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Highlights

In-training as at 31 March 2017

There were 275 200 apprentices and trainees in-training as at 31 March 2017, a decrease of 3.7% from 31 March 2016.

Quarterly training activity

In the March quarter 2017, compared with the March quarter 2016:

- commencements decreased by 0.1%, to 56 200
- completions decreased by 5.1%, to 25 300
- cancellations and withdrawals increased by 0.1%, to 23 700.

Training activity: 12-month ending series

In the 12 months ending 31 March 2017, compared with the 12 months ending 31 March 2016:

- commencements decreased by 1.9%, to 166 700
- completions decreased by 15.1%, to 97 300
- cancellations and withdrawals decreased by 0.5%, to 93 400.

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Introduction

This publication presents estimates of apprentice and trainee activity in Australia for the March quarter 2017. The figures in this publication are derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.92 (June 2017 estimates).

The most recent figures in this publication are estimated (that is, for training activity from the June quarter 2015 to the March quarter 2017). 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 the 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 2017 for seasonally adjusted and smoothed commencements at the national level for trades and non-trades 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 the 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 instances where the numbers in the body of a given table might not add to the rounded totals.

More information

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 <https://www.ncver.edu.au/data/collection/apprentices-and-trainees-collection/apprentices-and-trainees-quarterly>. These tables include state and territory breakdowns of information contained in this publication and pivot tables to allow further manipulation of the data.

In September 2016, NCVER implemented a number of collection and system changes and as such some activity may differ to that reported in previous publications. These included implementation of release 7.0 of the AVETMIS Standard for apprentices and trainees, and migration of the historical data collections to a new database.

Historical time series information is available at <https://www.ncver.edu.au/data/data/infographics/historical-time-series-of-apprenticeships-and-traineeships-in-australia>. This series presents a summary of training activity in apprenticeships and traineeships in Australia for the period 1963–2016. A timeline of major policy changes affecting apprenticeships and traineeships in Australia from 1901 to the present is provided to give the summary information context. Training rate data are also presented by occupation and state and territory for the period 1996–2016.

Australia in summary

Quarterly training activity: March quarter 2017

In-training

The number of apprentices and trainees in-training as at 31 March 2017 was 275 200, a decrease of 3.7% from 31 March 2016.

Table 2

Commencements

Overall, 56 200 apprentices and trainees commenced in the March quarter 2017, a decrease of 0.1% from the March quarter 2016.

Table 4

In the March quarter 2017, compared with the March quarter 2016:

Table 10

- trades commencements decreased by 1.0%, to 27 700. Commencements for those aged:
 - 24 years and under increased by 2.0%
 - 25 years and over decreased by 11.9%
- non-trades commencements increased by 0.8%, to 28 500. Commencements for those aged:
 - 24 years and under increased by 2.3%
 - 25 years and over decreased by 2.2%.

Completions

The number of completions in the March quarter 2017 was 25 300, a decrease of 5.1% from the March quarter 2016.

Table 6

In the March quarter 2017, compared with the March quarter 2016:

Table 11

- trades completions decreased by 4.0%, to 12 800. Completions for those aged:
 - 24 years and under decreased by 4.5%
 - 25 years and over decreased by 3.1%
- non-trades completions decreased by 6.3% to 12 500. Completions for those aged:
 - 24 years and under increased by 9.3%
 - 25 years and over decreased by 23.8%.

Cancellations and withdrawals

The number of cancellations and withdrawals in the March quarter 2017 was 23 700, an increase of 0.1% from the March quarter 2016.

Table 8

- trades cancellations and withdrawals increased by 3.2% to 13 000
- non-trades cancellations and withdrawals decreased by 3.4% to 10 700.

Table 12

Training activity: 12 months ending

Commencements

The number of commencements in the 12 months ending 31 March 2017 was 166 700, a decrease of 1.9% from the previous 12 months. However, New South Wales (up 2.3%), Queensland (up 1.9%), Tasmania (up 5.8%), Northern Territory (up 10.1%) and Australian Capital Territory (up 26.1%) all showed an increase over this 12 month period.

Table 16

In the 12 months ending 31 March 2017, compared with previous 12 months:

Table 16

- trades commencements decreased by 9.0% to 72 300
- non-trades commencements increased by 4.3% to 94 400.

For detailed information on commencements by occupation, refer to table 19.

Completions

The number of completions in the 12 months ending 31 March 2017 was 97 300, a decrease of 15.1% from the previous 12 months:

Table 17

- trades completions decreased by 13.2% to 43 800
- non-trades completions decreased by 16.5% to 53 500.

Cancellations and withdrawals

The number of cancellations and withdrawals in the 12 months ending 31 March 2017 was 93 400, a decrease of 0.5% from the previous 12 months:

Table 18

- trades cancellations and withdrawals increased by 0.7% to 50 800
- non-trades cancellations and withdrawals decreased by 1.8% to 42 600.

Early trend estimates

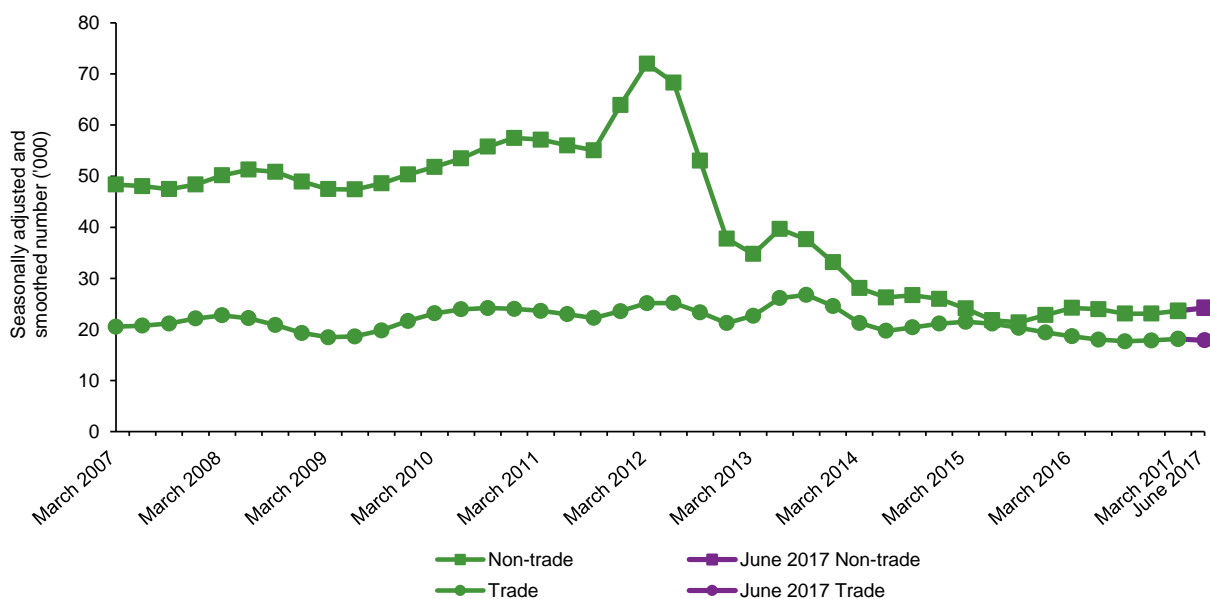
Early trend estimates suggest that:

- Over the last year and a half, the trends for both trades and non-trades commencements have remained relatively flat, averaging around 18 000 for trades and 23 700 for non-trades.

