporting apprentices and trainees may be found at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2267.html>.

For additional data tables on apprentices and trainees, please refer to <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2820.html>. These data tables include state and territory breakdowns of information contained in this publication and pivot tables to allow further manipulation of the data.

# Australia in summary

## Quarterly training activity

### In-training

The number of apprentices and trainees in-training as at 31 March 2015 was 319 700, a decrease of 16.4% from 31 March 2014. *Table 2*

### Commencements

Overall, 60 400 apprentices and trainees commenced in the March quarter 2015, down 700 (or 1.2%) from the March quarter 2014. The number of trade commencements exceeded the number of non-trade commencements by 12.2% in the March quarter 2015 for the first time in 18 years. *Table 4*

In the March quarter 2015, compared with the March quarter 2014:

- trades commencements increased by 7.2%, to 31 900
- non-trades commencements decreased by 9.2%, to 28 400.

## Training activity: 12-months ending series

### Commencements

The number of commencements in the 12 months ending 31 March 2015 was 190 200, a decrease of 19.8% from the 12 months ending 31 March 2014. This decrease resulted from: *Table 15*

- a decrease in trades commencements of 12.4%
- a decrease in non-trades commencements of 24.9%.

State and territory commencements in the 12 months ending 31 March 2015, compared with the 12 months ending 31 March 2014, showed:

- |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| • New South Wales (-24.6%) | • Western Australia (-8.9%)             |
| • Victoria (-21.6%)        | • Tasmania (+7.4%)                      |
| • Queensland (-21.0%)      | • Northern Territory (+21.2%)           |
| • South Australia (-23.5%) | • Australian Capital Territory (-23.2%) |

### Completions

The number of completions in the 12 months ending 31 March 2015 was 148 200, a decrease of 19.4% from the 12 months ending 31 March 2014. *Table 16*

### Cancellations and withdrawals

The number of cancellations and withdrawals in the 12 months ending 31 March 2015 was 112 600, a decrease of 4.2% from the 12 months ending 31 March 2014. *Table 17*

## Early trend estimates

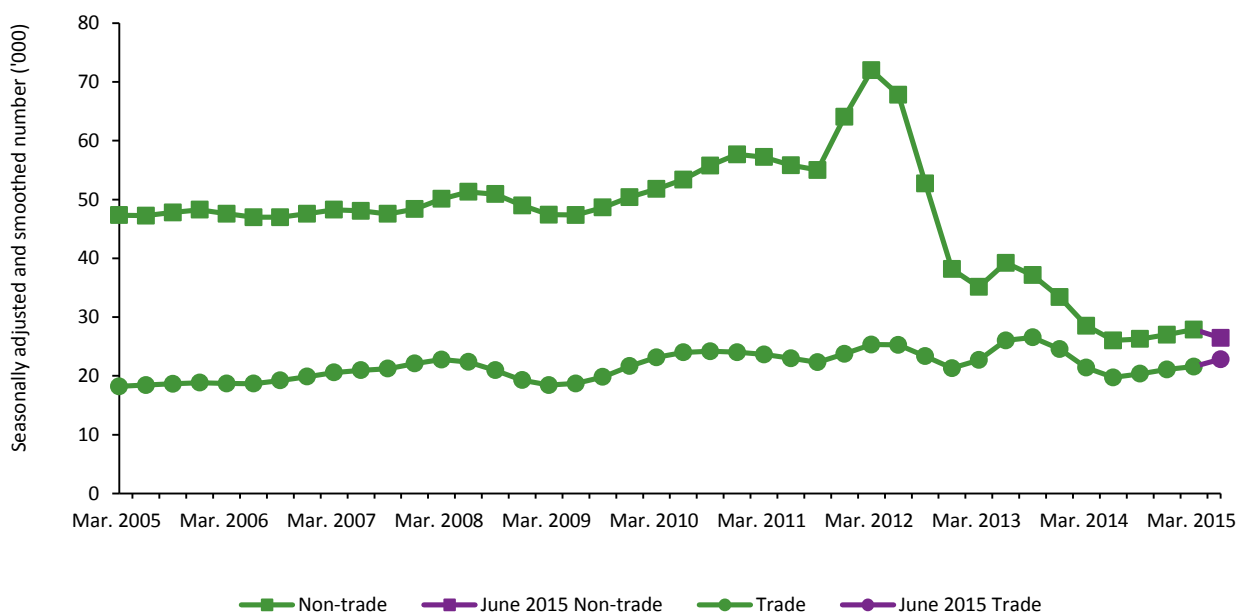
Early trend estimates of seasonally adjusted and smoothed data for the June quarter 2015 show that:

*Figure 1*

- Trade commencements increased from 21 600 in the March quarter 2015 to 22 900 in the June quarter 2015 marking the fourth consecutive quarter in which commencements have increased.
- Non-trade commencements decreased from 27 900 in the March quarter 2015 to 26 500 in the June quarter 2015. This decrease ends a period of growth that was seen in the preceding three quarters.

*Table 20*

**Figure 1 Trade and non-trade commencements, seasonally adjusted and smoothed, March 2005 – June 2015**



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# Tables

## Quarterly training activity

**Table 1 In-training by state/territory and selected training characteristics, as at 31 March 2015 ('000)**

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	29.0	20.8	24.0	6.9	11.1	2.5	1.1	1.7	97.1
	20 to 24 years	29.4	24.3	19.2	7.0	10.7	2.5	1.1	2.4	96.4
	25 to 44 years	25.2	20.8	20.7	6.1	15.2	2.7	1.4	2.2	94.3
	45 years and over	8.3	7.6	6.4	2.0	5.4	1.1	0.3	0.7	31.8
<b>Sex</b>	Male	64.4	52.8	50.7	15.5	30.5	5.5	2.7	4.1	226.2
	Female	27.6	20.5	19.6	6.5	11.9	3.3	1.2	2.9	93.5
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	1.2	1.9	2.1	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.7	8.2
	Technicians and trades workers	53.2	46.0	42.9	11.6	24.4	4.1	2.2	3.3	187.6
	Community and personal service workers	13.6	9.0	7.8	1.9	5.7	1.3	0.6	1.7	41.5
	Clerical and administrative workers	8.7	5.1	5.4	1.6	5.2	1.1	0.3	0.6	28.0
	Sales workers	6.7	4.7	4.2	4.0	1.7	1.0	0.2	0.4	22.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	5.3	2.0	5.3	0.9	2.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	16.7
	Labourers	3.2	4.7	2.7	1.2	1.9	0.6	0.3	0.2	14.8
<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	3.5	1.8	2.9	1.8	1.9	0.5	0.4	0.2	12.9
	Certificate III	73.8	59.3	59.6	17.6	28.2	6.8	3.0	5.0	253.2
	Certificate IV	12.0	9.8	4.7	2.1	10.5	1.1	0.3	1.0	41.4
	Diploma/advanced diploma	2.6	2.6	3.1	0.5	1.9	0.4	0.1	0.9	12.1
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	75.8	56.9	50.2	15.8	37.1	6.4	3.1	5.0	250.5
	Part-time	16.1	16.5	20.1	6.2	5.3	2.4	0.7	2.0	69.2
<b>Total</b>		92.0	73.4	70.3	22.0	42.4	8.8	3.8	7.0	319.7

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**Table 2 In-training by state/territory as at the end of each quarter, 2010–15 ('000)**

