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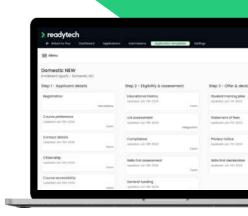




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AUSTRALIA'S VET STARS SHINE BRIGHT: NATIONAL TRAINING AWARDS COUNTDOWN BEGINS!

The stage is set for a national celebration of skill, dedication, and innovation as the winners of the 2025 state and territory Training Awards prepare to head to Darwin for the Australian Training Awards. Across the country, the incredible passion of individuals and the forward-thinking vision of their employers have been showcased, reminding us of the vital, career-launching power of Vocational Education and Training (VET).

This year's state and territory awards have already crowned a host of inspiring winners. In South Australia, Bethany Jones was named Apprentice of the Year, excelling in the mechanical trade and championing mental health in the workplace. New South Wales celebrated Darby Hubber as the School-based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year, a young leader who is already mentoring other young women in STEM. The Northern Territory recognized Nicholas Yarran as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year, highlighting his outstanding achievements.

These are just a few of the remarkable stories that demonstrate the profound impact of VET on people's lives and on the Australian economy. As the Minister for Skills and Training, The Hon Andrew Giles MP, has said, "Australia's Vocational Education and Training sector contributes so much to our nation, so it is only fitting we recognise the successes of industry."

All eyes now turn to the prestigious Australian Training Awards on Friday, 5 December 2025, at the Darwin Convention Centre. This pinnacle event will bring together the nation's best to compete in a range of categories, from Apprentice of the Year to Large Employer of the Year. This awards night is an opportunity to share best practices, foster collaboration, and inspire the next generation of skilled professionals.

The countdown to Darwin is on, and the achievements celebrated so far are a powerful reminder of the strength and adaptability of Australia's VET sector in shaping a skilled and prosperous future.





VET QUALITY FRAMEWORK (VQF) REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING ACCREDITATION COUNCIL (TAC) REGULATED RTOS

On 1 October 2025 amendments to the Vocational Education and Training (General) Regulations 2009 (VET Regulations) were published.

The updated VET Regulations include the need for TAC regulated training providers in Western Australia to meet the VET quality framework (Vqf). The Vqf is adapted from the Commonwealth legislative instruments that form the national VET Quality Framework (VQF).

The Vqf is defined in the VET Regulations as:

- (a) the registration standards 2025; and
- (b) the AQF; and
- (c) the data provision requirements; and
- (d) the Financial Viability Assessment Guidelines for the Registration of Training providers 2017 as issued under section 13 of the Act on 6 September 2017

This version of the framework is defined and enforced under Western Australia's state legislation.

It establishes the Registration Standards 2025 comprising:

- Outcome Standards Registration Standards 2025;
- Compliance Standards & Fit and Proper Person Requirements Registration Standards 2025; and
- Credential Policy

Together, these replace the Standards for RTOs 2015, embedding a stronger focus on outcomes, integrity, and credentialing.

TAC has implemented a transition period from 1 October to 31 December 2025. During this time, RTOs must continue to operate under the Standards for RTOs 2015, and all registration and renewal applications will be assessed against the 2015 Standards. From 1 January 2026, however, compliance with the 2025 Standards will be mandatory for all WA-registered RTOs.

To support the sector, TAC has released the Registration Standards 2025 Hub, an online resource that provides access to the final versions of the Standards, marked-up comparison documents, fact sheets, self-assessment tools, and practical guidance. This resource is designed to give RTOs clarity and structure as they prepare for the full transition.

ONE MONTH 'TIL #2025NVC!

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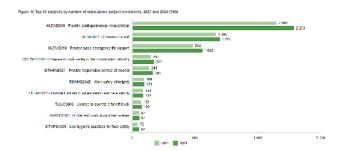




VET SECTOR MARKS CONTINUED GROWTH IN 2024 – NCVER REPORT

Australia's vocational education and training (VET) sector continued its steady expansion in 2024, with 5.13 million students enrolled, an increase of 1.8% on the previous year. The findings, published in NCVER's *Total VET Students and Courses 2024* report, highlight the shifting patterns of student demand, funding structures, and provider activity across the sector.

