

Australian vocational education and training statistics

VET qualification completion rates 2022

National Centre for Vocational Education Research



Highlights

Completion rates for nationally recognised VET qualifications commencing in 2018, the latest year for which observed actual rates are available, were:

- 47.6% for all qualifications, up 1.5 percentage points compared with those that commenced in 2017
- 48.7% for training package qualifications, up 1.6 percentage points
- 36.4% for accredited qualifications, up 0.1 percentage points.

A VET qualification is made up of a number of subjects. In 2022, subject load pass rates were:

- 80.4% for all qualifications, down 0.2 percentage points from 2021
- 81.0% for training package qualifications, down 0.3 percentage points
- 70.3% for accredited qualifications, up 0.5 percentage points.

Completion rates

Completion rates are considered 'observed actual' four years following the year of commencement. Prior to this point, NCVET uses a methodology based on Markov chains to project a completion rate. Both observed and projected rates are updated with subsequent collections of data.

The latest observed actual completion rates for qualifications that commenced in 2018 are:

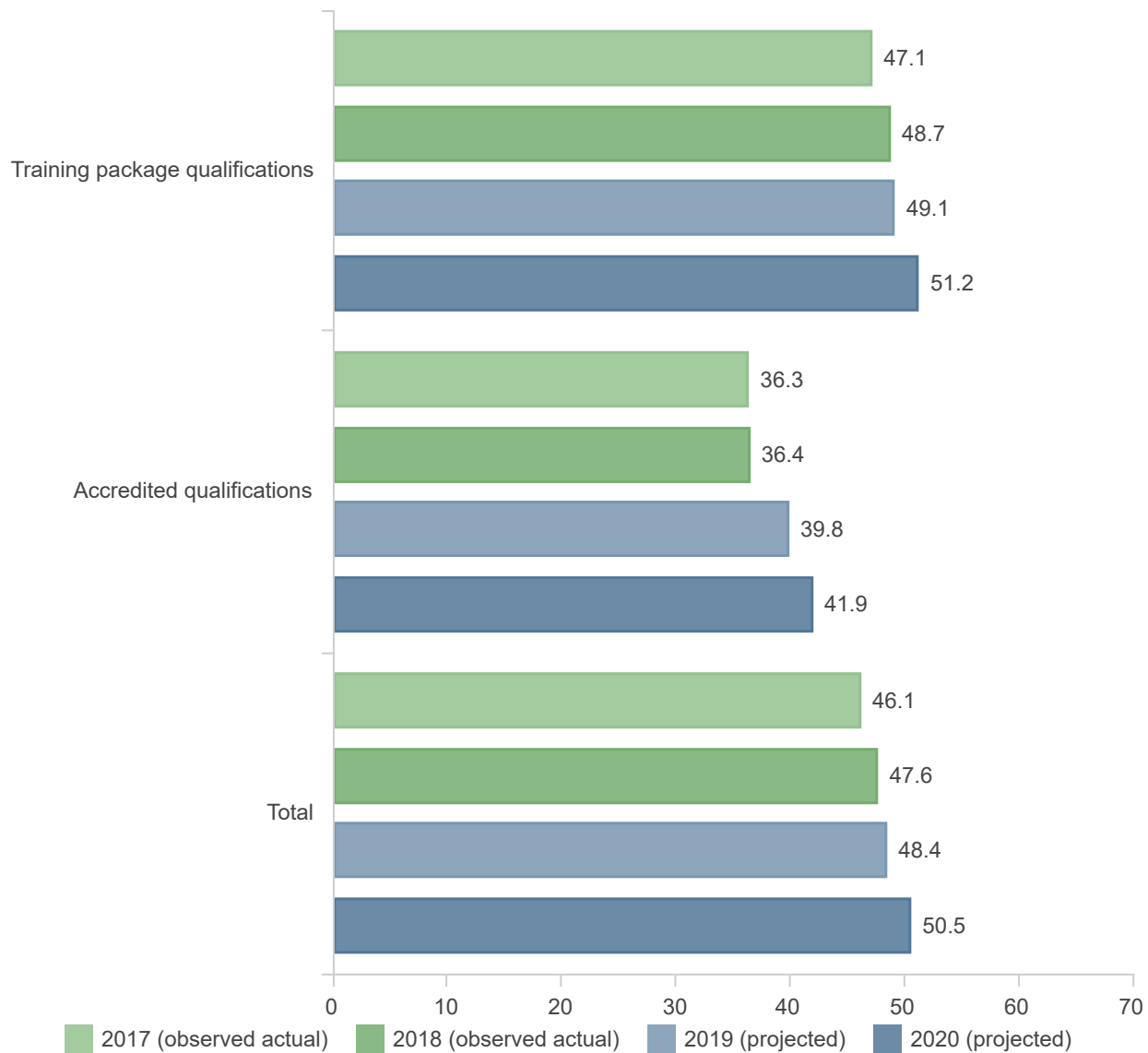
- 47.6% for all qualifications
- 48.7% for training package qualifications
- 36.4% for accredited qualifications.