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
March 2010	143.5	105.2	91.1	32.2	37.1	12.0	4.2	7.1	432.3
June 2010	143.9	106.9	92.4	32.6	37.5	12.1	4.3	7.2	436.9
September 2010	146.2	110.1	93.8	32.8	37.4	12.2	4.3	7.4	444.2
December 2010	145.2	107.0	90.0	32.5	37.4	11.7	4.0	7.2	434.9
March 2011	149.3	114.6	94.2	33.9	39.2	12.3	4.5	8.1	456.1
June 2011	145.9	118.8	95.6	34.6	39.3	12.3	4.4	8.2	459.2
September 2011	145.0	119.8	95.1	34.9	38.6	12.2	4.3	8.6	458.6
December 2011	140.7	116.0	90.1	34.9	37.7	11.5	3.9	8.8	443.7
March 2012	146.0	120.7	96.4	36.7	40.6	12.0	4.2	9.8	466.5
June 2012	158.9	136.2	107.5	40.6	45.6	12.9	4.4	11.0	517.1
September 2012	150.0	124.5	102.7	38.9	44.6	12.2	4.2	10.7	487.8
December 2012	140.8	106.8	94.3	37.0	42.7	11.0	3.7	10.0	446.4
March 2013	136.8	103.5	93.0	36.5	43.3	10.9	4.0	10.1	438.2
June 2013	125.9	95.4	86.6	33.8	42.3	9.6	3.9	10.0	407.6
September 2013	128.5	100.0	89.3	33.6	42.8	9.5	3.8	10.1	417.7
December 2013	119.2	90.6	82.8	31.1	41.4	8.8	3.5	9.3	386.6
March 2014	114.8	90.6	82.5	29.6	43.1	8.9	3.7	9.3	382.5
June 2014	104.2	84.1	75.2	26.2	42.1	8.7	3.7	8.1	352.4
September 2014	101.0	80.7	74.8	24.9	42.3	8.8	3.8	7.8	344.2
December 2014	93.2	71.8	69.3	22.8	40.6	8.5	3.5	7.3	317.2
March 2015	92.0	73.4	70.3	22.0	42.4	8.8	3.8	7.0	319.7

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**Table 3 Commencements by state/territory and selected training characteristics, March quarter 2015 ('000)**

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	9.2	8.3	6.5	2.2	3.0	0.8	0.4	0.6	30.9
	20 to 24 years	3.3	4.0	2.0	0.9	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	12.2
	25 to 44 years	3.4	3.2	2.9	0.7	2.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	13.6
	45 years and over	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.7
<b>Sex</b>	Male	11.4	11.7	8.4	2.6	4.9	0.9	0.5	0.8	41.1
	Female	5.4	4.6	3.7	1.3	2.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	19.2
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.0
	Technicians and trades workers	9.3	9.6	6.2	1.8	3.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	31.9
	Community and personal service workers	3.2	2.7	1.8	0.4	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	10.3
	Clerical and administrative workers	1.6	1.2	1.4	0.4	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	6.1
	Sales workers	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	4.3
	Machinery operators and drivers	0.8	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.9
	Labourers	0.8	1.3	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	3.8
	<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	1.1	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.0
	Certificate III	14.4	13.5	10.4	3.4	4.7	1.1	0.6	0.8	49.1
	Certificate IV	1.1	1.8	0.5	0.2	1.8	0.2	0.1	0.2	5.8
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.4
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	14.1	11.6	8.2	2.6	6.2	1.0	0.7	1.0	45.4
	Part-time	2.8	4.7	3.9	1.3	1.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	15.0
<b>Existing worker</b>	Existing worker	1.0	1.7	2.1	0.4	2.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	8.0
	Newly commencing worker	15.9	14.5	10.0	3.5	5.5	1.2	0.8	1.1	52.4
<b>Total</b>		16.9	16.2	12.1	3.9	7.6	1.5	0.9	1.3	60.4

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**Table 4 Commencements in each quarter by state/territory, 2010–15 ('000)**

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
March 2010	30.1	23.8	19.1	7.7	8.1	2.6	0.9	1.7	94.1
June 2010	21.8	19.9	15.5	5.5	6.2	1.9	0.6	1.1	72.5
September 2010	23.6	22.0	15.9	5.3	6.3	2.1	0.7	1.2	76.9
December 2010	22.2	19.9	14.0	5.4	6.7	1.9	0.5	0.9	71.5
March 2011	29.6	27.5	18.8	7.2	8.1	2.2	1.1	1.8	96.4
June 2011	19.7	24.7	16.2	5.8	6.4	1.9	0.6	1.1	76.3
September 2011	22.2	22.5	16.2	5.8	6.3	2.1	0.5	1.2	76.7
December 2011	20.5	21.9	13.7	5.5	6.6	1.7	0.4	1.0	71.4
March 2012	31.2	26.6	21.9	7.9	9.5	2.6	1.0	2.0	102.6
June 2012	34.4	38.4	26.6	9.5	11.8	2.7	0.8	2.1	126.2
September 2012	12.7	12.0	10.9	3.9	6.6	1.3	0.5	1.0	48.7
December 2012	14.7	15.3	10.6	4.4	5.6	1.3	0.4	0.8	53.1
March 2013	21.3	17.4	14.1	5.2	7.7	1.8	0.8	1.4	69.7
June 2013	16.2	15.8	15.0	4.8	7.1	1.3	0.5	0.9	61.6
September 2013	20.2	20.6	15.3	4.6	7.7	1.5	0.5	1.2	71.6
December 2013	11.6	10.8	8.7	2.7	6.7	1.1	0.4	0.8	42.9
March 2014	17.9	15.4	12.2	3.7	8.0	1.6	0.8	1.5	61.1
June 2014	10.7	11.8	8.9	2.9	6.7	1.5	0.7	0.8	44.0
September 2014	11.2	10.4	10.8	2.8	6.7	1.5	0.6	0.8	44.8
December 2014	10.9	10.6	8.6	2.5	5.9	1.3	0.5	0.6	41.0
March 2015	16.9	16.2	12.1	3.9	7.6	1.5	0.9	1.3	60.4

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**Table 5 Completions by state/territory and selected training characteristics, March quarter 2015 ('000)**

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	1.7	1.0	1.2	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	5.3
	20 to 24 years	4.9	2.3	2.3	1.0	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	12.4
	25 to 44 years	3.4	1.8	1.8	0.9	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.4	9.9
	45 years and over	1.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.0
<b>Sex</b>	Male	7.0	3.9	4.1	2.0	2.3	0.4	0.2	0.5	20.4
	Female	4.6	1.9	1.8	0.8	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	11.2
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.9
	Technicians and trades workers	5.3	2.9	3.2	1.4	1.7	0.2	0.1	0.3	15.2
	Community and personal service workers	2.0	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	4.7
	Clerical and administrative workers	1.8	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	4.2
	Sales workers	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.7
	Machinery operators and drivers	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
	Labourers	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1
	<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0
	Certificate III	8.7	4.7	5.0	2.4	2.4	0.6	0.2	0.6	24.5
	Certificate IV	2.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.6
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.9
<b>Actual duration of training</b>	Two years or less	7.5	4.0	3.5	1.5	2.3	0.6	0.1	0.5	20.1
	More than two years	4.0	1.9	2.4	1.3	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	11.5
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	9.7	4.5	4.8	2.2	3.0	0.5	0.2	0.6	25.6
	Part-time	1.9	1.4	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	6.0
<b>Total</b>		11.6	5.8	5.9	2.8	3.5	0.8	0.2	0.9	31.5

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**Table 6 Completions in each quarter by state/territory, 2010–15 ('000)**