Figure 1

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Figure 1 Trades and non-trades commencements, seasonally adjusted and smoothed, March 2007 – June 2017



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Tables

Quarterly training activity

Table 1 In-training by state/territory and selected training characteristics, as at 31 March 2017 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	29.7	20.1	23.2	5.9	9.7	2.3	0.8	1.5	93.3
	20 to 24 years	28.5	23.9	16.8	6.1	9.9	2.4	1.0	1.9	90.5
	25 to 44 years	20.1	16.3	14.8	3.6	12.5	2.2	1.1	1.8	72.6
	45 years and over	4.4	4.0	3.6	0.6	4.5	0.8	0.2	0.5	18.8
Sex	Male	61.6	48.6	43.3	11.8	26.3	5.0	2.2	3.7	202.4
	Female	21.1	15.7	15.2	4.5	10.5	2.7	0.9	2.1	72.8
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.9	1.2	0.6	0.3	1.9	0.2	0.1	0.6	5.9
	Technicians and trades workers	54.2	43.3	36.6	9.9	19.5	4.0	1.8	3.1	172.3
	Community and personal service workers	10.3	8.2	6.9	1.2	5.3	1.1	0.4	1.2	34.6
	Clerical and administrative workers	5.0	3.1	3.7	0.8	3.2	0.8	0.2	0.3	17.2
	Sales workers	4.7	3.7	3.6	2.9	1.5	0.8	0.2	0.3	17.6
	Machinery operators and drivers	4.8	1.9	5.0	0.6	3.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	16.6
	Labourers	2.8	2.9	2.1	0.6	1.9	0.4	0.2	0.1	11.0
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	3.1	1.8	3.1	0.8	2.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	12.3
	Certificate III	71.2	56.3	51.8	14.9	26.6	6.2	2.4	4.3	233.6
	Certificate IV	5.9	4.4	2.1	0.5	5.5	0.8	0.2	0.6	20.0
	Diploma/advanced diploma	2.6	1.7	1.5	0.2	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.8	9.3
Full-time status	Full-time	70.3	50.7	40.4	11.9	30.2	5.7	2.5	4.4	216.1
	Part-time	12.4	13.5	18.1	4.4	6.5	2.1	0.6	1.4	59.1
Total		82.7	64.3	58.5	16.3	36.7	7.8	3.1	5.8	275.2

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Table 2 In-training by state/territory as at the end of each quarter, 2012–17 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
March 2012	144.9	120.5	96.3	36.6	40.6	12.0	4.2	9.7	464.7
June 2012	157.7	135.9	107.4	40.4	45.6	12.9	4.4	10.9	515.1
September 2012	148.6	124.1	102.6	38.6	44.6	12.2	4.2	10.6	485.6
December 2012	139.3	106.3	94.1	36.7	42.7	11.0	3.7	10.0	443.8
March 2013	135.2	102.9	92.8	36.1	43.3	10.8	4.0	10.1	435.3
June 2013	124.1	94.7	86.2	33.3	42.3	9.6	3.9	10.0	404.1
September 2013	126.2	98.9	88.6	33.2	42.8	9.5	3.8	10.2	413.3
December 2013	116.8	89.1	81.8	30.7	41.3	8.7	3.4	9.4	381.4
March 2014	112.5	88.9	81.4	29.4	42.9	8.9	3.7	9.4	377.0
June 2014	101.6	82.0	73.5	26.0	41.8	8.6	3.7	8.3	345.6
September 2014	98.6	78.6	73.0	24.6	42.0	8.8	3.8	8.0	337.5
December 2014	91.5	69.9	67.5	22.6	40.4	8.4	3.6	7.6	311.4
March 2015	91.3	72.3	68.3	21.6	42.4	8.7	3.8	7.4	315.9
June 2015	86.3	69.9	66.2	20.2	43.0	8.5	3.6	6.5	304.2
September 2015	83.8	67.3	64.0	19.3	41.7	8.1	3.3	6.0	293.5
December 2015	80.9	61.2	60.1	18.1	39.8	7.5	3.0	5.3	276.0
March 2016	83.9	65.8	61.2	17.8	40.4	7.8	3.2	5.4	285.7
June 2016	83.0	66.8	60.6	17.4	39.2	7.7	3.4	5.5	283.5
September 2016	81.9	67.0	58.9	17.0	37.6	7.8	3.3	5.5	279.0
December 2016	78.8	61.5	56.0	16.1	35.8	7.6	3.1	5.3	264.2
March 2017	82.7	64.3	58.5	16.3	36.7	7.8	3.1	5.8	275.2

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Table 3 Commencements by state/territory and selected training characteristics, March quarter 2017 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	10.2	7.4	7.3	1.8	2.9	0.7	0.3	0.7	31.3
	20 to 24 years	3.6	2.7	2.1	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	10.7
	25 to 44 years	3.6	2.2	2.4	0.6	1.9	0.3	0.1	0.4	11.5
	45 years and over	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.7
Sex	Male	12.2	8.8	8.1	2.0	4.0	0.9	0.4	1.0	37.4
	Female	5.9	4.0	4.1	1.1	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.6	18.9
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.9
	Technicians and trades workers	9.7	6.7	5.8	1.5	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.8	27.7
	Community and personal service workers	2.9	2.5	1.9	0.3	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	9.7
	Clerical and administrative workers	1.7	0.9	1.5	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.5
	Sales workers	1.4	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	5.0
	Machinery operators and drivers	1.4	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.0
	Labourers	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.4
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	1.1	0.9	1.4	0.2	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.9
	Certificate III	15.5	10.9	10.2	2.8	4.4	1.1	0.5	1.1	46.5
	Certificate IV	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.2	3.6
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.1
Full-time status	Full-time	14.8	8.6	8.1	2.1	4.4	1.0	0.4	1.2	40.8
	Part-time	3.3	4.1	4.2	1.0	1.8	0.5	0.2	0.4	15.4
Existing worker	Existing worker	0.3	1.1	1.2	0.3	1.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	4.8
	Newly commencing worker	17.8	11.6	11.1	2.8	5.2	1.1	0.5	1.3	51.4
Total		18.1	12.8	12.3	3.1	6.3	1.5	0.6	1.6	56.2

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Table 4 Commencements in each quarter by state/territory, 2012–17 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
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	1.5	69.7
June 2013	16.2	15.8	15.0	4.8	7.1	1.3	0.5	0.9	61.7
September 2013	20.1	20.7	15.3	4.6	7.7	1.5	0.5	1.2	71.6
December 2013	11.6	10.8	8.7	2.8	6.7	1.1	0.4	0.8	42.9
March 2014	18.0	15.4	12.2	3.7	8.0	1.6	0.8	1.5	61.2
June 2014	10.5	11.9	9.0	2.9	6.7	1.5	0.7	0.8	43.9
September 2014	11.2	10.5	10.8	2.7	6.7	1.5	0.6	0.8	44.7
December 2014	10.8	10.6	8.5	2.3	5.9	1.3	0.5	0.6	40.5
March 2015	16.0	16.3	11.7	3.2	7.6	1.5	0.8	1.2	58.3
June 2015	8.9	9.9	9.9	2.5	7.3	1.2	0.4	0.7	40.8
September 2015	10.0	8.8	8.5	2.1	5.3	0.9	0.3	0.9	36.8
December 2015	10.3	9.0	7.7	2.0	5.1	1.0	0.4	0.7	36.2
March 2016	16.9	15.3	11.1	3.0	6.4	1.5	0.7	1.4	56.3
June 2016	9.7	10.8	9.1	2.2	4.8	1.2	0.6	1.0	39.5
September 2016	9.9	10.0	8.6	2.0	4.2	1.2	0.4	1.1	37.5
December 2016	9.3	7.8	7.9	1.9	4.3	1.1	0.3	1.0	33.5
March 2017	18.1	12.8	12.3	3.1	6.3	1.5	0.6	1.6	56.2