Reference to, and the use of, projected rates should be with caution as these may be overstated. This is due to both the natural lag from when a completion occurs and subsequently how data are reported. Projected rates are provided to give an indication of the completion rate trends only.

The completion rates for qualifications that:

- commenced in 2019 is projected to be 48.4%
- commenced in 2020 is projected to be 50.5%.

Figure 1 Observed actual and projected completion rates for qualifications commencing in 2017 to 2020 by type of training (%)



Observed completion rates

The following charts present the latest observed completion rates by various attributes.

Figure 2 Observed actual completion rates for qualifications commencing in 2017 and 2018 by state/territory of student residence (%)

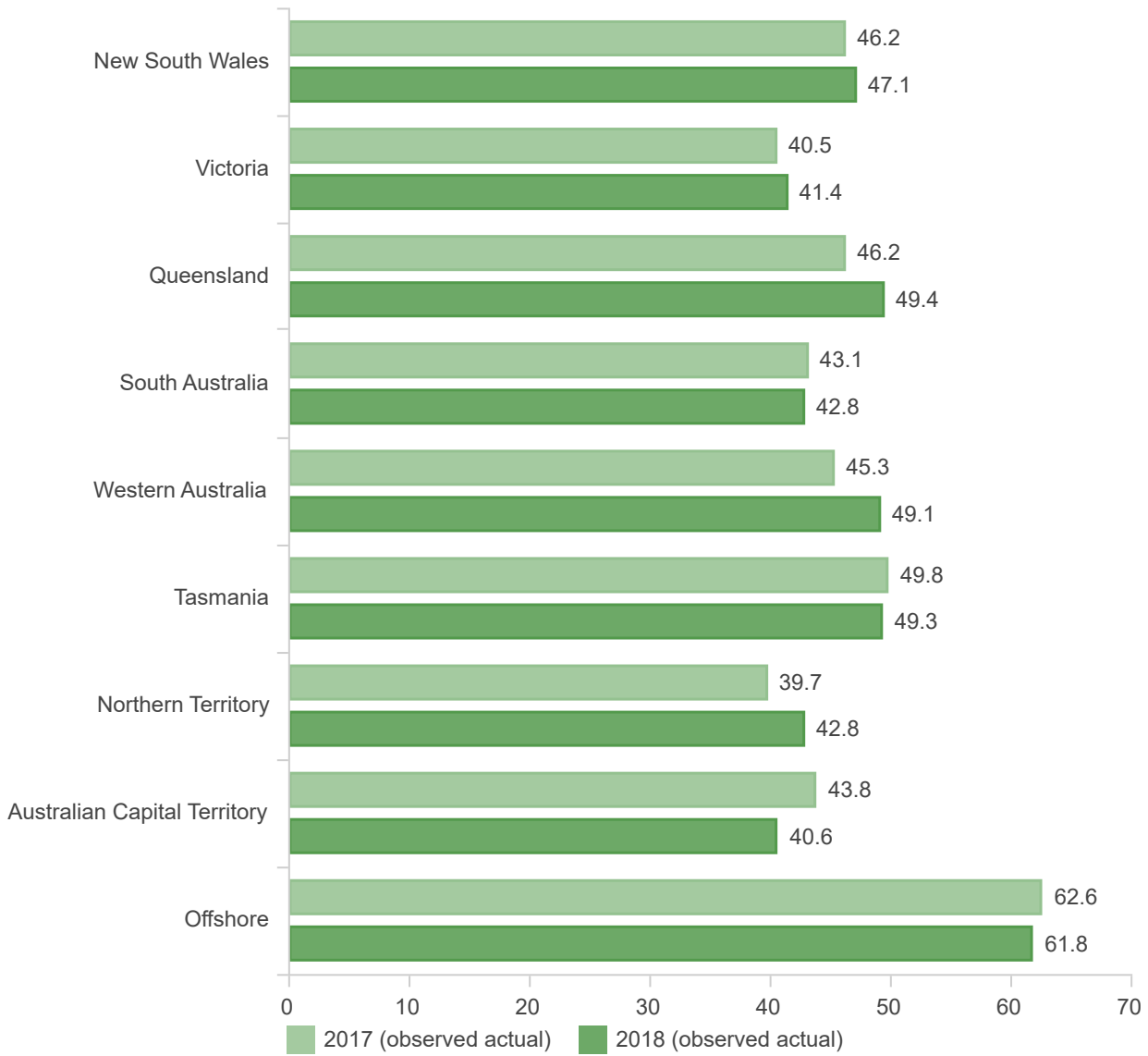
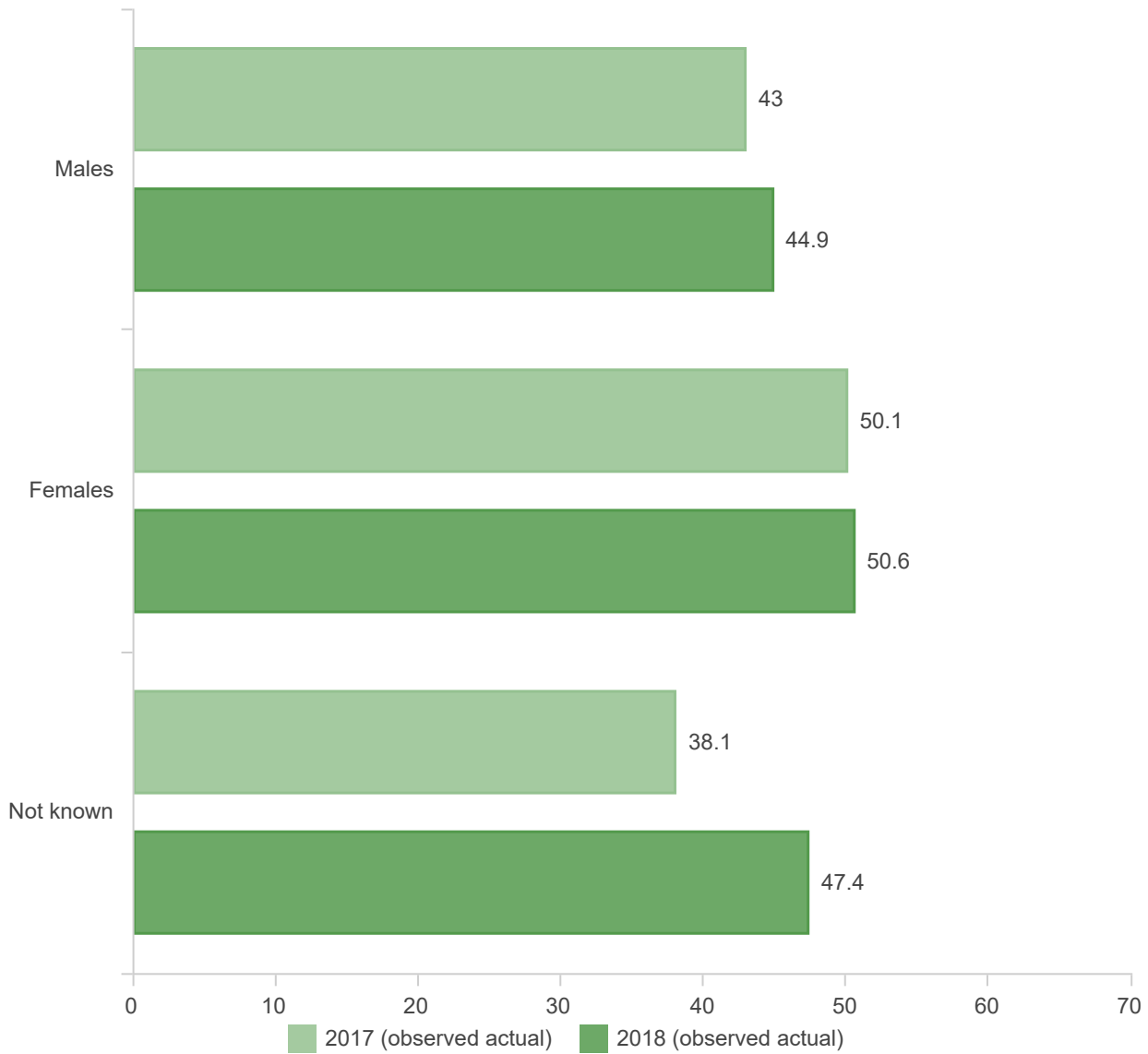


