

# VET in Schools 2017

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## Introduction

This publication presents information on VET in Schools, the vocational education and training (VET) undertaken by school students as part of their senior secondary certificate of education. The VET in Schools arrangement offers two main options: students can undertake school-based apprenticeships and traineeships; or they can take other VET subjects and courses as part of their school curriculum (the latter is referred to as 'other VET in Schools programs').

## Highlights

In 2017, there were:

- 242 100 VET in Schools students
- 20 000 school-based apprentices and trainees, representing 8.2% of all VET in Schools students
- 222 200 students undertaking other VET in Schools programs, representing 91.8% of all VET in Schools students.

In 2017, compared with 2016:

- the overall number of VET in Schools students decreased by 0.5%
- school-based apprentices and trainees increased by 16.1%
- students undertaking other VET in Schools programs decreased by 1.7%.

## Data scope

The information contained in this publication is, unless stated otherwise, derived from the National VET in Schools Collection, which is compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS), Release 7.0. The scope of VET in Schools reporting is all activity encompassed by the definition developed by the former Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA). MCEECDYA's definition covers programs undertaken as part of a student's senior secondary certificate of education that provide credit towards a nationally recognised VET qualification.

## More information

To learn more about the VET in Schools collection visit <[www.ncver.edu.au/data/collection/vet-in-schools/vet-in-schools](http://www.ncver.edu.au/data/collection/vet-in-schools/vet-in-schools)>. Further year-on-year and state and territory comparisons are available from the VET in Schools data slicer, which is available at this page.

## Tables

**Table 1** Number of VET in Schools students by age group and state or territory, 2017 ('000)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
14 years and under	0.1	1.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	2.6
15 to 19 years	49.9	48.3	83.5	10.7	36.6	3.4	2.2	3.1	237.7
20 years and over	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
Not known	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.2</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>84.2</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>242.1</b>

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**Table 2 State and territory summaries of VET in Schools students, 2013–17**

	2013 (’000)	2014 (’000)	2015 (’000)	2016 (’000)	2017 (’000)	2016–17 % change
<b>School-based apprentices and trainees</b>						
New South Wales	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.5	11.0
Victoria	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.0	-9.0
Queensland	13.1	11.7	11.1	8.7	11.3	29.2
South Australia	0.9	0.3	1.1	1.3	1.0	-18.9
Western Australia	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.8	1.3	71.1
Tasmania	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	-7.5
Northern Territory	-	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	42.6
Australian Capital Territory	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	-14.8
<b>Total school-based apprentices and trainees</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>16.1</b>
<b>Other VET in Schools students</b>						
New South Wales	58.3	58.4	51.9	50.3	47.7	-5.3
Victoria	45.7	46.6	47.9	47.7	47.4	-0.5
Queensland	78.0	71.6	83.1	72.6	72.9	0.4
South Australia	11.7	12.5	11.9	12.1	10.4	-14.6
Western Australia	23.8	26.1	32.3	35.0	35.5	1.4
Tasmania	4.5	5.5	4.2	2.6	2.8	10.3
Northern Territory	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.7	2.6	-6.1
Australian Capital Territory	4.5	3.3	3.6	3.1	3.0	-4.6
<b>Total other VET in Schools students</b>	<b>228.2</b>	<b>226.2</b>	<b>237.0</b>	<b>226.1</b>	<b>222.2</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
<b>Total VET in Schools students</b>						
New South Wales	60.8	61.2	54.1	52.6	50.2	-4.6
Victoria	49.3	50.5	51.5	51.0	50.4	-1.0
Queensland	91.1	83.2	94.2	81.3	84.2	3.5
South Australia	12.6	12.8	13.0	13.4	11.4	-15.0
Western Australia	24.9	27.3	33.4	35.8	36.8	2.8
Tasmania	5.1	6.1	4.8	3.2	3.4	7.0
Northern Territory	1.7	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.7	-4.5
Australian Capital Territory	4.8	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.2	-5.3
<b>Total VET in Schools students</b>	<b>250.3</b>	<b>247.2</b>	<b>257.1</b>	<b>243.3</b>	<b>242.1</b>	<b>-0.5</b>

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## Explanatory notes

VET in Schools data may not be comparable across states and territories due to differences in definitional and compilation practices used by states and territories to populate some fields.

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