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Table 5 Completions by state/territory and selected training characteristics, March quarter 2017 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	1.7	1.1	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	5.2
	20 to 24 years	4.4	2.1	2.1	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	11.1
	25 to 44 years	2.2	1.3	1.5	0.4	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	7.2
	45 years and over	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.9
Sex	Male	5.6	3.3	3.6	1.2	2.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	16.4
	Female	3.3	1.5	1.8	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	8.9
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6
	Technicians and trades workers	4.6	2.7	2.7	1.0	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	12.8
	Community and personal service workers	1.8	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.0
	Clerical and administrative workers	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.7
	Sales workers	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.7
	Machinery operators and drivers	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
	Labourers	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.8
	Certificate III	7.6	4.1	4.4	1.6	2.0	0.6	0.2	0.3	20.8
	Certificate IV	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.1
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	5.3	3.2	3.3	0.9	2.0	0.5	0.1	0.4	15.7
	More than two years	3.6	1.6	2.0	0.9	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	9.6
Full-time status	Full-time	7.6	3.6	4.3	1.4	2.5	0.4	0.2	0.4	20.3
	Part-time	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.1	5.0
Total		8.9	4.8	5.4	1.8	3.0	0.8	0.2	0.5	25.3

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Table 6 Completions in each quarter by state/territory, 2012–17 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
March 2012	15.8	12.5	9.6	3.6	3.8	1.3	0.3	0.6	47.3
June 2012	12.1	12.8	9.4	3.2	3.9	1.1	0.3	0.3	43.1
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	60.6
March 2013	16.4	11.3	9.6	3.4	4.1	1.2	0.2	0.8	47.2
June 2013	18.9	15.4	15.7	5.2	5.2	1.9	0.4	0.6	63.3
September 2013	10.9	8.8	7.4	2.5	4.4	0.9	0.3	0.7	35.9
December 2013	13.2	12.4	9.8	3.0	5.1	1.3	0.4	1.2	46.3
March 2014	15.3	8.2	7.3	3.0	3.8	0.9	0.3	1.0	39.8
June 2014	14.0	10.9	10.7	3.8	5.2	1.1	0.3	1.3	47.2
September 2014	8.2	7.1	6.5	2.3	3.9	0.8	0.2	0.7	29.7
December 2014	11.3	10.6	8.7	2.5	4.9	1.2	0.4	0.7	40.3
March 2015	10.9	5.9	5.9	2.3	3.4	0.8	0.2	0.9	30.4
June 2015	8.3	5.5	7.1	2.1	4.1	0.9	0.3	0.8	29.0
September 2015	7.8	5.8	6.0	1.6	4.1	0.9	0.3	0.7	27.1
December 2015	7.9	8.5	6.9	1.8	4.2	1.0	0.5	0.8	31.7
March 2016	9.4	4.9	5.7	1.8	3.3	0.7	0.3	0.7	26.7
June 2016	6.0	4.5	5.1	1.4	3.2	0.8	0.2	0.4	21.7
September 2016	6.1	4.4	6.0	1.4	3.3	0.7	0.3	0.4	22.6
December 2016	7.1	7.2	6.3	1.7	3.7	0.9	0.4	0.6	27.7
March 2017	8.9	4.8	5.4	1.8	3.0	0.8	0.2	0.5	25.3

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Table 7 Cancellations and withdrawals by state/territory and selected training characteristics, March quarter 2017 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	2.9	2.3	2.2	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	8.9
	20 to 24 years	2.5	2.1	1.4	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	7.5
	25 to 44 years	1.7	1.3	1.2	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.9
	45 years and over	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.4
Sex	Male	5.3	4.0	3.5	0.7	1.7	0.3	0.2	0.3	16.1
	Female	2.1	2.0	1.6	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	7.6
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
	Technicians and trades workers	4.3	3.3	3.0	0.5	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	13.0
	Community and personal service workers	1.1	1.1	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.8
	Sales workers	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
	Labourers	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Certificate III	6.3	5.1	4.5	1.0	1.8	0.5	0.3	0.4	19.8
	Certificate IV	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.7
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7
Duration until cancelled/withdrawn	Two years or less	6.8	5.6	4.5	1.0	2.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	21.5
	More than two years	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.2
Full-time status	Full-time	6.0	4.3	3.6	0.8	2.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	17.9
	Part-time	1.4	1.7	1.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.8
Total		7.4	6.0	5.1	1.1	2.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	23.7

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Table 8 Cancellations and withdrawals in each quarter by state/territory, 2012–17 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
March 2012	11.6	10.8	7.2	1.9	3.3	0.9	0.5	0.6	36.9
June 2012	11.0	11.4	6.9	2.0	3.3	0.8	0.5	0.6	36.3
September 2012	11.1	11.9	7.0	2.0	3.8	0.8	0.5	0.7	37.9
December 2012	10.3	10.8	7.2	1.9	3.8	0.9	0.5	0.7	36.0
March 2013	10.5	9.9	6.5	1.8	3.3	0.8	0.4	0.5	33.7
June 2013	9.7	9.0	6.3	1.7	3.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	31.8
September 2013	9.0	8.0	6.1	1.5	3.1	0.7	0.3	0.5	29.3
December 2013	8.6	8.0	6.2	1.6	3.3	0.7	0.4	0.5	29.2
March 2014	8.8	8.0	5.9	1.4	2.9	0.6	0.3	0.5	28.5
June 2014	8.1	7.7	5.7	1.3	2.8	0.7	0.4	0.5	27.3
September 2014	8.4	7.2	5.4	1.2	2.9	0.6	0.4	0.4	26.6
December 2014	7.7	8.7	5.7	1.3	2.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	27.6
March 2015	7.2	8.4	5.5	1.2	2.2	0.6	0.4	0.3	25.9
June 2015	6.7	6.7	5.2	1.1	2.2	0.6	0.4	0.7	23.5
September 2015	6.5	5.7	5.1	1.1	2.8	0.5	0.3	0.5	22.5
December 2015	6.6	6.8	5.1	1.1	2.9	0.6	0.3	0.5	24.0
March 2016	7.1	6.4	5.1	1.1	2.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	23.7
June 2016	6.7	5.9	5.2	0.9	2.9	0.6	0.2	0.5	23.1
September 2016	7.8	6.1	4.8	1.0	2.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	23.8
December 2016	6.7	6.3	5.1	1.1	2.3	0.5	0.3	0.5	22.7
March 2017	7.4	6.0	5.1	1.1	2.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	23.7

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Table 9 In-training as at the end of each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2012–17 ('000)

		Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014	June 2014	Sept. 2014
Age	19 years and under	134.0	135.7	124.8	109.8	117.1	111.2	105.9	96.6	106.3	101.8	97.1
	20 to 24 years	116.5	124.1	122.1	116.1	112.7	108.9	112.2	106.9	103.7	98.9	100.8
	25 to 44 years	148.6	174.7	164.2	150.9	143.6	129.7	136.7	125.7	119.2	104.8	102.4
	45 years and over	65.6	80.7	74.5	67.1	62.0	54.3	58.5	52.1	47.7	40.0	37.1
Sex	Male	300.3	327.1	311.7	289.3	289.4	275.6	282.1	262.6	260.7	240.1	236.3
	Female	164.5	188.0	173.9	154.5	145.9	128.5	131.2	118.8	116.2	105.5	101.2
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	38.7	49.8	47.3	42.4	37.1	23.5	21.4	17.8	15.7	12.1	10.3
	Technicians and trades workers	210.9	215.5	210.8	204.1	210.9	208.8	213.8	204.6	207.2	193.3	191.5
	Community and personal service workers	51.6	58.5	54.6	47.3	47.3	44.3	45.7	41.9	44.6	43.5	42.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	64.8	74.8	68.1	59.2	56.4	52.8	52.8	45.2	40.7	34.9	32.7
	Sales workers	43.7	52.8	47.0	39.5	35.4	29.8	31.5	29.1	28.3	25.6	24.5
	Machinery operators and drivers	27.7	31.5	29.2	26.8	25.0	23.3	24.9	22.4	20.9	18.3	18.3
	Labourers	27.1	32.1	28.7	24.4	23.2	21.6	23.2	20.4	19.5	18.0	17.2
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	21.4	21.5	19.2	15.1	15.4	15.3	14.6	12.3	14.0	14.6	14.3
	Certificate III	326.8	349.4	332.2	308.8	309.7	296.0	302.2	283.7	284.3	263.8	261.2
	Certificate IV	77.7	93.1	85.6	76.1	72.5	70.2	75.9	67.7	62.3	53.0	48.6
	Diploma/advanced diploma	38.9	51.1	48.7	43.8	37.7	22.6	20.5	17.6	16.4	14.3	13.5
Full-time status	Full-time	357.3	392.9	372.5	346.6	342.4	322.4	331.1	307.2	299.8	271.5	266.2
	Part-time	107.4	122.2	113.1	97.2	93.0	81.7	82.2	74.2	77.2	74.1	71.4
Total		464.7	515.1	485.6	443.8	435.3	404.1	413.3	381.4	377.0	345.6	337.5

Table 9 (continued)

		Dec. 2014	Mar. 2015	June 2015	Sept. 2015	Dec. 2015	Mar. 2016	June 2016	Sept. 2016	Dec. 2016	Mar. 2017
Age	19 years and under	88.4	98.4	95.5	91.1	83.5	95.4	94.4	89.8	82.1	93.3
	20 to 24 years	96.4	95.8	95.2	95.6	91.7	91.4	92.1	93.8	90.6	90.5
	25 to 44 years	94.2	91.5	86.6	82.1	77.6	76.6	75.8	75.1	72.3	72.6
	45 years and over	32.4	30.1	26.9	24.7	23.1	22.3	21.1	20.3	19.3	18.8
Sex	Male	220.7	225.7	219.0	212.5	201.5	209.2	206.8	204.1	194.5	202.4
	Female	90.8	90.2	85.2	81.0	74.4	76.5	76.7	74.9	69.7	72.8
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	8.0	7.4	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.2	5.9
	Technicians and trades workers	182.9	188.9	185.9	182.2	174.8	180.5	177.2	173.7	166.8	172.3
	Community and personal service workers	39.2	40.8	39.2	37.8	33.6	36.2	35.8	35.1	32.2	34.6
	Clerical and administrative workers	27.9	26.6	23.5	20.6	17.7	17.4	17.9	17.8	16.4	17.2
	Sales workers	22.4	21.5	20.4	19.3	18.1	18.6	19.1	18.7	17.1	17.6
	Machinery operators and drivers	16.7	16.3	15.7	15.0	14.8	14.9	15.3	15.3	15.4	16.6
	Labourers	14.3	14.4	13.1	12.1	10.8	11.7	11.7	11.7	10.2	11.0
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	11.8	12.7	12.6	12.2	10.7	12.5	13.2	12.9	10.8	12.3
	Certificate III	245.4	251.9	245.0	239.4	228.3	237.6	236.6	233.7	223.7	233.6
	Certificate IV	41.9	39.5	36.0	31.3	27.1	25.8	24.0	22.9	20.5	20.0
	Diploma/advanced diploma	12.2	11.7	10.6	10.5	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.5	9.3	9.3
Full-time status	Full-time	248.1	251.1	241.6	232.8	220.7	226.4	223.2	219.7	209.7	216.1
	Part-time	63.4	64.8	62.7	60.7	55.3	59.3	60.3	59.3	54.6	59.1
Total		311.4	315.9	304.2	293.5	276.0	285.7	283.5	279.0	264.2	275.2

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Table 10 Commencements in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2012–17 ('000)

		Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014	June 2014	Sept. 2014
Age	19 years and under	42.3	27.8	16.9	20.3	32.6	19.5	15.8	17.6	30.5	16.2	15.4
	20 to 24 years	16.9	19.9	10.4	9.9	12.5	11.2	12.8	8.5	11.5	9.5	10.1
	25 to 44 years	30.6	51.5	15.7	16.4	18.3	21.4	28.7	12.7	15.0	13.6	14.5
	45 years and over	12.9	27.0	5.7	6.5	6.2	9.6	14.2	4.2	4.2	4.6	4.6
Sex	Male	60.0	69.2	28.2	30.3	45.5	36.1	44.2	25.7	39.6	26.2	27.6
	Female	42.5	57.0	20.6	22.8	24.2	25.6	27.4	17.2	21.6	17.7	17.0
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	9.9	17.1	3.8	4.1	2.6	2.1	1.9	1.1	1.6	1.2	0.7
	Technicians and trades workers	35.0	26.2	16.4	18.1	32.5	21.2	27.0	18.3	29.7	17.5	17.6
	Community and personal service workers	15.7	17.4	7.4	8.4	10.6	10.0	9.8	8.0	11.9	8.9	8.6
	Clerical and administrative workers	17.1	24.7	7.5	7.8	10.0	11.5	11.7	5.1	6.3	6.0	5.8
	Sales workers	12.4	20.3	6.3	8.0	6.0	7.8	8.0	5.3	5.3	4.8	4.9
	Machinery operators and drivers	5.8	9.3	3.3	3.1	3.5	4.6	6.5	2.2	2.8	2.5	3.8
	Labourers	6.8	11.1	4.0	3.5	4.4	4.7	6.7	2.8	3.5	3.0	3.3
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	7.3	5.5	3.6	3.4	5.0	3.9	3.1	3.0	5.0	3.7	3.2
	Certificate III	68.1	71.9	34.4	37.7	52.3	41.1	47.5	32.7	47.3	31.9	33.7
	Certificate IV	17.1	30.5	6.9	8.0	10.4	15.1	19.4	6.0	7.0	6.4	6.0
	Diploma/advanced diploma	10.1	18.3	3.8	4.0	2.1	1.5	1.6	1.2	1.9	1.9	1.7
Full-time status	Full-time	72.3	90.3	34.3	36.0	53.4	44.7	56.6	30.1	44.4	30.8	32.7
	Part-time	30.3	35.9	14.5	17.1	16.3	17.0	15.0	12.8	16.7	13.1	11.9
Existing worker	Existing worker	33.2	68.8	12.6	14.8	14.9	22.9	34.1	8.3	9.2	9.2	9.2
	Newly commencing worker	69.4	57.4	36.1	38.3	54.8	38.8	37.5	34.6	51.9	34.7	35.5
Total		102.6	126.2	48.7	53.1	69.7	61.7	71.6	42.9	61.2	43.9	44.7

Table 10 (continued)