Figure 3 Observed actual completion rates for qualifications commencing in 2017 and 2018 by gender (%)



Note: "Not known" includes "other". "Other" was introduced as a response category in 2019. Historically, number of "other" responses have been too small to report separately; we anticipate that this will be changed for future releases.

Figure 4 Observed actual completion rates for qualifications commencing in 2017 and 2018 by level of education (%)

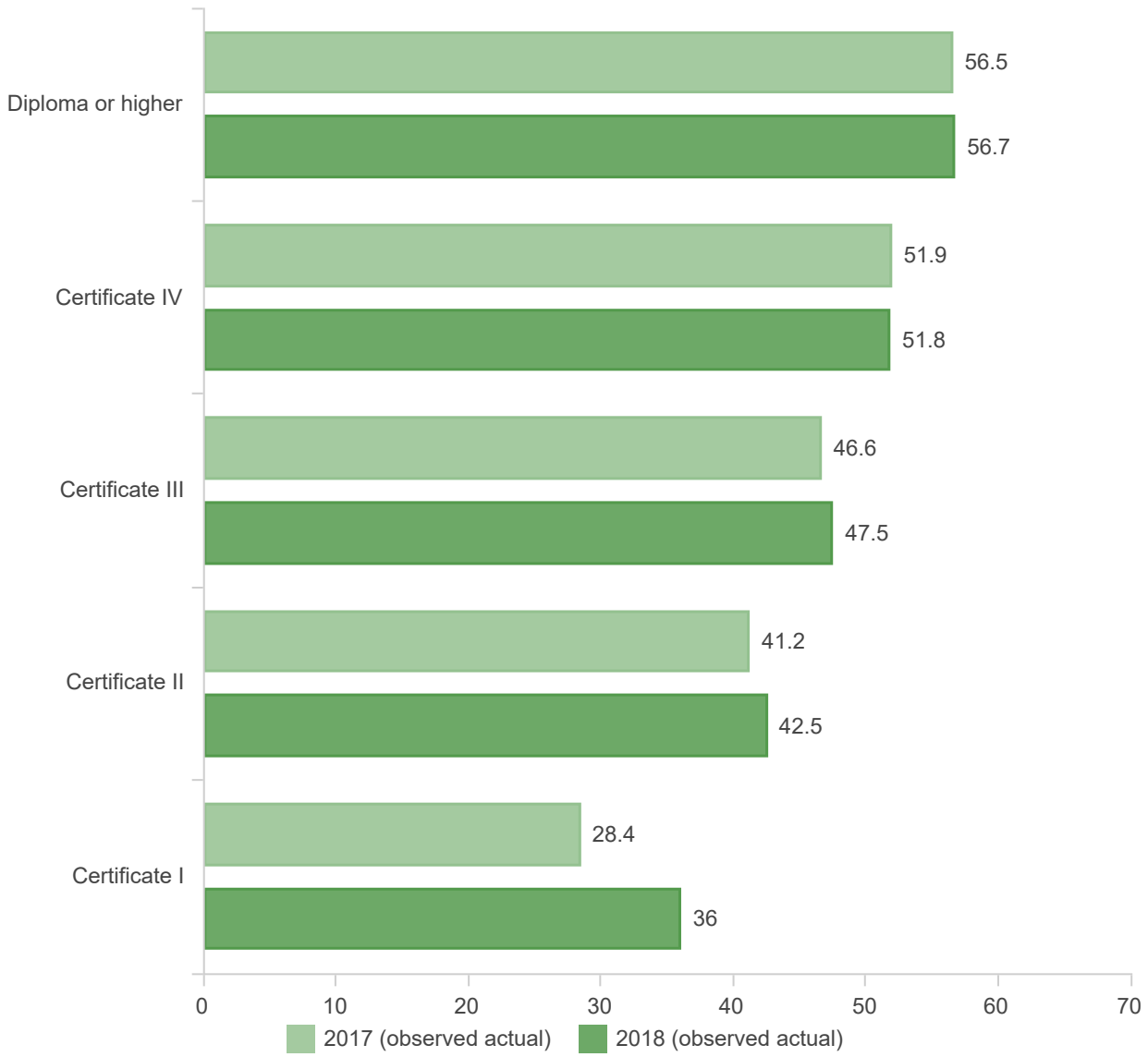
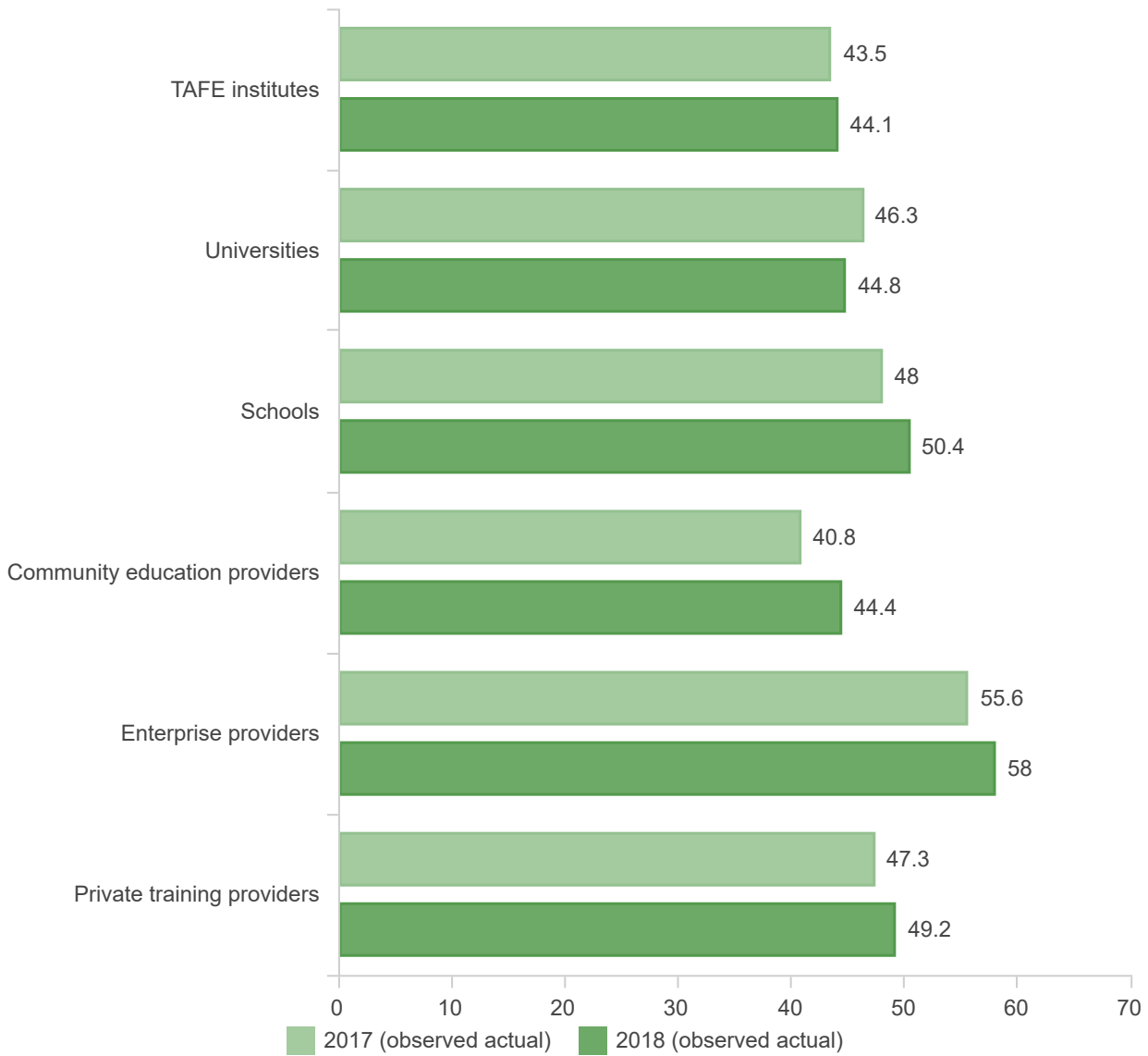


Figure 5 Observed actual completion rates for qualifications commencing in 2017 and 2018 by provider type (%)



Subject load pass rates

A VET qualification is made up of a number of subjects. The subject load pass rate is the ratio of hours studied by students who passed their subject(s) to the total hours committed to by all students who passed, failed, or were withdrawn from the corresponding subject(s). NCVET uses a load pass rate, rather than a pass rate, to account for the variability in subject lengths. Subject lengths are represented by reporting hours; longer hours generally indicate more complex learning outcomes.

