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Highlights

There were 425 500 apprentices and trainees in-training as at 30 September 2009, a decrease of 2.4% from the previous year.

In the 12 months to 30 September 2009, compared with the previous year:

- commencements decreased by 6.9%, to 269 000
- completions increased by 5.8%, to 158 700
- cancellations and withdrawals decreased by 4.8%, to 127 500.

For seasonally adjusted data, comparing the September quarter 2009 with the June quarter 2009:

- commencements in trades occupations decreased by 0.6%
- commencements in non-trades occupations increased by 1.0%
- completions increased by 1.1%
- cancellations and withdrawals decreased by 0.7%
- in-training numbers decreased by 0.2%.



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Introduction

This publication presents estimates of apprentice and trainee activity in Australia for the September quarter 2009. The figures in this publication are derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.62 (December 2009 estimates).

The most recent figures in this publication are estimated (for training activity from the March quarter 2008 to the September quarter 2009). 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.

Estimated data are presented in this publication on a seasonally adjusted, 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.

The seasonally adjusted data involve the use of a mathematical model to smooth out fluctuations due to seasonal influences. Seasonally adjusted data are useful to illustrate trends from one quarter to the next but cannot be further disaggregated.

Further details on the estimation methodology and seasonally adjusted data tables can be found at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2233.html>.

Overall trends

12 months ending 30 September 2009

In-training

The number of apprentices and trainees in-training as at 30 September 2009 was 425 500, a decrease of 2.4% from one year earlier. In-training numbers increased in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory over this period.

Commencements

The number of commencements in the 12 months ending 30 September 2009 was 269 000, a decrease of 6.9% from one year earlier.

Of this:

- trades commencements decreased by 20.5%
- non-trades commencements decreased by 0.8%.

State and territory commencements in the 12 months to 30 September 2009, compared with the previous year, showed:

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|---------------------------|---|
| ■ New South Wales (-7.4%) | ■ Western Australia (-5.6%) |
| ■ Victoria (-2.4%) | ■ Tasmania (-14.0%) |
| ■ Queensland (-13.4%) | ■ Northern Territory (-5.5%) |
| ■ South Australia (-2.6%) | ■ Australian Capital Territory (+5.6%). |

Completions

The number of completions in the 12 months ending 30 September 2009 was 158 700, 5.8% higher than the 150 100 completions recorded in the 12 months ending 30 September 2008.

Cancellations and withdrawals

The number of cancellations and withdrawals in the 12 months ending 30 September 2009 was 127 500, 4.8% lower than the 133 900 cancellations and withdrawals in the 12 months ending 30 September 2008.

Seasonally adjusted data

In-training

The number of apprentices and trainees in-training increased steadily from the December quarter 2004, peaking at 431 300 in the September quarter 2008, before declining 2.2% over the last four quarters, down to 421 800 in the September quarter 2009.

Commencements

Trades commencements have declined over the last six consecutive quarters, with a 25.1% decrease between the March quarter 2008 and the September quarter 2009. However this decline has steadied, with only a 0.6% decrease between the June quarter 2009 and September quarter 2009.

Non-trades commencements have increased over the last two quarters, with a 2.1% increase between the March quarter 2009 and the September quarter 2009.

Completions

The number of completions increased steadily from the December quarter 2004, with an 8.0% increase between the March quarter 2008 and September quarter 2009.

Cancellations and withdrawals

Cancellations and withdrawals have declined over the last four quarters, down 8.3% between the September quarter 2008 and the September quarter 2009.

For more information on seasonally adjusted data, see the technical notes on page 19.

Additional seasonally adjusted data tables are available at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2233.html>.

For more information on concepts and definitions used in this publication, see **Terms** listed on page 18.