		Dec. 2014	Mar. 2015	June 2015	Sept. 2015	Dec. 2015	Mar. 2016	June 2016	Sept. 2016	Dec. 2016	Mar. 2017
Age	19 years and under	16.9	29.7	15.4	13.9	16.1	30.0	16.5	14.4	15.7	31.3
	20 to 24 years	8.3	11.8	8.8	8.6	7.4	11.2	8.7	8.9	6.6	10.7
	25 to 44 years	11.4	13.2	12.5	11.0	9.7	12.0	11.3	11.1	8.8	11.5
	45 years and over	3.9	3.6	4.1	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.4	2.7
Sex	Male	25.0	40.0	26.7	23.7	23.2	37.9	24.6	23.6	21.3	37.4
	Female	15.5	18.3	14.1	13.1	13.0	18.4	14.9	13.9	12.2	18.9
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.9
	Technicians and trades workers	17.2	31.3	19.1	16.7	15.7	28.0	15.8	14.6	14.3	27.7
	Community and personal service workers	8.1	9.8	6.4	6.1	6.4	9.8	6.9	6.8	6.1	9.7
	Clerical and administrative workers	4.8	5.7	4.5	4.0	3.7	5.8	4.6	4.4	3.6	5.5
	Sales workers	4.1	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.0	4.8	4.9	4.3	3.4	5.0
	Machinery operators and drivers	2.9	2.6	3.2	2.8	3.0	2.8	3.2	3.3	3.1	4.0
	Labourers	2.6	3.6	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.7	3.0	2.8	2.0	3.4
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	2.6	4.0	2.9	2.8	3.0	4.6	3.8	3.3	2.8	4.9
	Certificate III	31.3	47.3	31.1	29.3	29.3	45.7	31.1	29.4	27.0	46.5
	Certificate IV	5.0	5.7	5.8	3.5	3.0	4.6	3.5	3.5	2.7	3.6
	Diploma/advanced diploma	1.6	1.3	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.1
Full-time status	Full-time	28.4	44.3	30.4	27.0	24.7	41.2	27.8	26.6	23.0	40.8
	Part-time	12.2	14.0	10.4	9.8	11.5	15.1	11.7	10.9	10.5	15.4
Existing worker	Existing worker	7.7	7.7	9.2	6.0	4.9	5.6	5.6	5.3	4.4	4.8
	Newly commencing worker	32.8	50.6	31.5	30.8	31.2	50.6	33.8	32.2	29.1	51.4
Total		40.5	58.3	40.8	36.8	36.2	56.3	39.5	37.5	33.5	56.2

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Table 11 Completions in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2012–17 ('000)

		Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014	June 2014	Sept. 2014
Age	19 years and under	8.4	6.8	8.1	16.1	7.7	8.6	4.9	10.5	5.7	6.0	5.6
	20 to 24 years	16.6	11.9	11.7	14.4	14.5	14.3	9.9	13.0	14.4	13.6	8.4
	25 to 44 years	15.3	15.9	15.4	19.7	16.7	26.3	13.8	15.2	13.6	18.8	10.4
	45 years and over	7.1	8.5	8.2	10.4	8.2	14.1	7.3	7.7	6.1	8.8	5.3
Sex	Male	28.4	23.6	23.8	32.5	27.3	32.5	22.0	27.9	25.9	29.9	17.5
	Female	18.9	19.5	19.6	28.1	19.9	30.8	14.0	18.4	13.9	17.3	12.2
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	2.8	3.2	3.3	6.1	5.0	12.8	1.9	2.3	1.9	2.4	1.2
	Technicians and trades workers	17.6	12.0	11.9	14.1	15.9	13.2	12.9	17.0	17.8	21.2	10.0
	Community and personal service workers	6.2	5.9	6.3	10.8	6.4	8.9	4.6	7.9	5.4	6.3	5.0
	Clerical and administrative workers	8.4	8.3	7.6	10.9	7.4	9.9	7.0	7.9	6.5	6.7	4.5
	Sales workers	5.9	6.8	7.1	10.7	5.8	9.7	3.4	4.6	3.1	4.5	3.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.3	4.5	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.3	2.6
	Labourers	3.2	3.5	3.7	4.7	3.2	4.2	3.0	3.5	2.5	2.7	2.5
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	3.4	2.9	3.3	4.8	2.5	2.4	2.1	3.5	1.7	1.6
	Certificate III	33.3	28.3	29.1	38.7	31.3	35.6	24.2	32.5	29.7	34.6	20.4
	Certificate IV	7.9	8.7	7.7	11.1	8.1	11.4	8.0	8.5	6.8	9.3	6.1
	Diploma/advanced diploma	2.6	3.2	3.4	6.0	5.1	13.9	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.1
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	33.1	34.1	34.3	50.2	35.5	53.6	27.4	34.7	26.7	35.1	22.1
	More than two years	14.2	8.9	9.1	10.4	11.7	9.7	8.5	11.6	13.1	12.1	7.6
Full-time status	Full-time	36.9	31.7	30.7	38.6	36.1	43.3	28.6	33.9	33.5	38.2	21.6
	Part-time	10.4	11.3	12.7	22.0	11.1	20.0	7.3	12.4	6.3	9.0	8.1
Total		47.3	43.1	43.4	60.6	47.2	63.3	35.9	46.3	39.8	47.2	29.7

Table 11 (continued)

		Dec. 2014	Mar. 2015	June 2015	Sept. 2015	Dec. 2015	Mar. 2016	June 2016	Sept. 2016	Dec. 2016	Mar. 2017
Age	19 years and under	10.1	5.0	4.2	4.8	9.4	4.7	3.7	4.9	8.8	5.2
	20 to 24 years	11.2	11.7	9.2	8.9	10.3	11.3	8.2	7.9	9.6	11.1
	25 to 44 years	12.7	9.8	10.8	9.8	9.0	8.2	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.2
	45 years and over	6.3	3.9	4.8	3.6	3.0	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.1	1.9
Sex	Male	23.5	19.6	18.6	17.1	19.8	17.4	13.9	13.9	17.2	16.4
	Female	16.8	10.9	10.4	10.0	11.9	9.3	7.8	8.7	10.5	8.9
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	2.0	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.6
	Technicians and trades workers	14.2	14.4	12.7	11.5	12.9	13.4	10.0	9.6	11.4	12.8
	Community and personal service workers	7.8	4.7	4.4	4.4	6.8	4.1	4.0	4.0	5.8	4.0
	Clerical and administrative workers	6.2	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.4	1.8	2.2	3.0	2.7
	Sales workers	3.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.3	2.5	3.0	3.1	2.7
	Machinery operators and drivers	2.9	1.7	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.3	1.6	2.0	1.6	1.2
	Labourers	3.6	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	2.0	1.3
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	3.4	1.6	1.6	1.9	3.0	1.5	1.6	2.1	3.1
	Certificate III	27.9	23.5	21.7	20.3	23.6	21.2	16.9	17.5	21.1	20.8
	Certificate IV	7.2	4.5	4.9	4.3	4.1	3.0	2.4	2.1	2.8	2.1
	Diploma/advanced diploma	1.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	30.0	19.6	20.5	19.2	22.0	16.7	14.4	15.8	19.6	15.7
	More than two years	10.4	10.8	8.6	7.9	9.6	10.0	7.2	6.8	8.1	9.6
Full-time status	Full-time	27.9	24.5	23.1	20.7	21.5	21.8	16.6	16.3	18.7	20.3
	Part-time	12.4	5.9	6.0	6.5	10.1	4.9	5.0	6.3	9.0	5.0
Total		40.3	30.4	29.0	27.1	31.7	26.7	21.7	22.6	27.7	25.3

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Table 12 Cancellations and withdrawals in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2012–17 ('000)

		Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012	Dec. 2012	Mar. 2013	June 2013	Sept. 2013	Dec. 2013	Mar. 2014	June 2014	Sept. 2014
Age	19 years and under	12.4	11.2	11.2	11.4	10.6	9.6	9.0	9.3	8.8	8.1	8.2
	20 to 24 years	9.7	9.6	9.8	9.2	9.2	8.6	7.9	7.6	7.9	7.6	7.7
	25 to 44 years	11.1	11.2	12.1	11.0	10.2	10.0	9.1	9.1	8.8	8.6	8.1
	45 years and over	3.7	4.3	4.7	4.4	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.6
Sex	Male	22.4	21.8	22.6	22.0	21.0	19.9	18.7	18.6	18.5	17.3	17.1
	Female	14.5	14.5	15.2	14.0	12.7	11.9	10.6	10.7	10.0	9.9	9.4
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	2.3	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.4	0.8
	Technicians and trades workers	14.5	13.9	13.8	14.1	14.5	14.1	13.9	13.6	13.9	13.5	13.6
	Community and personal service workers	5.0	4.8	5.2	4.8	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.3
	Clerical and administrative workers	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.0	4.6	4.4	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.4	2.9
	Sales workers	4.7	4.3	4.6	4.5	3.8	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.1
	Machinery operators and drivers	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.4
	Labourers	2.8	2.6	3.5	2.9	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.6
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.3	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4
	Certificate III	26.5	25.5	26.5	25.3	24.2	22.9	21.3	21.3	21.3	20.0	20.3
	Certificate IV	5.3	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.4	3.7
	Diploma/advanced diploma	2.2	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.4	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.1
Duration until cancelled/ withdrawn	Two years or less	34.5	33.8	35.4	33.4	31.0	28.9	26.8	26.8	26.0	24.5	24.0
	More than two years	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.6
Full-time status	Full-time	26.5	26.4	27.2	25.6	24.9	24.0	22.5	21.8	21.8	20.9	20.3
	Part-time	10.3	9.9	10.6	10.4	8.8	7.8	6.7	7.4	6.7	6.4	6.2
Total		36.9	36.3	37.9	36.0	33.7	31.8	29.3	29.2	28.5	27.3	26.6

Table 12 (continued)

		Dec. 2014	Mar. 2015	June 2015	Sept. 2015	Dec. 2015	Mar. 2016	June 2016	Sept. 2016	Dec. 2016	Mar. 2017
Age	19 years and under	8.9	8.6	7.6	7.3	8.3	8.0	7.8	8.3	8.3	8.9
	20 to 24 years	8.3	8.0	7.0	6.9	7.6	7.3	7.0	7.6	7.0	7.5
	25 to 44 years	7.9	7.2	6.8	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.3	5.8	5.9
	45 years and over	2.5	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.4
Sex	Male	18.6	17.9	15.7	15.4	16.2	15.9	16.0	16.2	15.2	16.1
	Female	9.0	8.0	7.8	7.2	7.9	7.8	7.1	7.6	7.5	7.6
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
	Technicians and trades workers	14.5	14.7	12.4	12.5	12.9	12.6	12.8	13.0	12.0	13.0
	Community and personal service workers	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.8
	Sales workers	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.4
	Labourers	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.3
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.6
	Certificate III	21.5	21.0	18.5	18.2	19.3	19.2	18.8	19.5	18.6	19.8
	Certificate IV	3.7	2.7	2.9	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.7
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7
Duration until cancelled/ withdrawn	Two years or less	24.2	22.9	21.0	20.3	21.4	21.4	20.8	21.6	20.8	21.5
	More than two years	3.4	3.0	2.5	2.2	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.2
Full-time status	Full-time	20.7	20.1	18.0	17.4	17.9	17.6	17.8	18.3	16.7	17.9
	Part-time	6.9	5.8	5.5	5.1	6.2	6.1	5.3	5.5	6.0	5.8
Total		27.6	25.9	23.5	22.5	24.0	23.7	23.1	23.8	22.7	23.7

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Table 13 In-training in top 20 training packages by state/territory, as at 31 March 2017 ('000)

Training package	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (BCF, BCG, BCP, CPC)	18.4	15.9	10.2	2.6	4.1	1.2	0.3	1.0	53.5
Electrotechnology (UEE, UTE, UTL)	10.2	7.3	6.9	1.9	3.9	0.5	0.6	0.6	32.0
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair (AUR)	8.1	5.8	5.3	1.7	2.9	0.5	0.3	0.4	25.0
Tourism, Travel and Hospitality (SIT, THH, THT)	6.0	6.1	5.3	1.3	3.5	0.8	0.2	0.7	24.0
Metal and Engineering (MEM)	4.2	2.7	4.9	1.0	3.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	16.5
Business Services (BSA, BSB)	3.8	3.0	3.2	0.7	4.2	0.8	0.2	0.6	16.5
Community Services (CHC)	6.0	3.0	2.8	0.3	1.9	0.6	0.3	0.7	15.6
Retail Services (SIR, WRP, WRR, WRW)	3.9	3.1	3.1	2.7	1.4	0.8	0.2	0.2	15.4
Transport and Logistics (TDT, TLI)	4.1	1.7	1.4	0.4	2.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	10.4
Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AGF, AGR, AHC, RTD, RTE, RTF, RUA, RUH)	2.7	3.0	1.7	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	9.1
Resources and Infrastructure (BCC, DRT, MNC, MNM, MNQ, RII)	1.4	0.8	3.7	0.3	2.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	8.8
Hairdressing and Beauty Services (SHB, SIH, WRH)	2.4	1.7	2.2	0.6	1.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	8.6
Furnishing (LMF, MSF)	2.0	1.5	1.3	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	6.1
Australian Meat Processing (AMP, MTM)	1.4	1.5	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.1
Food Processing Industry (FDF)	1.2	1.9	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.7
Information and Communications Technology (ICA, ICT)	1.3	0.8	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	4.0
Financial Services (FNA, FNB, FNS)	1.0	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5
Sustainability (MSS)	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	-	2.2
Sport, Fitness and Recreation (SIS, SRC, SRF, SRO, SRS)	0.3	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.1
Property Services (CPP, PRD, PRM, PRS)	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.0
Top 20 training packages sub-total	79.4	61.9	56.5	15.7	35.1	7.2	2.9	5.5	264.1
Other training packages	3.3	2.4	2.0	0.6	1.6	0.6	0.2	0.4	11.0
All training packages	82.7	64.2	58.5	16.3	36.7	7.8	3.1	5.8	275.1
Non-training packages	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.1	-	0.0	-	0.1
Total number	82.7	64.3	58.5	16.3	36.7	7.8	3.1	5.8	275.2
Training packages as proportion of total (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.0	99.5	100.0	100.0

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Table 14 Commencements in top 20 training packages by state/territory, March quarter 2017 ('000)

Training package	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (BCF, BCG, BCP, CPC)	3.3	2.4	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.3	8.6
Tourism, Travel and Hospitality (SIT, THH, THT)	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.2	5.2
Business Services (BSA, BSB)	1.4	0.8	1.3	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.0
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair (AUR)	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.8
Electrotechnology (UEE, UTE, UTL)	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	4.6
Retail Services (SIR, WRP, WRR, WRW)	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	4.4
Community Services (CHC)	1.8	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	3.8
Metal and Engineering (MEM)	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.0
Transport and Logistics (TDT, TLI)	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.3
Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AGF, AGR, AHC, RTD, RTE, RTF, RUA, RUH)	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.3
Resources and Infrastructure (BCC, DRT, MNC, MNM, MNQ, RII)	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.9
Hairdressing and Beauty Services (SHB, SIH, WRH)	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.6
Sport, Fitness and Recreation (SIS, SRC, SRF, SRO, SRS)	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
Australian Meat Processing (AMP, MTM)	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Furnishing (LMF, MSF)	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Information and Communications Technology (ICA, ICT)	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8
Food Processing Industry (FDF)	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Financial Services (FNA, FNB, FNS)	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
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	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Top 20 training packages sub-total	17.7	12.4	11.9	3.0	5.9	1.4	0.6	1.5	54.3
Other training packages	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.9
All training packages	18.1	12.8	12.3	3.1	6.2	1.5	0.6	1.6	56.2
Non-training packages	-	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.1
Total number	18.1	12.8	12.3	3.1	6.3	1.5	0.6	1.6	56.2
Training packages as proportion of total (%)	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9

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Training activity: 12-month ending series