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
March 2010	14.7	11.0	7.9	3.2	4.2	1.2	0.3	0.5	42.9
June 2010	11.8	10.1	8.3	2.8	3.6	1.1	0.3	0.5	38.6
September 2010	11.8	10.5	8.9	2.7	4.1	1.2	0.3	0.4	40.0
December 2010	13.0	13.7	11.4	3.4	4.2	1.6	0.4	0.5	48.2
March 2011	15.5	11.1	8.7	3.5	3.6	1.0	0.4	0.4	44.1
June 2011	12.5	11.2	9.0	2.7	3.6	1.1	0.3	0.5	40.9
September 2011	12.9	12.2	10.1	3.0	4.1	1.4	0.3	0.2	44.3
December 2011	14.7	16.0	12.0	3.2	4.5	1.7	0.5	0.3	52.8
March 2012	15.8	12.4	9.6	3.6	3.8	1.3	0.3	0.6	47.2
June 2012	12.0	12.8	9.4	3.2	3.9	1.1	0.3	0.3	43.0
September 2012	12.0	12.7	9.3	3.1	4.2	1.2	0.3	0.6	43.4
December 2012	14.5	22.6	12.4	3.9	4.1	1.7	0.5	0.8	60.4
March 2013	16.4	11.3	9.6	3.4	4.1	1.2	0.2	0.8	47.0
June 2013	18.8	15.4	15.6	5.1	5.2	1.9	0.4	0.5	63.0
September 2013	10.8	8.7	7.3	2.4	4.4	0.9	0.3	0.6	35.6
December 2013	13.1	12.3	9.8	2.8	5.1	1.3	0.4	1.2	45.9
March 2014	15.1	8.1	7.3	2.8	3.8	0.9	0.3	1.0	39.3
June 2014	13.7	10.7	10.6	3.6	5.1	1.1	0.3	1.3	46.5
September 2014	8.2	7.1	6.5	2.3	3.9	0.8	0.2	0.7	29.6
December 2014	11.4	10.7	8.7	2.7	4.9	1.2	0.4	0.6	40.6
March 2015	11.6	5.8	5.9	2.8	3.5	0.8	0.2	0.9	31.5

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**Table 7 Cancellations and withdrawals by state/territory and selected training characteristics, March quarter 2015 ('000)**

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	3.1	2.9	2.3	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	10.0
	20 to 24 years	2.5	3.6	1.5	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	9.0
	25 to 44 years	2.0	2.2	1.6	0.4	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	7.6
	45 years and over	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.1
<b>Sex</b>	Male	5.3	7.1	3.9	1.0	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.2	20.0
	Female	2.7	2.2	2.0	0.5	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	8.8
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
	Technicians and trades workers	4.2	6.5	3.3	0.7	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	16.7
	Community and personal service workers	1.3	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.5
	Sales workers	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.2
	Machinery operators and drivers	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
	Labourers	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.6
	Certificate III	6.5	8.1	4.9	1.2	1.8	0.4	0.4	0.3	23.5
	Certificate IV	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
<b>Duration until cancelled/withdrawn</b>	Two years or less	7.4	7.7	5.3	1.3	2.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	25.5
	More than two years	0.6	1.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	3.3
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	6.5	7.4	4.2	1.0	2.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	22.5
	Part-time	1.5	1.9	1.7	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	6.3
<b>Total</b>		8.0	9.3	5.9	1.5	2.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	28.8

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**Table 8 Cancellations and withdrawals in each quarter by state/territory, 2010–15 ('000)**

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
March 2010	10.6	8.8	7.0	1.9	2.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	32.6
June 2010	10.6	8.7	6.7	1.7	2.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	32.0
September 2010	11.1	9.1	6.8	1.9	2.7	0.8	0.4	0.7	33.4
December 2010	11.1	9.5	7.4	1.9	2.9	0.9	0.4	0.7	34.8
March 2011	11.6	9.6	7.2	1.8	3.1	0.8	0.4	0.6	35.1
June 2011	11.7	10.1	6.8	1.8	3.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	35.4
September 2011	11.6	10.4	7.4	1.9	3.3	0.9	0.4	0.7	36.6
December 2011	11.0	10.2	7.5	1.8	3.3	0.8	0.4	0.6	35.6
March 2012	11.4	10.4	7.2	1.9	3.3	0.9	0.5	0.6	36.2
June 2012	10.7	11.0	6.8	1.9	3.3	0.8	0.5	0.6	35.6
September 2012	10.9	11.5	7.0	1.9	3.8	0.8	0.5	0.7	37.2
December 2012	10.0	10.5	7.1	1.8	3.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	35.3
March 2013	10.2	9.6	6.4	1.7	3.3	0.8	0.4	0.5	33.0
June 2013	9.4	8.8	6.2	1.6	3.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	31.0
September 2013	8.8	7.9	6.1	1.5	3.2	0.7	0.3	0.5	28.9
December 2013	8.5	7.9	6.1	1.6	3.3	0.7	0.4	0.5	29.0
March 2014	8.9	7.9	6.0	1.4	3.0	0.6	0.3	0.5	28.6
June 2014	8.3	7.7	5.7	1.3	2.9	0.7	0.4	0.5	27.5
September 2014	8.7	7.3	5.6	1.3	3.1	0.6	0.4	0.4	27.4
December 2014	8.1	9.0	5.9	1.4	3.0	0.6	0.4	0.5	28.9
March 2015	8.0	9.3	5.9	1.5	2.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	28.8

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**Table 9 In-training as at the end of each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)**

		Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	139.3	136.2	132.6	125.6	139.4	136.9	129.8	120.0	134.3	136.0	125.2
	20 to 24 years	110.5	113.3	117.1	114.8	115.5	118.0	120.0	117.2	116.9	124.6	122.6
	25 to 44 years	127.4	131.1	135.8	135.2	140.0	142.1	145.0	143.5	149.3	175.5	165.1
	45 years and over	55.1	56.2	58.7	59.3	61.3	62.2	63.8	63.0	65.9	81.0	74.9
<b>Sex</b>	Male	287.4	289.4	292.8	287.3	300.4	299.7	298.1	288.2	301.2	328.2	312.9
	Female	144.9	147.5	151.5	147.6	155.7	159.6	160.5	155.5	165.2	188.9	174.9
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	12.9	14.5	17.1	19.1	23.4	27.5	30.9	34.3	39.0	50.2	47.8
	Technicians and trades workers	210.5	210.1	210.3	206.2	215.8	214.0	210.8	203.3	212.0	216.7	212.0
	Community and personal service workers	47.2	46.8	48.3	45.3	49.4	50.5	50.9	47.2	51.2	58.0	54.1
	Clerical and administrative workers	63.3	65.0	67.1	65.9	67.8	67.3	66.8	62.7	65.2	75.2	68.5
	Sales workers	43.2	44.5	45.2	43.4	43.9	44.9	43.9	42.3	44.0	53.0	47.2
	Machinery operators and drivers	31.3	31.0	30.2	29.9	29.8	28.7	28.7	27.6	27.9	31.7	29.4
	Labourers	23.9	25.0	26.0	25.0	26.0	26.2	26.6	26.4	27.1	32.2	28.7
<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	32.9	33.1	32.0	28.7	30.3	28.7	25.5	20.6	21.5	21.6	19.3
	Certificate III	320.7	320.8	322.2	314.1	326.9	327.0	325.3	314.4	327.8	350.5	333.5
	Certificate IV	70.8	72.9	76.5	75.5	77.5	77.7	78.1	75.0	78.2	93.6	86.1
	Diploma/advanced diploma	7.9	10.1	13.6	16.5	21.3	25.7	29.6	33.7	39.0	51.3	48.9
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	335.5	338.3	343.4	339.0	353.5	352.9	351.7	342.4	356.1	392.1	372.1
	Part-time	96.8	98.5	100.8	95.9	102.7	106.3	106.9	101.3	110.4	125.0	115.7
<b>Total</b>		432.3	436.9	444.2	434.9	456.1	459.2	458.6	443.7	466.5	517.1	487.8