Figure 1 In-training, seasonally adjusted¹, 1999–2009 ('000)

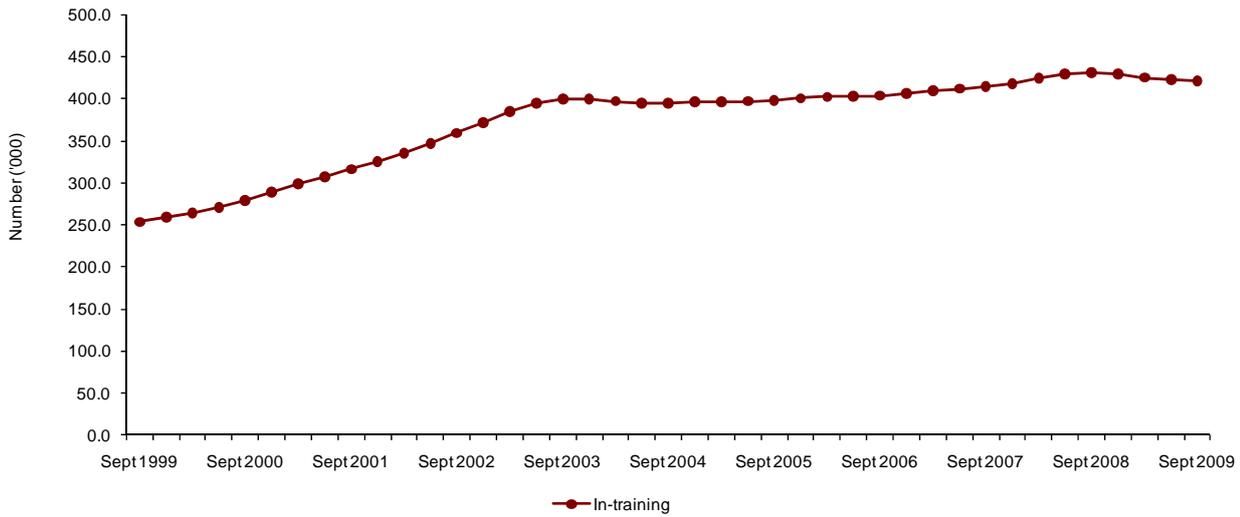


Figure 2 Commencements, completions and cancellations/withdrawals², seasonally adjusted¹, 1999–2009 ('000)