Table 15 Commencements by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 31 March, Australia, 2012–17 ('000)

		12 months ending 31 March					
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Age	19 years and under	111.8	97.5	83.4	78.2	75.5	78.0
	20 to 24 years	57.4	52.8	44.0	39.8	35.8	35.0
	25 to 44 years	109.2	102.0	77.8	52.7	45.1	42.6
	45 years and over	48.5	45.4	32.1	16.7	13.5	11.1
Sex	Male	183.1	173.3	145.6	118.8	111.4	106.8
	Female	143.9	124.4	91.7	68.6	58.6	59.9
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	33.1	27.7	6.7	3.8	4.0	4.2
	Technicians and trades workers	91.9	93.2	96.2	83.5	79.5	72.3
	Community and personal service workers	49.1	43.8	39.6	35.5	28.7	29.6
	Clerical and administrative workers	57.7	50.1	34.6	22.3	18.0	18.1
	Sales workers	46.2	40.6	26.3	17.9	16.9	17.7
	Machinery operators and drivers	21.5	19.3	16.1	11.9	11.8	13.7
	Labourers	27.4	23.0	17.7	12.6	11.1	11.3
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	23.2	17.5	15.0	13.5	13.3	14.8
	Certificate III	211.5	196.3	168.6	144.2	135.4	134.1
	Certificate IV	59.0	55.8	47.5	23.1	16.9	13.3
	Diploma/advanced diploma	33.1	28.2	6.2	6.6	4.5	4.5
Full-time status	Full-time	226.4	213.9	175.8	136.3	123.3	118.1
	Part-time	100.5	83.8	61.5	51.2	46.8	48.6
Total		326.9	297.7	237.3	187.4	170.0	166.7

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Table 16 Commencements by trades status and state/territory, 12 months ending 31 March 2016 and 2017 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
2016	Trades	21.9	22.2	17.7	4.0	9.7	1.6	0.7	1.7	79.5
	Non-trades	24.1	20.8	19.5	5.6	14.4	3.0	1.1	2.0	90.5
	Total	46.0	43.0	37.2	9.6	24.1	4.6	1.8	3.7	170.0
2017	Trades	22.2	19.9	16.0	3.8	6.2	1.6	0.7	1.9	72.3
	Non-trades	24.9	21.5	22.0	5.5	13.3	3.3	1.3	2.8	94.4
	Total	47.1	41.4	37.9	9.3	19.5	4.9	2.0	4.7	166.7
Actual change from 2016 to 2017 ('000)	Trades	0.3	-2.3	-1.7	-0.2	-3.5	-0.0	-0.0	0.2	-7.2
	Non-trades	0.7	0.7	2.4	-0.1	-1.1	0.3	0.2	0.7	3.9
	Total	1.1	-1.6	0.7	-0.3	-4.5	0.3	0.2	1.0	-3.3
Percentage change from 2016 to 2017 (%)	Trades	1.5	-10.4	-9.6	-5.0	-35.7	-2.6	-4.9	14.6	-9.0
	Non-trades	3.1	3.3	12.3	-2.4	-7.4	10.3	20.6	35.6	4.3
	Total	2.3	-3.8	1.9	-3.5	-18.8	5.8	10.1	26.1	-1.9

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Table 17 Completions by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 31 March, Australia, 2012–17 ('000)

		12 months ending 31 March					
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Age	19 years and under	36.6	38.7	29.7	26.7	23.2	22.6
	20 to 24 years	54.4	52.5	51.6	44.8	39.6	36.8
	25 to 44 years	62.4	67.8	69.0	51.8	37.8	28.9
	45 years and over	32.0	35.3	35.1	24.3	13.9	8.9
Sex	Male	105.7	107.1	108.2	90.4	72.9	61.4
	Female	79.7	87.1	77.1	57.2	41.6	35.9
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	9.5	17.6	18.9	6.5	2.6	2.2
	Technicians and trades workers	57.5	53.9	61.0	59.9	50.4	43.8
	Community and personal service workers	27.1	29.4	26.7	23.9	19.6	17.8
	Clerical and administrative workers	35.4	34.2	31.3	21.5	15.3	9.7
	Sales workers	27.1	30.4	20.7	14.6	11.3	11.2
	Machinery operators and drivers	13.5	13.4	13.4	10.5	7.5	6.4
	Labourers	14.9	15.1	13.3	10.7	7.8	6.2
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	18.2	13.5	9.7	8.7	8.1
	Certificate III	124.8	127.4	122.0	106.3	86.8	76.3
	Certificate IV	33.8	35.6	34.7	27.1	16.3	9.4
	Diploma/advanced diploma	8.5	17.7	19.0	5.5	3.4	2.9
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	140.9	154.2	142.4	106.8	78.4	65.6
	More than two years	44.4	40.1	42.9	40.9	36.1	31.7
Full-time status	Full-time	135.0	137.0	139.3	112.2	87.1	72.0
	Part-time	50.3	57.2	46.0	35.4	27.4	25.3
Total		185.3	194.2	185.3	147.6	114.6	97.3

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Table 18 Cancellations and withdrawals by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 31 March, Australia, 2012–17 ('000)

		12 months ending 31 March					
		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Age	19 years and under	48.5	44.5	36.7	33.8	31.1	33.4
	20 to 24 years	37.9	37.8	32.1	31.6	28.8	29.1
	25 to 44 years	43.7	44.5	36.9	31.8	26.2	24.4
	45 years and over	15.4	17.1	13.2	10.1	7.5	6.3
Sex	Male	88.9	87.5	75.5	71.0	63.1	63.5
	Female	56.5	56.4	43.2	36.4	30.6	29.9
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	7.9	11.0	6.9	3.4	1.5	2.0
	Technicians and trades workers	57.4	56.3	55.4	56.3	50.4	50.8
	Community and personal service workers	19.7	18.9	15.5	15.8	14.2	14.3
	Clerical and administrative workers	21.9	21.2	15.6	11.5	9.4	7.9
	Sales workers	18.1	17.2	11.2	8.5	7.5	7.5
	Machinery operators and drivers	9.1	7.9	6.3	5.5	5.2	5.3
	Labourers	11.1	11.2	7.8	6.5	5.6	5.6
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	12.6	8.8	6.3	5.8	5.2
	Certificate III	103.7	101.5	86.7	82.7	75.2	76.7
	Certificate IV	21.7	22.5	19.2	14.5	10.6	8.1
	Diploma/advanced diploma	7.4	11.1	6.5	4.4	2.8	2.6
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	136.2	133.5	108.5	95.6	84.1	84.7
	More than two years	9.2	10.3	10.3	11.8	9.7	8.6
Full-time status	Full-time	104.9	104.1	90.0	82.1	70.9	70.6
	Part-time	40.5	39.7	28.7	25.3	22.9	22.7
Total		145.4	143.8	118.8	107.4	93.8	93.4

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Table 19 Commencements by occupation and state/territory, 12 months ending 31 March 2017 ('000)