- In 2022, subject load pass rates were:
- 80.4% for all qualifications
 - 81.0% for training package qualifications
 - 70.3% for accredited qualifications.

Figure 6 Subject load pass rates for qualifications by type of training, 2018 to 2022 (%)

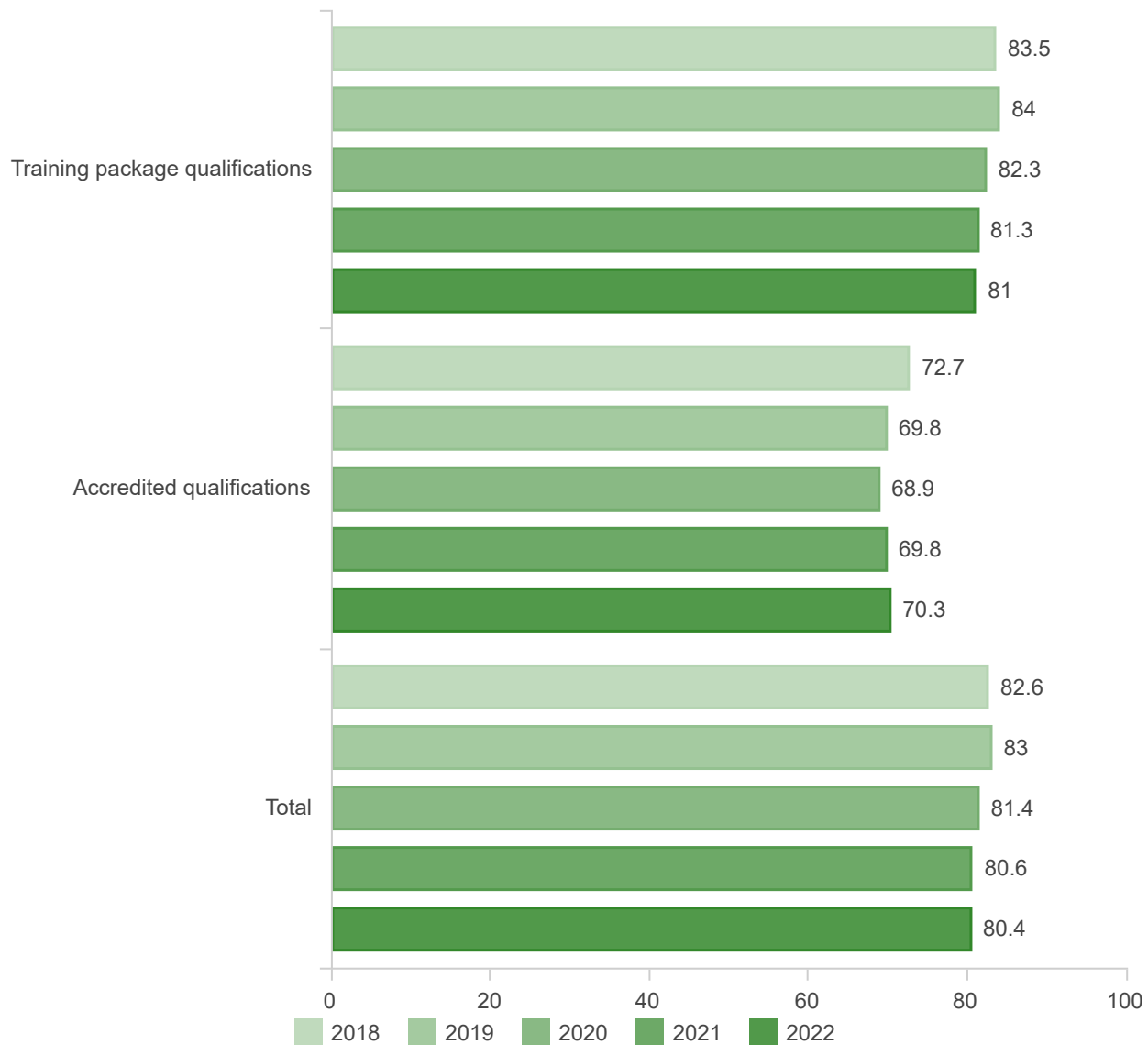
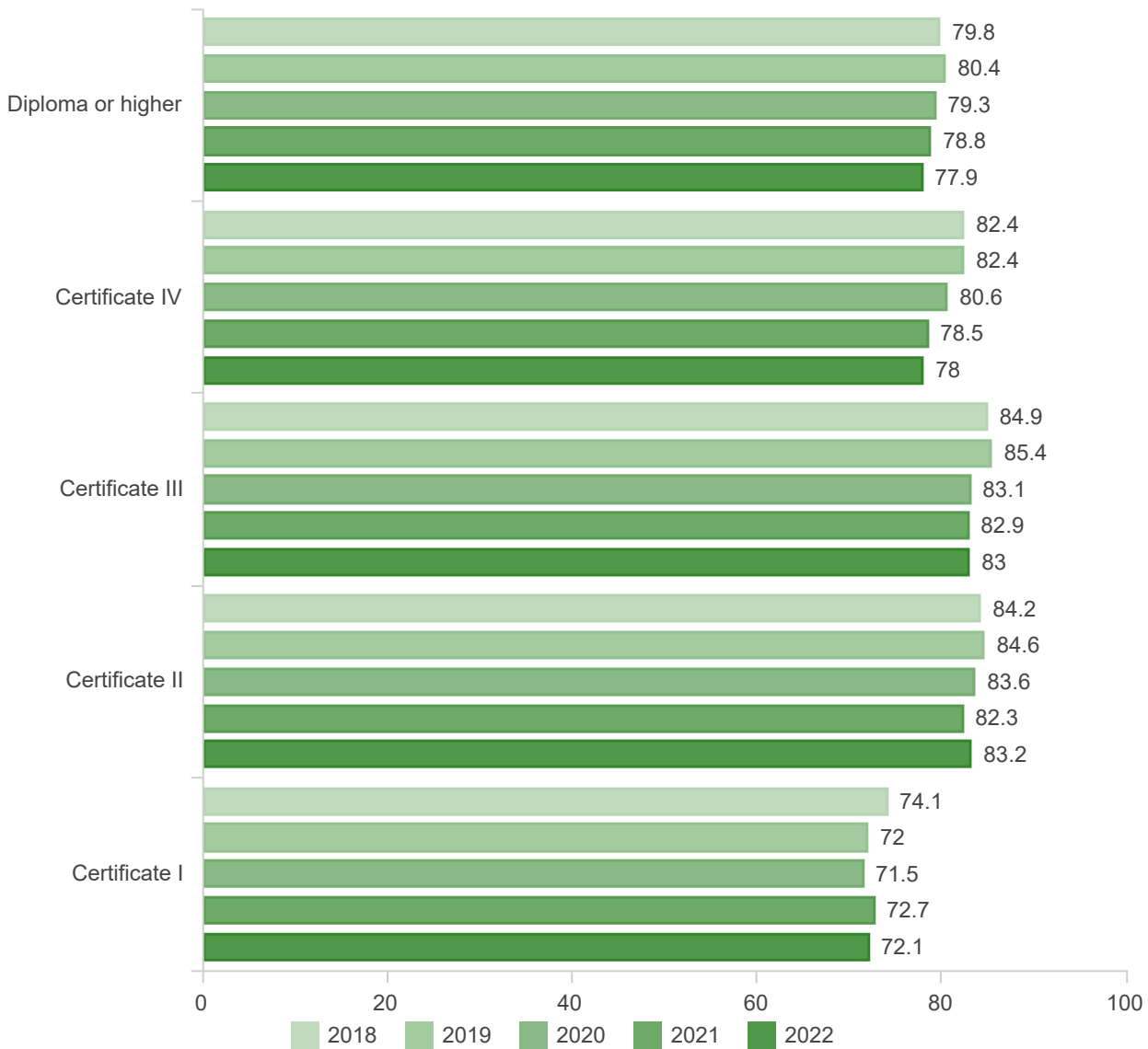


Figure 7 Subject load pass rates for qualifications by level of education, 2018 to 2022 (%)



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