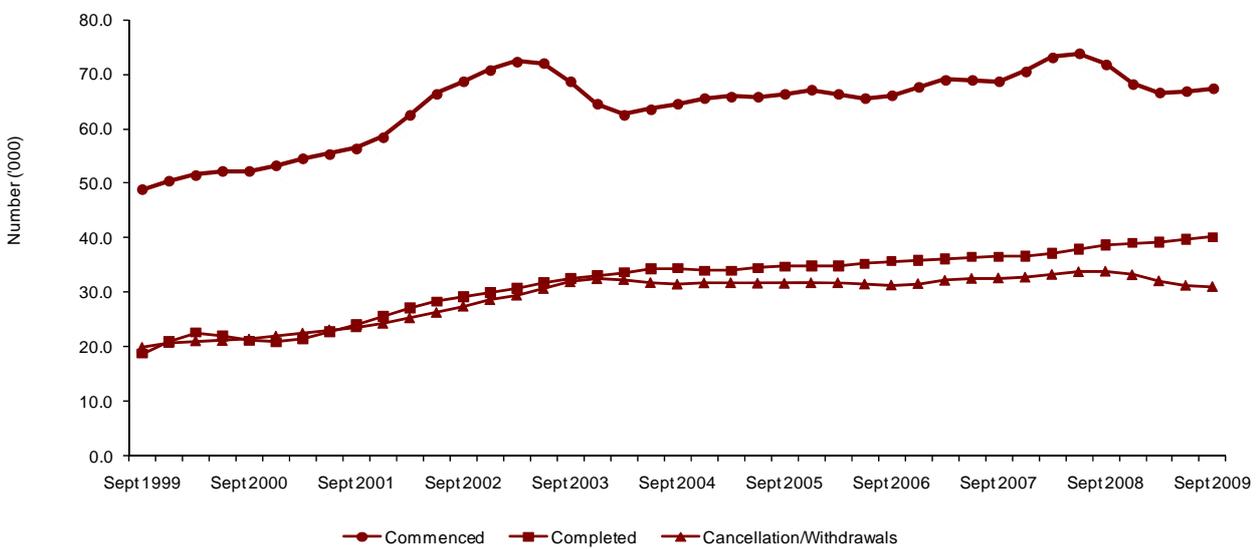
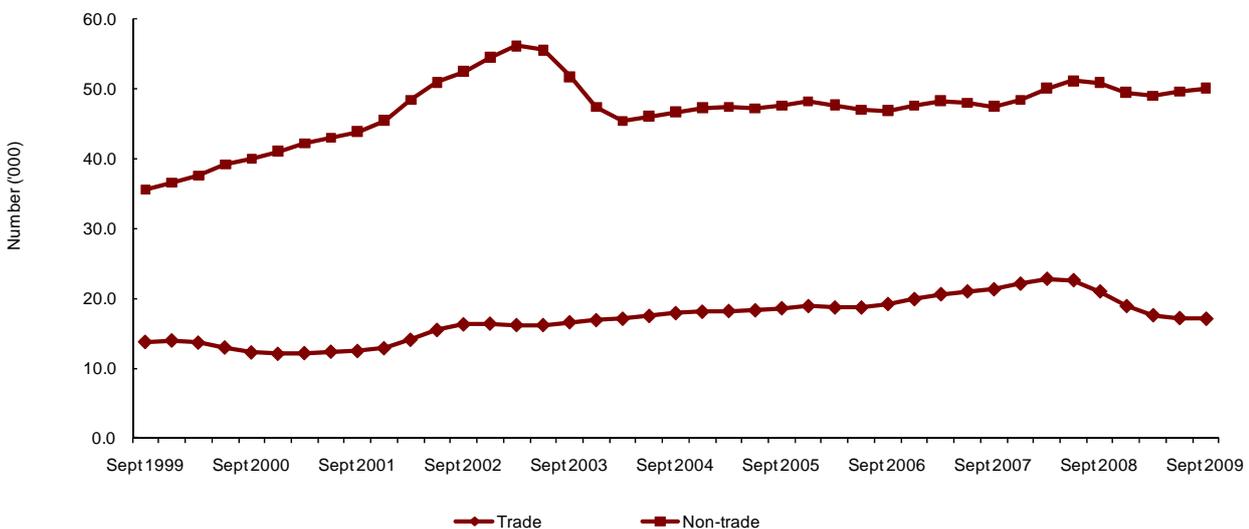


Figure 3 Trade and non-trade^{3,4} commencements, seasonally adjusted¹, 1999–2009 ('000)



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Tables

Quarterly training activity

Table 1 In-training by state/territory and selected training characteristics, as at 30 September 2009 ('000)