Occupation (ANZSCO) group	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Managers	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.6	3.7
11 Chief executives, general managers and legislators	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	0.6	0.1	-	0.4	1.4
12 Farmers and farm managers	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	-	0.8
13 Specialist managers	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
14 Hospitality, retail and service managers	0.1	0.3	0.1	-	0.3	0.0	-	0.2	0.9
Professionals	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
21 Arts and media professionals	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
22 Business, human resource and marketing professionals	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.1
23 Design, engineering, science and transport professionals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.1
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	0.0	-	0.0	0.1
27 Legal, social and welfare professionals	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.1
Technicians and trades workers	22.2	19.9	16.0	3.8	6.2	1.6	0.7	1.9	72.3
31 Engineering, ICT and science technicians	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.3
32 Automotive and engineering	4.7	3.7	3.9	1.0	1.9	0.3	0.2	0.2	16.1
33 Construction trades workers	7.5	6.6	4.4	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.6	21.9
34 Electrotechnology and telecommunications trades workers	4.4	2.6	2.9	0.6	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	12.5
35 Food trades workers	2.0	2.6	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.3	7.7
36 Skilled animal and horticultural workers	1.1	1.3	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.6
39 Other technicians and trades workers	1.9	2.6	2.0	0.4	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	8.3
391 Hairdressers	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	3.9
392 Printing trades workers	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.3
393 Textile, clothing and footwear trades workers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.1
394 Wood trades workers	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
399 Miscellaneous	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.2
Community and personal service workers	8.3	7.7	6.2	0.9	4.3	0.8	0.4	1.0	29.6
41 Health and welfare support workers	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.2
42 Carers and aides	4.5	2.5	1.8	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.5	11.2
43 Hospitality workers	2.2	2.5	2.9	0.2	2.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	10.5
44 Protective service workers	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
45 Sports and personal service workers	1.3	2.0	1.4	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	6.1
Clerical and administrative workers	5.1	3.9	4.3	0.9	2.5	0.7	0.2	0.4	18.1
51 Office managers and program administrators	0.7	1.2	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	3.3
52 Personal assistants and secretaries	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.1
53 General clerical workers	1.8	1.4	3.0	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	8.2
54 Inquiry clerks and receptionists	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.9
55 Numerical clerks	1.0	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5
56 Clerical and office support workers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59 Other clerical and administrative workers	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.1
Sales workers	4.2	4.4	3.6	2.5	1.4	0.9	0.2	0.4	17.7
61 Sales representatives and agents	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.2
62 Sales assistants and salespersons	3.7	4.2	3.4	2.4	1.4	0.9	0.2	0.3	16.4
63 Sales support workers	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
Machinery operators and drivers	3.9	1.8	4.5	0.5	2.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	13.7
71 Machine and stationary plant operators	0.8	0.1	1.3	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.0	-	3.2
72 Mobile plant operators	0.4	0.4	2.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.7
73 Road and rail drivers	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.6
74 Storepersons	1.7	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	4.1
Labourers	2.7	2.8	3.0	0.6	1.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	11.3
81 Cleaners and laundry workers	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	-	0.9
82 Construction and mining labourers	0.3	0.1	1.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.2
83 Factory process workers	1.4	1.5	1.1	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.9
84 Farm, forestry and garden workers	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.4
85 Food preparation assistants	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
89 Other labourers	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Total	47.1	41.4	37.9	9.3	19.5	4.9	2.0	4.7	166.7

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Early trend estimates

Table 20 Trades and non-trades commencements, seasonally adjusted and smoothed, 2007–17 ('000)

	Trades	Non-trades	Total
March 2007	20.6	48.4	68.9
June 2007	20.7	48.0	68.7
September 2007	21.2	47.5	68.6
December 2007	22.2	48.4	70.6
March 2008	22.8	50.2	73.0
June 2008	22.2	51.3	73.7
September 2008	20.9	50.9	71.9
December 2008	19.3	49.0	68.3
March 2009	18.5	47.5	65.8
June 2009	18.6	47.4	66.1
September 2009	19.8	48.6	68.9
December 2009	21.7	50.3	72.3
March 2010	23.2	51.8	74.8
June 2010	24.0	53.5	77.6
September 2010	24.2	55.8	80.5
December 2010	24.0	57.5	81.8
March 2011	23.6	57.1	80.3
June 2011	23.0	56.0	79.2
September 2011	22.3	55.1	78.1
December 2011	23.6	63.9	88.1
March 2012	25.2	72.0	96.8
June 2012	25.2	68.3	93.5
September 2012	23.4	53.0	77.3
December 2012	21.3	37.8	60.1
March 2013	22.7	34.8	57.4
June 2013	26.1	39.7	65.6
September 2013	26.8	37.6	64.5
December 2013	24.6	33.2	58.2
March 2014	21.3	28.1	49.3
June 2014	19.7	26.3	45.7
September 2014	20.4	26.7	47.2
December 2014	21.1	26.0	47.7
March 2015	21.5	24.1	45.7
June 2015	21.1	21.8	42.6
September 2015	20.3	21.4	41.4
December 2015	19.4	22.8	42.4
March 2016	18.7	24.2	42.9
June 2016	18.0	24.0	41.9
September 2016	17.7	23.1	40.7
December 2016	17.8	23.1	41.1
March 2017	18.2	23.7	42.0
June 2017	17.9	24.2	42.1

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Please note: Trend estimates are produced by optimally smoothing the seasonally adjusted series. Any referencing of early trend estimates must be done with caution due to the preliminary nature of the submitted data. The submitted data are subject to reporting lags and are updated each quarter. Therefore, results in the trend series are revised quarterly. These revisions affect the most recent four quarters to a much greater extent than the preceding quarters.

Terms

AQF (Australian Qualifications Framework) is the national policy framework 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 may 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 trades and non-trades 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 of a full-time employee in that occupation.

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, or 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 the 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 (that is, summing the current quarter with the previous three quarters).

Explanatory notes

Data source

1. The information included in this publication is, unless stated otherwise, derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.92, June 2017 estimates, which is compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) for Apprentice and Trainee Collection Specifications, Release 7.0, October 2015.

Estimation procedure

2. 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 June quarter 2015 to March quarter 2017). The estimation method involves weighting recently processed numbers, based on average reporting lags. Because estimates are revised for up to seven quarters, the figures for the last two years may differ from those published in earlier or in subsequent reports. The figures in bold are the 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 <https://www.ncver.edu.au/data/collection/apprentices-and-trainees-collection/apprentices-and-trainees-quarterly>.

Early trend estimates

3. Early trend estimates for the quarter being collected for the first time (June quarter 2017) are only provided for commencements at the national level for trades and non-trades occupations. These estimates are then seasonally adjusted and smoothed using X-11-ARIMA methodology, based on data from March 2007 to March 2017. Because estimates are revised for up to seven quarters, the figures for the last two years may differ from those published in earlier or in subsequent reports.
4. Due to the variability of first submission data, these early trend estimates cannot be disaggregated further by state and territory.

State and territory comments

5. Due to the transition to a new IT system in the June quarter 2013, the data for the South Australian Department of State Development (DSD) may be subject to future revisions in subsequent quarters.
6. 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 the areas of greatest public benefit and future jobs growth. New fee and funding rates were effective from 1 July 2012 for all new course commencements. Changes to these subsidy rates may influence employer decisions on whether to commence trainees in some VET courses.

Definitions and derivations

7. As the vocations approved to be under an apprenticeship or traineeship training contract are not consistent across all jurisdictions, NCVER has adopted a Trade/Non-trade categorisation for the purpose of the National Apprentices and Trainees Collection with 'Trades' classified as all occupations listed under ANZSCO major group '3—Technicians and trades workers' and 'Non-trades' classified as all other major occupations groups 1—2 and 4—8 (ANZSCO, First edition, Revision 2). ANZSCO has 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>.
8. 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.
9. A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.

Additional information

10. In September 2016, NCVET implemented a number of collection and system changes and as such some activity may differ to that reported in previous publications. These included implementation of release 7.0 of the AVETMIS Standard for apprentices and trainees, and migration of the historical data collections to a new database.
11. From 1 July 2012 the Australian Government discontinued the \$1500 standard employer commencement incentive payment and increased the standard completion incentive by \$500 to \$3000 for existing worker apprentices and trainees in non-National Skills Needs List occupations. The observed changes to commencements and completion levels need to be seen in the context of this policy change. 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>.



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