**Table 9 (continued)**

		Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014	June 2014	Sept. 2014	Dec. 2014	Mar. 2015
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	110.2	117.5	111.7	106.6	97.4	107.0	102.7	97.8	88.5	97.1
	20 to 24 years	116.8	113.4	109.7	113.3	108.2	105.0	100.6	102.4	97.5	96.4
	25 to 44 years	151.9	144.7	131.1	138.5	127.9	121.6	107.6	105.4	97.2	94.3
	45 years and over	67.5	62.5	55.0	59.3	53.2	48.8	41.4	38.6	34.0	31.8
<b>Sex</b>	Male	290.7	291.0	277.5	284.5	265.4	263.6	243.7	239.6	223.1	226.2
	Female	155.7	147.3	130.1	133.2	121.2	118.8	108.7	104.6	94.1	93.5
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	43.0	37.9	24.5	22.5	19.0	17.1	13.5	11.5	9.0	8.2
	Technicians and trades workers	205.5	212.5	210.5	215.7	206.8	209.1	195.7	193.5	183.8	187.6
	Community and personal service workers	46.9	46.7	43.6	45.2	41.6	44.6	43.8	43.4	39.7	41.5
	Clerical and administrative workers	59.6	56.8	53.3	53.5	46.0	41.6	35.9	33.9	29.3	28.0
	Sales workers	39.9	35.8	30.3	32.1	29.8	29.1	26.6	25.5	23.6	22.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	27.0	25.2	23.5	25.1	22.6	20.9	18.3	18.4	17.0	16.7
	Labourers	24.5	23.4	21.8	23.6	20.8	20.0	18.6	17.9	14.8	14.8
<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	15.2	15.6	15.4	14.7	12.5	14.2	14.9	14.5	12.1	12.9
	Certificate III	310.4	311.4	298.0	305.0	286.9	287.6	268.0	265.2	248.5	253.2
	Certificate IV	76.7	73.2	71.1	77.1	69.1	63.8	54.8	50.5	43.9	41.4
	Diploma/advanced diploma	44.1	38.1	23.0	20.9	18.1	16.8	14.7	14.0	12.7	12.1
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	346.7	342.8	323.4	332.9	309.6	302.2	274.9	269.2	249.9	250.5
	Part-time	99.7	95.4	84.2	84.8	77.0	80.2	77.5	74.9	67.3	69.2
<b>Total</b>		446.4	438.2	407.6	417.7	386.6	382.5	352.4	344.2	317.2	319.7

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**Table 10 Commencements in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)**

		Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	43.4	23.1	23.6	25.7	42.0	24.7	21.6	23.2	42.3	27.8	16.9
	20 to 24 years	15.0	13.2	14.2	12.0	16.1	14.1	14.2	12.2	16.8	19.9	10.4
	25 to 44 years	25.4	25.0	26.8	23.0	27.1	25.8	27.9	24.9	30.6	51.5	15.7
	45 years and over	10.3	11.1	12.4	10.9	11.2	11.7	13.0	11.1	12.8	27.0	5.7
<b>Sex</b>	Male	57.5	40.1	42.3	40.5	57.2	41.0	42.6	39.4	60.0	69.2	28.1
	Female	36.6	32.4	34.6	31.0	39.2	35.3	34.1	32.0	42.5	57.0	20.6
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	3.5	3.7	5.2	5.2	7.1	7.2	7.4	8.6	10.0	17.2	3.8
	Technicians and trades workers	37.0	19.2	19.8	20.5	34.7	19.2	19.6	18.2	35.5	26.2	16.3
	Community and personal service workers	12.8	9.8	11.6	9.8	14.4	11.6	11.1	10.5	15.1	17.2	7.4
	Clerical and administrative workers	16.4	15.3	15.7	13.8	16.3	14.3	14.4	12.0	17.1	24.7	7.5
	Sales workers	12.3	12.3	12.3	10.9	12.1	12.5	11.1	10.1	12.4	20.3	6.3
	Machinery operators and drivers	5.5	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.6	4.9	5.8	9.3	3.3
	Labourers	6.8	6.3	6.8	5.9	6.5	6.2	7.3	7.0	6.8	11.2	3.9
<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	10.8	8.7	8.0	7.9	10.1	6.7	5.0	4.3	7.3	5.5	3.6
	Certificate III	65.3	45.6	47.6	45.7	64.4	48.3	49.3	45.8	68.1	71.9	34.4
	Certificate IV	15.2	15.0	16.3	12.9	15.1	14.4	15.0	12.5	17.1	30.5	6.9
	Diploma/advanced diploma	2.8	3.2	4.9	5.0	6.9	6.9	7.4	8.7	10.1	18.3	3.8
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	69.3	51.4	53.7	49.8	69.5	51.5	53.9	48.8	72.3	90.3	34.2
	Part-time	24.8	21.1	23.2	21.8	27.0	24.9	22.8	22.6	30.3	35.9	14.5
<b>Existing worker</b>	Existing worker	24.3	26.8	27.8	24.9	27.6	27.8	30.3	27.9	33.2	68.8	12.6
	Newly commencing worker	69.8	45.7	49.1	46.6	68.8	48.5	46.4	43.4	69.4	57.4	36.1
<b>Total</b>		94.1	72.5	76.9	71.5	96.4	76.3	76.7	71.4	102.6	126.2	48.7

**Table 10 (continued)**

		Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014	June 2014	Sept. 2014	Dec. 2014	Mar. 2015
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	20.3	32.6	19.5	15.8	17.6	30.4	16.2	15.5	17.1	30.9
	20 to 24 years	9.9	12.5	11.2	12.8	8.5	11.5	9.5	10.1	8.4	12.2
	25 to 44 years	16.4	18.3	21.4	28.8	12.7	14.9	13.6	14.6	11.5	13.6
	45 years and over	6.5	6.2	9.6	14.2	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.6	3.9	3.7
<b>Sex</b>	Male	30.3	45.5	36.1	44.2	25.7	39.5	26.2	27.7	25.3	41.1
	Female	22.8	24.2	25.6	27.4	17.2	21.6	17.9	17.1	15.7	19.2
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	4.2	2.8	2.2	2.0	1.2	1.7	1.2	0.7	0.7	1.0
	Technicians and trades workers	18.0	32.5	21.1	26.9	18.4	29.8	17.5	17.5	17.2	31.9
	Community and personal service workers	8.3	10.5	9.8	9.7	7.9	11.7	9.0	8.6	8.2	10.3
	Clerical and administrative workers	7.8	10.0	11.5	11.7	5.1	6.4	6.0	6.0	5.1	6.1
	Sales workers	8.0	6.0	7.8	8.0	5.3	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.1	4.3
	Machinery operators and drivers	3.1	3.5	4.5	6.4	2.2	2.7	2.4	3.9	3.1	2.9
	Labourers	3.5	4.4	4.7	6.9	2.8	3.6	3.0	3.3	2.6	3.8
<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	3.4	5.0	4.0	3.1	3.0	5.0	3.7	3.2	2.7	4.1
	Certificate III	37.6	52.2	41.1	47.5	32.7	47.3	31.9	33.8	31.6	49.1
	Certificate IV	8.0	10.4	15.1	19.5	6.0	6.9	6.6	6.1	5.1	5.8
	Diploma/advanced diploma	4.0	2.1	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.4
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	35.9	53.4	44.7	56.6	30.0	44.2	30.8	32.7	28.4	45.4
	Part-time	17.1	16.3	17.0	15.0	12.9	16.9	13.2	12.1	12.5	15.0
<b>Existing worker</b>	Existing worker	14.8	14.9	22.9	34.1	8.3	9.2	9.2	9.2	7.8	8.0
	Newly commencing worker	38.3	54.8	38.8	37.5	34.6	51.9	34.9	35.6	33.2	52.4
<b>Total</b>		53.1	69.7	61.6	71.6	42.9	61.1	44.0	44.8	41.0	60.4

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**Table 11 Completions in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)**

		Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	8.5	6.6	7.5	11.8	8.4	7.3	8.3	12.7	8.4	6.8	8.1
	20 to 24 years	15.4	11.2	11.4	13.8	15.4	11.7	12.2	13.9	16.5	11.8	11.7
	25 to 44 years	12.7	13.3	13.8	15.1	13.8	14.4	15.5	17.1	15.3	15.9	15.4
	45 years and over	6.3	7.4	7.2	7.5	6.5	7.5	8.3	9.2	7.0	8.5	8.2
<b>Sex</b>	Male	25.9	21.1	22.0	26.7	26.3	22.7	25.2	29.4	28.3	23.5	23.8
	Female	17.1	17.4	18.0	21.5	17.8	18.1	19.1	23.5	18.9	19.5	19.6
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.9	1.5	1.6	2.0	3.2	2.9	3.2	3.3
	Technicians and trades workers	16.0	10.9	11.5	14.2	15.9	11.6	13.2	15.0	17.5	12.0	11.9
	Community and personal service workers	6.0	5.6	5.8	8.2	5.8	5.7	5.9	9.2	6.2	5.9	6.3
	Clerical and administrative workers	7.5	7.9	7.8	9.2	8.4	8.3	8.4	10.4	8.4	8.3	7.6
	Sales workers	5.7	6.3	6.7	7.4	6.4	6.8	7.3	7.3	5.9	6.8	7.1
	Machinery operators and drivers	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.4
	Labourers	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.8	2.8	3.5	4.0	4.2	3.2	3.5	3.7
	<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	4.8	4.5	5.0	6.7	4.4	4.6	4.6	5.6	3.3	2.9
	Certificate III	31.5	26.2	27.1	32.1	31.3	27.3	29.7	34.4	33.3	28.2	29.1
	Certificate IV	6.2	7.4	7.2	8.3	7.4	7.7	8.2	10.0	7.9	8.7	7.7
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.8	2.8	2.6	3.2	3.3
<b>Actual duration of training</b>	Two years or less	29.3	29.4	30.0	36.5	31.3	31.7	34.4	41.7	33.1	34.1	34.3
	More than two years	13.6	9.1	10.0	11.7	12.7	9.2	9.9	11.1	14.1	8.9	9.1
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	33.7	28.6	28.8	32.6	34.3	29.7	32.5	36.0	36.9	31.7	30.6
	Part-time	9.2	10.0	11.2	15.6	9.7	11.2	11.8	16.8	10.4	11.3	12.7
<b>Total</b>		42.9	38.6	40.0	48.2	44.1	40.9	44.3	52.8	47.2	43.0	43.4

**Table 11 (continued)**

		Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014	June 2014	Sept. 2014	Dec. 2014	Mar. 2015
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	16.0	7.7	8.6	4.9	10.5	5.6	5.9	5.6	10.3	5.3
	20 to 24 years	14.4	14.5	14.2	9.9	12.9	14.3	13.4	8.4	11.2	12.4
	25 to 44 years	19.7	16.6	26.2	13.7	15.0	13.4	18.4	10.3	12.8	9.9
	45 years and over	10.4	8.2	14.1	7.2	7.5	5.9	8.7	5.3	6.3	4.0
<b>Sex</b>	Male	32.4	27.2	32.3	21.8	27.7	25.6	29.5	17.5	23.7	20.4
	Female	28.0	19.9	30.7	13.8	18.2	13.7	16.9	12.1	16.9	11.2
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	6.1	5.0	12.8	1.8	2.3	1.8	2.4	1.1	2.0	0.9
	Technicians and trades workers	14.0	15.8	13.2	12.9	17.0	18.1	21.1	10.2	14.4	15.2
	Community and personal service workers	10.8	6.4	8.9	4.5	7.6	4.9	6.2	5.0	7.9	4.7
	Clerical and administrative workers	10.9	7.4	9.9	6.9	7.8	6.4	6.6	4.5	6.2	4.2
	Sales workers	10.6	5.8	9.6	3.3	4.6	3.0	4.3	3.7	3.6	2.7
	Machinery operators and drivers	3.3	3.3	4.5	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.3	2.6	2.9	1.7
	Labourers	4.7	3.2	4.2	3.0	3.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	3.7	2.1
	<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	4.8	2.5	2.4	2.0	3.5	1.7	1.6	2.1	3.4
	Certificate III	38.6	31.3	35.5	24.0	32.3	29.4	34.2	20.4	28.2	24.5
	Certificate IV	11.1	8.1	11.3	8.0	8.4	6.7	9.1	6.0	7.1	4.6
	Diploma/advanced diploma	6.0	5.1	13.8	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.1	1.8	0.9
<b>Actual duration of training</b>	Two years or less	50.1	35.4	53.4	27.2	34.3	26.2	34.5	21.9	30.0	20.1
	More than two years	10.4	11.6	9.6	8.4	11.6	13.0	12.0	7.7	10.6	11.5
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	38.5	36.0	43.1	28.4	33.7	33.1	37.7	21.6	28.1	25.6
	Part-time	21.9	11.1	19.9	7.2	12.2	6.2	8.8	8.0	12.5	6.0
<b>Total</b>		60.4	47.0	63.0	35.6	45.9	39.3	46.5	29.6	40.6	31.5

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**Table 12 Cancellations and withdrawals in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)**

		Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	12.4	11.4	11.3	12.4	12.5	11.5	12.1	12.1	12.2	11.0	11.0
	20 to 24 years	8.3	8.2	8.7	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.5	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.6
	25 to 44 years	8.9	9.2	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.7	11.1	10.6	10.9	11.0	11.9
	45 years and over	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.6	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.7	4.2	4.6
<b>Sex</b>	Male	20.0	19.6	20.2	21.3	21.4	21.8	22.1	21.8	21.9	21.4	22.2
	Female	12.6	12.4	13.2	13.5	13.7	13.6	14.5	13.8	14.3	14.3	15.0
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.8	2.8
	Technicians and trades workers	13.4	13.0	13.1	13.8	14.2	13.6	14.5	14.2	14.0	13.4	13.4
	Community and personal service workers	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.0	4.7	5.1
	Clerical and administrative workers	4.8	5.0	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.1	5.5	5.7	5.8
	Sales workers	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.6
	Machinery operators and drivers	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.9	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0
	Labourers	2.6	2.3	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.6	3.4
	<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	4.2	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.2
	Certificate III	23.5	22.9	23.7	24.6	25.0	25.0	25.9	25.5	26.0	24.9	26.0
	Certificate IV	4.5	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.6	5.5	5.1	5.3	5.7	5.9
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.8	2.9
<b>Duration until cancelled/with- drawn</b>	Two years or less	30.2	29.5	30.8	32.4	32.7	33.0	34.4	33.5	33.9	33.2	34.8
	More than two years	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.4
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	23.3	23.3	24.2	24.7	25.3	25.8	26.7	25.1	26.0	25.9	26.7
	Part-time	9.3	8.7	9.2	10.1	9.9	9.5	9.9	10.5	10.2	9.8	10.4
<b>Total</b>		32.6	32.0	33.4	34.8	35.1	35.4	36.6	35.6	36.2	35.6	37.2