		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	35.8	32.6	32.4	9.5	13.6	3.4	1.2	2.2	130.8
	20 to 24 years	36.0	31.5	21.0	8.3	9.9	3.1	1.0	2.4	113.1
	25 to 44 years	44.4	29.0	26.5	10.0	9.5	3.8	1.4	2.1	126.7
	45 years and over	22.3	12.7	9.9	4.2	3.3	1.5	0.4	0.7	55.0
Sex	Males	87.3	68.8	60.5	20.9	26.2	7.6	2.7	4.6	278.5
	Females	51.3	36.9	29.4	11.1	10.2	4.1	1.3	2.8	147.0
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	6.9	3.6	4.2	1.3	1.4	0.3	0.1	0.5	18.4
	Technicians and trade workers	53.5	49.5	45.5	12.9	21.4	5.5	2.2	3.3	193.9
	Community and personal service workers	18.0	14.3	8.2	1.9	3.8	1.3	0.6	1.6	49.6
	Clerical and administrative workers	25.3	12.7	12.7	6.5	2.6	1.7	0.4	0.7	62.8
	Sales workers	15.2	13.1	7.9	4.5	2.1	1.3	0.3	0.7	45.0
	Machinery operators and drivers	11.9	7.8	6.7	2.6	3.0	0.7	0.2	0.3	33.3
	Labourers	7.7	4.8	4.6	2.2	2.0	0.8	0.2	0.3	22.6
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	11.6	7.7	7.2	4.0	3.1	1.7	0.4	0.6	36.3
	Certificate III	97.4	82.1	67.6	22.0	28.6	8.3	3.2	5.3	314.5
	Certificate IV	28.3	14.1	13.9	5.8	3.7	1.4	0.3	1.1	68.6
	Diploma/advanced diploma	1.2	1.9	1.1	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	6.1
Full-time status	Full-time	108.6	75.4	64.8	23.7	32.4	9.1	3.3	5.4	322.8
	Part-time	30.0	30.3	25.1	8.3	4.0	2.6	0.6	2.0	102.7
Total ('000)⁵		138.5	105.7	89.9	32.0	36.4	11.7	4.0	7.4	425.5

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Table 2 In-training by state/territory as at the end of each quarter, 2004–2009 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
30 September 2004	120.3	121.9	73.4	32.7	26.6	13.5	2.9	6.4	397.7
31 December 2004	118.6	118.1	70.2	32.6	26.2	12.8	2.8	5.9	387.2
31 March 2005	122.3	118.9	75.9	33.6	28.1	13.2	3.2	6.4	401.6
30 June 2005	120.5	116.2	76.8	33.4	29.3	13.1	3.3	6.2	398.7
30 September 2005	120.6	116.2	78.0	33.8	30.1	12.8	3.2	6.4	401.1
31 December 2005	120.2	111.8	74.9	33.1	29.5	12.4	3.0	5.9	390.9
31 March 2006	125.4	113.6	81.0	34.0	31.5	12.9	3.2	6.6	408.2
30 June 2006	123.2	110.9	82.3	33.6	32.1	12.6	3.2	6.7	404.6
30 September 2006	124.4	110.1	84.3	33.1	32.2	12.5	3.2	6.6	406.3
31 December 2006	124.2	105.1	81.0	32.8	31.7	12.3	3.0	6.2	396.2
31 March 2007	129.4	107.6	87.8	32.5	33.9	12.8	3.3	6.9	414.2
30 June 2007	128.8	107.4	89.8	31.6	34.4	12.8	3.3	6.7	414.7
30 September 2007	131.0	106.8	91.5	31.9	34.7	13.0	3.3	6.8	419.0
31 December 2007	130.8	100.8	87.4	30.5	34.0	12.7	3.2	6.2	405.6
31 March 2008	137.3	105.5	93.2	31.6	36.2	13.3	3.6	6.9	427.7
30 June 2008	139.8	107.2	95.1	32.3	36.7	13.3	3.7	6.9	435.1
30 September 2008	141.2	107.5	94.2	32.4	36.9	13.1	3.8	6.8	435.8
31 December 2008	137.8	102.8	87.5	31.6	35.8	12.2	3.5	6.1	417.2
31 March 2009	140.9	105.4	90.3	31.9	37.2	12.2	3.8	6.9	428.8
30 June 2009	139.2	105.6	89.3	32.2	36.7	11.9	3.9	7.0	425.8
30 September 2009	138.5	105.7	89.9	32.0	36.4	11.7	4.0	7.4	425.5

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Table 3 Commencements by state/territory and selected training characteristics, September quarter 2009 ('000)