While qualifications accounted for just over 40% of enrolments (around 2.08 million students), the most striking trend is the continued surge in stand-alone subject enrolments, which climbed to 3.58 million. This shift underscores the rising demand for microcredentials and flexible, skills-focused learning that can be accessed quickly and tailored to immediate workforce needs. Conversely, enrolments in short courses fell by 4.1%, suggesting that students and employers may be favouring either full qualifications for career pathways or single subjects for rapid upskilling.



Source: NCVER - Total VET students and courses 2024

Funding patterns reveal further nuance. Domestic fee-for-service enrolments grew by 2.8% to more than 4 million, making up nearly 79% of all training activity. In contrast, government-funded enrolments slipped by 1.8% to around 1.32 million. This trend has implications for providers that rely heavily on state and Commonwealth subsidies, reinforcing the importance of diversifying revenue streams. Meanwhile, international student numbers held steady at roughly 295,000, maintaining their role as a key, if smaller, segment of the market.

In terms of provider type, private RTOs continued to dominate, delivering training to nearly 79% of students, while TAFE institutes accounted for 14.3%. This balance highlights the competitive environment where private providers lead in volume.

The most popular training areas were Community Services, Business Services, and Tourism, Travel and Hospitality. For RTOs, aligning offerings to these high-demand sectors — while also responding to the growing appetite for micro-credentials — will be critical in shaping sustainable business models and meeting evolving learner and industry needs.

The report paints a picture of a sector that is both resilient and evolving, with strong student demand but a funding mix and training delivery profile that continues to shift.

To read the full publication, click here.



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- International Students Pathways and Outcomes
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- Nowcast of Employment by Region and Occupation (NERO) Dashboard
- Occupation and Industry Profiles
- Our Gen Al Transition Final release
- Read more on the JSA's LinkedIn



News Updates:

- Annual Plans
- <u>Developing the Tech Workforce: Unlocking</u> the Potential of Earn While You Learn
- FSO Future Skills News 1 October 2025
- FSO Skills Accelerator-Al
- Sustainable Finance Disclosures
- Read more on the FSO's LinkedIn



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- CPP Swimming Pool and Spa Review
- Experienced Water Sector Leader Joins BuildSkills
- Housing Workforce Capacity Study
- Water Sector Workforce Roadmap
- Read more on BuildSkills' LinkedIn



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- Autonomous Train Operations Project
- Building Awareness and Pathways for the Future of Rail
- Insights from the 2025 Aviation Summit
- Sign up for our Industry & RTO Roundtables
- Validation Survey: VET Workforce Project
- Read more on Industry Skills' LinkedIn



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- Current Consultation Workshops
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- VET Workforce Report
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- Manager Training, Promotion and Implementation
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- Review of Procurement and Contracting Qualifications
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- September 2025 Policy and Reports Update
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- Mining Research Bulleting September 2025
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- Energise Newsletter September 2025
- High Load, Short Supply Bridging the gap to 2030
- Insights Update 25 September 2025
- Publications/Resources
- UEE Full Training Product Review
- Workforce and Training Data Dashboard
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- Attraction and Retention Guidance Project
- Consultation on Core Skills Occupation List (CSOL)
- Skills Insight News
- Stakeholder Forum brings industry voice together
- Update on recent submissions October 2025
- Workforce Plan 2025-2026
- Read more on Skills Insight's LinkedIn



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- <u>ASQA IQ</u> 15 September 2025
- ASQA Update August 2025
- Fact Sheet Delivering elective units

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- <u>Data Provision Requirements</u>
- TAC Registration Standards 2025 Hub
- TAC Special Bulletin 17 September 2025
- TAC Update Issue 110 19 September 2025
- VET Data Policy

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- TEQSA Corporate Plan 2025-29
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- <u>Developing the Tech Workforce: Unlocking the</u> Potential of Earn While You Learn
- Enacting assessment reform in a time of artificial intelligence
- HumanAbility VET Workforce Report
- International Students Pathways and Outcomes
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- Managing the ethical risks of artificial intelligence report

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