**Table 12 (continued)**

		Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014	June 2014	Sept. 2014	Dec. 2014	Mar. 2015
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	11.2	10.5	9.4	9.0	9.4	9.0	8.4	8.7	9.8	10.0
	20 to 24 years	9.0	9.0	8.4	7.9	7.6	8.0	7.8	7.9	8.8	9.0
	25 to 44 years	10.8	9.9	9.7	8.8	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.2	7.9	7.6
	45 years and over	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.1
<b>Sex</b>	Male	21.6	20.5	19.5	18.4	18.4	18.5	17.5	17.7	19.4	20.0
	Female	13.7	12.5	11.6	10.4	10.5	10.0	10.0	9.7	9.5	8.8
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	2.7	2.5	2.3	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.4
	Technicians and trades workers	13.7	14.2	13.8	13.8	13.7	14.0	13.8	14.1	15.3	16.7
	Community and personal service workers	4.7	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.4	4.4	3.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	5.0	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.5
	Sales workers	4.4	3.7	3.2	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.2
	Machinery operators and drivers	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5
	Labourers	2.8	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.7
	<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	2.3	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.7
	Certificate III	24.8	23.7	22.5	21.1	21.3	21.4	20.3	21.0	22.6	23.5
	Certificate IV	5.5	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.2	3.7	3.7	2.8
	Diploma/advanced diploma	2.7	2.5	2.3	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.2	1.0	0.9
<b>Duration until cancelled/with- drawn</b>	Two years or less	32.8	30.4	28.2	26.4	26.6	26.1	24.7	24.8	25.6	25.5
	More than two years	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.3
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	25.1	24.4	23.5	22.2	21.6	21.9	21.1	21.0	21.7	22.5
	Part-time	10.2	8.6	7.5	6.6	7.3	6.7	6.4	6.4	7.2	6.3
<b>Total</b>		35.3	33.0	31.0	28.9	29.0	28.6	27.5	27.4	28.9	28.8

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**Table 13 In-training in top 20 training packages by state/territory, as at 31 March 2015 ('000)**

Training package	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (BCF, BCG, BCP, CPC)	14.6	14.1	8.5	2.4	5.0	0.9	0.4	1.0	46.9
Electrotechnology (UEE, UTE, UTL)	9.0	7.0	7.2	2.1	4.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	31.2
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair (AUR)	8.8	5.9	6.1	2.4	3.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	27.7
Tourism, Travel and Hospitality (SIT, THH, THT)	7.6	6.6	5.8	1.5	3.5	0.9	0.2	0.9	27.2
Business Services (BSA, BSB)	6.8	3.9	5.5	1.3	4.7	1.1	0.2	0.6	24.1
Community Services (CHC)	8.2	3.7	4.0	0.7	2.5	0.8	0.4	1.1	21.4
Metal and Engineering (MEM)	4.7	3.1	6.8	1.2	3.9	0.5	0.2	0.1	20.5
Retail Services (SIR, WRP, WRR, WRW)	5.5	3.9	3.6	3.3	1.4	0.9	0.2	0.3	19.1
Transport and Logistics (TDT, TLI)	4.5	2.5	1.9	0.7	2.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	12.2
Resources and Infrastructure (BCC, DRT, MNC, MNM, MNQ, RII)	1.6	0.6	5.1	0.7	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.0	10.4
Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AHC, RTD, RTE, RTF, RUA, RUH)	3.2	3.4	1.6	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	10.4
Hairdressing (SIH, WRH)	2.5	1.7	2.4	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	9.1
Australian Meat Industry (MTM)	1.6	1.5	2.2	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	6.9
Sustainability (MSS)	0.6	2.3	0.7	0.2	2.5	0.0	-	0.0	6.3
Food Processing Industry (FDF)	1.1	3.2	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	6.0
Information and Communications Technology (ICA, ICT)	1.9	1.3	1.7	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.2	6.0
Furnishing (LMF, MSF)	1.6	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.4
Financial Services (FNA, FNB, FNS)	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.9
Property Services (CPP, PRD, PRM, PRS)	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	3.1
Sport, Fitness and Recreation (SIS, SRC, SRF, SRO, SRS)	0.4	1.5	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9
<b>Top 20 training packages sub-total</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>300.7</b>
Other training packages	5.1	4.5	3.4	1.5	2.7	0.6	0.2	0.6	18.8
<b>All training packages</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>319.4</b>
Non-training packages	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	0.3
<b>Total number</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>319.7</b>
<b>Training packages as proportion of total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>

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**Table 14 Commencements in top 20 training packages by state/territory, March quarter 2015 ('000)**

Training package	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (BCF, BCG, BCP, CPC)	2.9	3.5	1.4	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	9.7
Tourism, Travel and Hospitality (SIT, THH, THT)	1.5	1.3	1.2	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	5.7
Business Services (BSA, BSB)	1.3	1.0	1.2	0.3	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.1
Electrotechnology (UEE, UTE, UTL)	1.6	1.3	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.0
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair (AUR)	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.9
Community Services (CHC)	1.8	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	4.1
Retail Services (SIR, WRP, WRR, WRW)	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	3.7
Metal and Engineering (MEM)	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.1
Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AHC, RTD, RTE, RTF, RUA, RUH)	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.3
Resources and Infrastructure (BCC, DRT, MNC, MNM, MNQ, RII)	0.3	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Sport, Fitness and Recreation (SIS, SRC, SRF, SRO, SRS)	0.1	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Australian Meat Industry (MTM)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Transport and Logistics (TDT, TLI)	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
Hairdressing (SIH, WRH)	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4
Food Processing Industry (FDF)	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Furnishing (LMF, MSF)	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Information and Communications Technology (ICA, ICT)	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Financial Services (FNA, FNB, FNS)	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Health (HLT)	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Property Services (CPP, PRD, PRM, PRS)	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5
<b>Top 20 training packages sub-total</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>57.5</b>
Other training packages	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	2.9
<b>All training packages</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>60.3</b>
Non-training packages	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.1
<b>Total number</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>60.4</b>
<b>Training packages as proportion of total (%)</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>

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## Training activity: 12-month ending series

**Table 15 Commencements by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 31 March, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)**

		12 months ending 31 March					
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	106.8	114.4	111.8	97.5	83.3	79.7
	20 to 24 years	47.6	55.5	57.4	52.8	44.0	40.3
	25 to 44 years	89.0	101.9	109.2	102.0	77.8	53.3
	45 years and over	40.2	45.6	48.5	45.4	32.1	16.9
<b>Sex</b>	Male	161.8	180.2	183.0	173.2	145.5	120.3
	Female	121.8	137.2	143.9	124.4	91.8	69.9
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	8.7	21.2	33.2	28.0	7.2	3.5
	Technicians and trades workers	85.3	94.1	92.5	93.1	96.1	84.2
	Community and personal service workers	43.2	45.6	48.4	43.5	39.2	36.2
	Clerical and administrative workers	57.7	61.0	57.7	50.1	34.6	23.2
	Sales workers	42.0	47.5	46.2	40.5	26.3	18.1
	Machinery operators and drivers	22.7	22.3	21.5	19.3	15.9	12.3
	Labourers	24.1	25.6	27.4	23.1	17.9	12.8
	<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	36.1	34.8	23.2	17.5	15.0
	Certificate III	186.1	203.3	211.5	196.2	168.5	146.4
	Certificate IV	55.5	59.3	59.1	55.8	47.5	23.5
	Diploma/advanced diploma	5.9	20.0	33.2	28.2	6.2	6.7
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	198.9	224.3	226.4	213.8	175.4	137.4
	Part-time	84.7	93.0	100.5	83.8	61.8	52.8
<b>Total</b>		283.6	317.3	326.9	297.7	237.3	190.2

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**Table 16 Completions by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 31 March, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)**