		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	4.4	6.5	4.6	1.8	1.7	0.5	0.2	0.5	20.2
	20 to 24 years	3.9	3.5	2.1	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.3	11.9
	25 to 44 years	7.8	5.5	5.1	1.7	1.9	0.6	0.2	0.3	23.2
	45 years and over	3.7	2.6	2.3	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	10.7
Sex	Males	10.3	9.4	7.7	2.7	3.2	0.9	0.3	0.6	35.2
	Females	9.4	8.7	6.4	2.3	2.2	0.9	0.3	0.6	30.8
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.9	0.7	1.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.7
	Technicians and trade workers	3.0	4.1	3.0	1.1	1.5	0.5	0.2	0.3	13.6
	Community and personal service workers	3.4	3.4	2.0	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.3	10.6
	Clerical and administrative workers	5.3	3.5	3.4	1.4	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.2	15.1
	Sales workers	2.8	3.8	2.0	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	10.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	2.3	1.6	1.2	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	6.6
	Labourers	2.0	1.0	1.2	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.1	5.6
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	2.4	2.5	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	8.6
	Certificate III	12.0	11.9	8.2	3.1	3.3	1.2	0.4	0.8	40.8
	Certificate IV	5.1	3.3	3.9	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	15.2
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.3
Full-time status	Full-time	14.2	10.7	9.4	3.2	4.5	1.2	0.5	0.8	44.5
	Part-time	5.5	7.4	4.7	1.8	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.5	21.4
Existing worker	Existing worker	7.3	5.7	6.2	2.1	2.0	0.7	0.2	0.3	24.5
	Newly commencing worker	12.4	12.4	7.9	2.9	3.4	1.0	0.4	0.9	41.4
Total ('000)⁵		19.7	18.1	14.1	5.1	5.4	1.8	0.6	1.2	65.9

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Table 4 Commencements in each quarter by state/territory, 2004–2009 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
30 September 2004	15.6	18.7	11.7	5.5	4.6	2.1	0.6	1.1	60.1
31 December 2004	16.8	19.3	10.5	4.7	4.2	1.6	0.5	0.9	58.4
31 March 2005	23.8	21.3	17.0	6.6	6.2	2.3	1.0	1.6	79.8
30 June 2005	16.1	20.2	12.7	5.0	5.0	2.1	0.6	1.0	62.6
30 September 2005	16.4	20.4	12.4	5.4	4.9	1.8	0.5	1.2	63.1
31 December 2005	16.3	18.0	10.6	4.3	4.4	1.5	0.4	0.9	56.6
31 March 2006	25.9	22.8	18.4	6.6	6.9	2.4	0.8	1.8	85.7
30 June 2006	15.6	18.2	13.5	4.4	5.2	1.7	0.5	1.2	60.4
30 September 2006	17.4	17.9	13.5	4.7	4.9	1.8	0.6	1.2	61.9
31 December 2006	17.6	16.0	12.1	4.6	4.9	1.8	0.4	1.1	58.5
31 March 2007	27.1	21.7	19.7	6.5	7.4	2.4	0.8	1.7	87.4
30 June 2007	17.1	17.6	15.6	4.8	5.2	1.9	0.5	1.0	63.8
30 September 2007	19.6	17.7	15.1	5.3	5.4	1.9	0.6	1.2	66.8
31 December 2007	18.2	14.7	12.5	4.1	5.1	1.8	0.5	0.9	57.9
31 March 2008	28.8	22.4	19.8	7.0	7.8	2.7	0.9	1.8	91.1
30 June 2008	22.3	18.6	17.2	5.4	6.0	2.1	0.7	1.1	73.3
30 September 2008	20.8	18.1	13.5	5.0	5.7	1.8	0.6	1.0	66.6
31 December 2008	18.1	16.0	10.5	4.6	5.4	1.7	0.4	0.8	57.7
31 March 2009	27.1	20.6	17.0	6.0	7.0	2.2	0.8	1.8	82.5
30 June 2009	18.5	17.2	13.0	5.3	5.4	1.7	0.6	1.1	62.9
30 September 2009	19.7	18.1	14.1	5.1	5.4	1.8	0.6	1.2	65.9

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Table 5 Completions by state/territory and selected training characteristics, September quarter 2009 ('000)

		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	1.3	2.6	1.9	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.1	7.5
	20 to 24 years	3.1	3.0	2.2	0.9	1.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	11.2
	25 to 44 years	4.1	3.1	2.6	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.1	0.1	12.6
	45 years and over	2.5	1.5	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	6.3
Sex	Males	5.9	5.2	4.6	1.6	2.1	0.7	0.2	0.2	20.6
	Females	5.1	5.0	3.4	1.3	1.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	17.0
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
	Technicians and trade workers	2.3	2.2	2.6	0.7	1.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	9.9
	Community and personal service workers	1.8	1.8	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.1	6.0
	Clerical and administrative workers	2.6	1.8	1.3	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	7.3
	Sales workers	1.5	2.5	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	6.2
	Machinery operators and drivers	1.3	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.9
	Labourers	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.1
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	1.4	1.5	1.2	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.1	5.6
	Certificate III	7.6	7.2	5.6	1.9	2.5	0.9	0.2	0.3	26.1
	Certificate IV	2.0	1.4	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	5.5
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	8.8	8.2	5.8	2.1	2.2	0.9	0.2	0.3	28.5
	More than two years	2.2	2.0	2.1	0.7	1.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	9.1
Full-time status	Full-time	8.7	6.0	5.7	2.6	3.0	0.9	0.2	0.3	27.4
	Part-time	2.3	4.2	2.2	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.1	10.1
Total ('000)⁵		11.0	10.2	8.0	2.8	3.6	1.3	0.3	0.4	37.6

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Table 6 Completions in each quarter by state/territory, 2004–2009 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
30 September 2004	7.8	10.5	5.5	2.1	2.4	1.4	0.2	0.5	30.4
31 December 2004	9.4	12.4	8.2	1.9	2.6	1.4	0.3	0.9	37.2
31 March 2005	11.9	10.2	6.1	2.9	2.4	1.2	0.3	0.5	35.4
30 June 2005	8.8	11.3	6.6	2.4	2.1	1.4	0.3	0.6	33.4
30 September 2005	8.2	10.0	6.4	2.5	2.2	1.3	0.2	0.6	31.5
31 December 2005	8.4	12.2	8.4	2.2	3.0	1.2	0.3	0.8	36.6
31 March 2006	12.0	10.5	7.0	3.1	3.0	1.1	0.4	0.6	37.6
30 June 2006	9.4	10.7	6.6	2.3	2.6	1.2	0.2	0.5	33.6
30 September 2006	8.5	10.0	6.4	2.4	2.6	1.2	0.3	0.6	32.0
31 December 2006	9.6	12.1	9.4	2.5	3.0	1.2	0.3	0.8	38.9
31 March 2007	12.9	10.4	7.0	4.1	2.8	1.1	0.3	0.6	39.2
30 June 2007	9.4	9.6	7.7	3.1	2.3	1.1	0.2	0.5	33.8
30 September 2007	9.4	9.9	7.0	2.5	2.7	1.1	0.3	0.6	33.4
31 December 2007	9.6	12.1	9.9	3.1	3.2	1.3	0.3	0.8	40.4
31 March 2008	13.4	9.7	7.4	3.1	3.1	1.3	0.2	0.5	38.7
30 June 2008	10.7	9.3	8.6	2.5	2.7	1.3	0.2	0.5	35.8
30 September 2008	10.4	9.5	7.8	2.4	3.0	1.3	0.2	0.6	35.2
31 December 2008	11.8	11.9	10.4	3.1	3.7	1.7	0.4	0.9	43.9
31 March 2009	14.4	9.9	7.9	3.0	3.3	1.3	0.2	0.5	40.5
30 June 2009	10.8	9.5	8.3	2.7	3.5	1.2	0.2	0.6	36.8
30 September 2009	11.0	10.2	8.0	2.8	3.6	1.3	0.3	0.4	37.6