		12 months ending 31 March					
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	33.0	34.4	36.6	38.6	29.5	27.1
	20 to 24 years	50.3	51.8	54.3	52.4	51.3	45.4
	25 to 44 years	52.6	56.0	62.4	67.6	68.3	51.4
	45 years and over	27.0	28.7	32.0	35.2	34.8	24.2
<b>Sex</b>	Male	92.0	96.0	105.6	106.9	107.4	91.1
	Female	70.9	74.8	79.6	86.9	76.5	57.0
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	6.2	5.8	9.7	17.7	18.8	6.4
	Technicians and trades workers	48.0	52.5	57.4	53.7	61.2	60.8
	Community and personal service workers	25.6	25.5	27.1	29.3	25.9	23.8
	Clerical and administrative workers	31.4	33.3	35.5	34.2	31.0	21.5
	Sales workers	23.4	26.8	27.2	30.4	20.4	14.2
	Machinery operators and drivers	15.3	14.6	13.5	13.4	13.3	10.6
	Labourers	13.1	12.3	14.9	15.1	13.2	10.8
	<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	22.1	20.5	18.2	13.5	9.6
	Certificate III	114.0	116.8	124.8	127.2	121.1	107.2
	Certificate IV	25.2	30.3	33.9	35.5	34.3	26.8
	Diploma/advanced diploma	1.6	3.3	8.5	17.6	18.9	5.4
<b>Actual duration of training</b>	Two years or less	121.1	127.3	140.9	153.8	141.1	106.5
	More than two years	41.8	43.6	44.4	40.0	42.7	41.7
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	120.9	124.4	135.0	136.8	138.3	113.0
	Part-time	42.0	46.4	50.3	57.0	45.5	35.2
<b>Total</b>		162.9	170.8	185.3	193.8	183.9	148.2

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**Table 17 Cancellations and withdrawals by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 31 March, Australia, 2010–15 ('000)**

		12 months ending 31 March					
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Age</b>	19 years and under	46.0	47.6	48.0	43.8	36.8	36.9
	20 to 24 years	31.6	35.0	37.3	36.9	31.8	33.5
	25 to 44 years	34.8	38.9	43.2	43.6	36.0	32.1
	45 years and over	12.3	13.9	15.3	16.7	12.8	10.0
<b>Sex</b>	Male	76.5	82.5	87.6	85.6	74.8	74.6
	Female	48.3	52.9	56.1	55.5	42.6	38.0
<b>Occupation (ANZSCO) group</b>	Managers and professionals	3.6	4.7	7.9	10.8	6.6	3.5
	Technicians and trades workers	50.2	54.0	56.3	54.8	55.3	59.9
	Community and personal service workers	17.1	17.7	19.6	18.6	15.3	16.5
	Clerical and administrative workers	18.2	21.1	21.8	21.0	15.3	11.5
	Sales workers	17.6	18.7	18.1	17.0	11.0	8.7
	Machinery operators and drivers	7.7	8.4	9.1	7.8	6.2	5.7
	Labourers	10.3	10.8	11.0	11.1	7.7	6.8
<b>AQF qualification level</b>	Certificate I or II	16.9	15.7	12.6	8.8	6.3	6.3
	Certificate III	89.4	96.2	102.4	99.4	86.2	87.3
	Certificate IV	16.7	19.8	21.5	22.0	18.6	14.4
	Diploma/advanced diploma	1.7	3.6	7.3	10.9	6.3	4.6
<b>Actual duration of training</b>	Two years or less	115.3	125.4	134.8	131.2	107.3	100.5
	More than two years	9.4	10.0	9.0	9.9	10.1	12.0
<b>Full-time status</b>	Full-time	88.9	97.5	103.6	102.0	89.2	86.2
	Part-time	35.7	37.9	40.2	39.0	28.2	26.3
<b>Total</b>		124.7	135.4	143.8	141.1	117.4	112.6

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**Table 18 Commencements by industry skills council, 12 months ending 31 March 2015, Australia ('000)**

Industry skills council	Trades	Non-trades	Total
AgriFood	7.4	9.6	17.0
Auto Skills Australia	10.3	1.5	11.9
Community Services and Health	0.3	18.1	18.4
Construction and Property Services	22.6	3.1	25.7
E-oz Energy	11.3	0.1	11.4
ForestWorks	0.1	0.2	0.3
Government	-	1.5	1.5
Innovation and Business	4.9	22.3	27.2
Manufacturing	13.3	1.5	14.8
Service	11.5	34.1	45.7
SkillsDMC	2.3	5.8	8.1
Transport and Logistics	-	8.2	8.2
World Vision Australia	-	-	-
Training packages not assigned to industry skills councils	-	-	-
Training package qualifications total	84.1	105.9	190.0
Non-training package qualifications total	0.1	0.1	0.2
<b>Total</b>	84.2	106.1	190.2

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**Table 19 Commencements by occupation and state/territory, 12 months ending 31 March 2015 ('000)**

Occupation (ANZSCO) group	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Managers</b>	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	2.9
11 Chief executives, general managers and legislators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 Farmers and farm managers	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	1.3
13 Specialist managers	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.2
14 Hospitality, retail and service managers	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.2	0.4
<b>Professionals</b>	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
21 Arts and media professionals	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
22 Business, human resource and marketing professionals	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	-	0.0	-	0.3
23 Design, engineering, science and transport professionals	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.2
24 Education professionals	-	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
25 Health professionals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 ICT professionals	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	0.0
27 Legal, social and welfare professionals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Technicians and trades workers</b>	20.6	26.2	17.7	4.9	10.7	1.7	1.1	1.3	84.2
31 Engineering, ICT and science technicians	0.6	0.7	1.3	0.2	1.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	4.5
32 Automotive and engineering	4.3	4.2	4.3	1.1	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	17.0
33 Construction trades workers	6.4	8.3	4.2	1.2	2.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	22.9
34 Electrotechnology and telecommunications trades workers	4.0	3.5	3.0	0.8	1.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	13.6
35 Food trades workers	2.3	4.1	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	10.1
36 Skilled animal and horticultural workers	1.2	1.7	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.4
39 Other technicians and trades workers	1.9	3.8	2.2	0.6	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	11.6
391 Hairdressers	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	4.2
392 Printing trades workers	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	-	0.6
393 Textile, clothing and footwear trades workers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.1
394 Wood trades workers	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
399 Miscellaneous	0.2	1.9	0.7	0.1	1.7	0.1	0.2	0.0	4.7
<b>Community and personal service workers</b>	11.3	8.2	7.4	1.3	5.5	1.0	0.6	1.0	36.2
41 Health and welfare support workers	1.5	1.6	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	4.0
42 Carers and aides	5.3	2.9	3.2	0.4	1.5	0.4	0.2	0.5	14.3
43 Hospitality workers	3.1	1.7	3.0	0.4	2.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	11.4
44 Protective service workers	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6
45 Sports and personal service workers	1.3	1.8	1.2	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.9
<b>Clerical and administrative workers</b>	6.1	4.6	4.6	1.3	4.8	1.1	0.3	0.4	23.2
51 Office managers and program administrators	1.3	1.1	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.0
52 Personal assistants and secretaries	0.1	0.1	0.0	-	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.2
53 General clerical workers	2.0	1.0	2.6	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	7.8
54 Inquiry clerks and receptionists	1.1	1.4	1.0	0.3	1.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	6.1
55 Numerical clerks	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.3
56 Clerical and office support workers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59 Other clerical and administrative workers	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.8
<b>Sales workers</b>	4.7	4.2	3.0	3.2	1.6	1.0	0.2	0.3	18.1
61 Sales representatives and agents	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
62 Sales assistants and salespersons	4.1	4.1	2.8	3.0	1.6	0.9	0.2	0.2	16.8
63 Sales support workers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Machinery operators and drivers</b>	3.6	1.3	4.6	0.4	1.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	12.3
71 Machine and stationary plant operators	0.4	0.0	1.3	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.6
72 Mobile plant operators	0.3	0.0	2.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	-	0.0	3.1
73 Road and rail drivers	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.5
74 Storepersons	1.9	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	4.1
<b>Labourers</b>	2.9	3.6	2.7	0.9	1.7	0.6	0.4	0.1	12.8
81 Cleaners and laundry workers	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.1
82 Construction and mining labourers	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	1.4
83 Factory process workers	1.3	2.5	1.5	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.1	-	6.7
84 Farm, forestry and garden workers	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	1.5
85 Food preparation assistants	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
89 Other labourers	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
<b>Total</b>	49.7	49.1	40.5	12.1	26.8	5.8	2.7	3.4	190.2

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## Early trend estimates

**Table 20 Trade and non-trade commencements, seasonally adjusted and smoothed, 2005–15 ('000)**

	Trade	Non-trade	Total
March 2005	18.2	47.3	65.7
June 2005	18.4	47.3	65.8
September 2005	18.6	47.8	66.5
December 2005	18.9	48.3	67.1
March 2006	18.7	47.6	66.2
June 2006	18.7	47.0	65.6
September 2006	19.2	47.0	66.2
December 2006	19.9	47.6	67.5
March 2007	20.6	48.3	68.9
June 2007	21.0	48.1	68.9
September 2007	21.2	47.6	68.7
December 2007	22.1	48.4	70.5
March 2008	22.8	50.1	73.0
June 2008	22.4	51.3	73.8
September 2008	20.9	50.9	71.9
December 2008	19.3	49.0	68.2
March 2009	18.4	47.4	65.8
June 2009	18.7	47.4	66.1
September 2009	19.8	48.6	68.6
December 2009	21.7	50.4	72.2
March 2010	23.2	51.8	75.1
June 2010	24.0	53.4	77.5
September 2010	24.2	55.8	79.8
December 2010	24.0	57.7	81.4
March 2011	23.7	57.2	80.7
June 2011	23.0	55.8	79.0
September 2011	22.3	55.0	77.1
December 2011	23.7	64.1	87.6
March 2012	25.3	72.0	97.6
June 2012	25.3	67.8	93.7
September 2012	23.4	52.7	76.5
December 2012	21.3	38.2	59.7
March 2013	22.7	35.1	57.9
June 2013	26.0	39.2	65.0
September 2013	26.6	37.1	62.9
December 2013	24.6	33.4	57.5
March 2014	21.4	28.5	50.0
June 2014	19.7	26.0	45.5
September 2014	20.4	26.3	46.0
December 2014	21.1	27.0	47.9
March 2015	21.6	27.9	50.2
June 2015	22.9	26.5	50.1

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## Terms

**AQF (Australian Qualifications Framework)** is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. It incorporates the qualifications from each education and training sector into a single comprehensive national qualifications framework. For more details on the AQF, go to <http://www.aqf.edu.au>.

**ANZSCO (Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations)** is a classification of the occupations of individuals. The classification is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publication, *Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations* (First edition, Revision 2, ABS cat.no.1220.0).

**Cancellations and withdrawals** refers to apprentices and trainees whose contract of training has been terminated prior to a successful completion. Cancellation and withdrawal figures in Victoria and Tasmania also include contracts which have been transferred due to a change in employer.

**Commencements** refers to apprentices and trainees starting a program of training. The date of commencement is the date that an apprentice or trainee contract of training is registered or approved under the provisions of the relevant state/territory legislation.

**Completions** refers to apprenticeship or traineeship contracts of training where all of the prescribed requirements have been met.

**Contract status** indicates the status of apprentice and trainee contracts of training, including the commencement, completion, cancellation/withdrawal of contracts and apprentices and trainees in-training.

**Early trend estimates** refers to early indications of training activity for the quarter being collected for the first time. These estimates are only available for seasonally adjusted and smoothed commencements at the national level for trade and non-trade occupations.

**Existing workers** refers to those apprentices and trainees who were employed by their current employer for more than three months full-time (or 12 months part-time/casual) prior to commencing their training contract.

**Full-time apprentices or trainees** are those whose ordinary hours of employment, including the training component, are at least the usual hours of employment for a full-time employee in that occupation.

**Industry skills councils** are organisations representing particular industries. For more information on industry skills councils, go to <http://www.isc.org.au/>. For more information on training packages developed by industry skills councils, go to <http://www.training.gov.au>.

**In-training** refers to apprentices and trainees who are actively training, at the end of each quarter, under the terms of their training contract, and who have not completed, cancelled or withdrawn from their training, nor had their training contract expire without meeting all of the prescribed requirements of their program.

**Non-trades** refers to those apprentices and trainees employed in occupations outside the trades. 'Non-trades' includes all occupations listed under ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2, with the exception of major group 3 (Technicians and trades workers).

**Part-time apprentices or trainees** are defined as those whose ordinary hours of employment, including the training component, are less than full-time. Part-time provisions vary across Australia and across occupations, with 'part-time' defined by each state and territory.

**Seasonal adjustment** refers to a mathematical model used in time series data to smooth out fluctuations attributable to seasonal influences.

**Trades** refers to those apprentices and trainees employed in trades occupations under major group 3 (Technicians and trades workers) of ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2.

**Training duration** indicates the amount of time that an apprentice or trainee takes to complete their contract of training from the time of commencement.

**Training packages** are a set of nationally endorsed standards, guidelines and qualifications for training and for recognising and assessing skills. For more details on training packages, go to <http://www.training.gov.au>.

**12-month ending series** refers to the total number of commencements, completions and cancellations/withdrawals within a 12-month period (i.e. summing the current quarter with the previous three quarters).

# Explanatory notes

## Data source

Information included in this publication is, unless stated otherwise, derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.84, June 2015 estimates, which is compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) for Apprentice and Trainee Collection Specifications, Release 6.0, March 2008.

## Estimation procedure

This publication contains figures on apprentice and trainee activity (such as commencements, completions and in-training) based on the date of effect rather than the date of processing. Due to lags in processing, the most recent figures in this publication are estimated (for training activity from September quarter 2013 to March quarter 2015). The estimation method involves weighting recently processed numbers, based on average reporting lags. Because estimates are revised for up to seven quarters, figures for the last two years may differ from those published in earlier or in subsequent reports. Figures in bold are actual numbers. Further details on the methodology can be found at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2267.html>. For the standard errors on the estimates used in this publication, see the data tables at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2820.html>.

## Early trend estimates

Early trend estimates for the quarter being collected for the first time (June quarter 2015) are possible for commencements at the national level for trade and non-trade occupations. These estimates are then seasonally adjusted and smoothed using X-11-ARIMA methodology, based on data from March 2005 to June 2015. Due to the variability of first submission data, these early trend estimates cannot be disaggregated further by state and territory.

## State and territory comments

Due to the transition to a new IT system in the June quarter 2013, data for the South Australian Department of State Development (DSD) may be subject to future revisions in subsequent quarters.

## Definitions and derivations

Non-trades are defined as all major occupations groups 1–2 and 4–8 (ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2). Trades are defined as all major group 3 (Technicians and trades workers) (ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2). ANZSCO has now been back-cast by NCVER to 1994 for reporting purposes. For further information on the methodology, see <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2266.html>.

Unknown data have not been reported in any tables, whereas the total includes all contracts, including those with unknown status. Hence, some figures in the tables may not sum to the total.

Cancellation and withdrawal figures are inclusive of the contract status 'transferred' for Victoria and Tasmania, as contract transfers due to a change in employer were historically reported as cancellations or withdrawals.

A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.

## Additional information

The substantial changes to commencement and completion numbers appear to be predominately due to changes in Commonwealth incentive payments for existing workers, namely the removal of the commencement incentive payment for those apprenticeships and traineeships not on the National Skills Needs List. Under the changes, training needed to have commenced prior to 1 July 2012 to attract the old subsidy rate. Further details on incentive changes may be found in the 2012–13 Budget <[http://www.budget.gov.au/2012-13/content/bp2/html/bp2\\_expense-15.htm](http://www.budget.gov.au/2012-13/content/bp2/html/bp2_expense-15.htm)>.

In April 2012, the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development announced through *Refocusing Vocational Training in Victoria* that it would refocus subsidy rates for VET courses to better target areas of greatest public benefit and future jobs growth <<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/pages/refocusvet.aspx>>. New fee and funding rates were effective from 1 July 2012 for all new course commencements. It is likely that changes in subsidy rates for some courses may have influenced employer decisions on whether to commence trainees in the first or second half of the year.



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