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Table 7 Cancellations and withdrawals² by state/territory and selected training characteristics, September quarter 2009 ('000)

		NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	3.3	3.1	2.7	0.7	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	11.5
	20 to 24 years	2.6	2.3	1.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	7.8
	25 to 44 years	3.0	2.2	1.8	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	8.6
	45 years and over	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.0
Sex	Males	6.3	5.0	4.2	1.2	1.5	0.5	0.2	0.3	19.2
	Females	3.8	3.2	2.4	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	11.8
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
	Technicians and trade workers	4.0	3.4	3.0	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	12.9
	Community and personal service workers	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	1.6	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.5
	Sales workers	1.1	1.3	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.9
	Machinery operators and drivers	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
	Labourers	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.7
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	4.3
	Certificate III	7.2	6.3	4.7	1.3	1.6	0.6	0.2	0.4	22.3
	Certificate IV	1.6	0.9	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.0
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Duration until cancelled/withdrawn	Two years or less	9.4	7.8	6.0	1.8	2.1	0.8	0.3	0.5	28.7
	More than two years	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.3
Full-time status	Full-time	7.9	5.5	4.8	1.3	1.9	0.6	0.2	0.4	22.6
	Part-time	2.3	2.8	1.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	8.3
Total ('000)⁵		10.2	8.3	6.6	1.9	2.3	0.8	0.3	0.6	31.0

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Table 8 Cancellations and withdrawals² in each quarter by state/territory, 2004–2009 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
30 September 2004	9.8	10.3	5.5	2.0	1.8	0.7	0.3	0.6	31.1
31 December 2004	9.6	10.5	6.1	2.3	2.0	0.9	0.4	0.7	32.5
31 March 2005	9.6	10.2	5.7	2.3	1.8	0.8	0.4	0.7	31.5
30 June 2005	9.6	10.6	5.7	2.3	1.8	0.8	0.4	0.7	32.0
30 September 2005	9.5	10.3	5.6	1.9	1.9	0.7	0.4	0.7	31.1
31 December 2005	9.2	10.1	6.0	2.2	2.0	0.8	0.4	0.7	31.4
31 March 2006	10.1	10.7	6.2	2.1	2.1	0.8	0.4	0.8	33.1
30 June 2006	9.3	10.0	6.0	1.8	1.9	0.8	0.4	0.7	31.0
30 September 2006	9.3	9.1	6.2	2.0	2.2	0.8	0.4	0.8	30.8
31 December 2006	9.2	9.0	6.8	1.9	2.4	0.8	0.4	0.8	31.4
31 March 2007	10.5	9.5	7.2	1.9	2.5	0.8	0.4	0.7	33.6
30 June 2007	9.7	8.6	7.0	1.9	2.4	0.9	0.4	0.8	31.7
30 September 2007	9.6	8.9	7.5	1.8	2.5	0.8	0.4	0.8	32.4
31 December 2007	10.0	8.8	7.9	2.0	2.6	0.9	0.4	0.8	33.3
31 March 2008	10.3	8.8	7.7	2.0	2.6	0.9	0.4	0.7	33.5
30 June 2008	10.3	8.3	7.8	1.8	2.9	0.9	0.4	0.7	33.2
30 September 2008	10.5	9.2	7.7	1.9	2.7	1.0	0.4	0.7	34.1
31 December 2008	10.3	9.3	7.6	1.9	2.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	33.8
31 March 2009	10.4	8.6	7.1	1.9	2.2	0.9	0.4	0.6	32.2
30 June 2009	10.2	8.1	6.3	1.7	2.5	0.9	0.4	0.6	30.5
30 September 2009	10.2	8.3	6.6	1.9	2.3	0.8	0.3	0.6	31.0

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Table 9 In-training as at the end of each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2004–2009 ('000)

		30 Sept 2004	31 Dec 2004	31 Mar 2005	30 June 2005	30 Sept 2005	31 Dec 2005	31 Mar 2006	30 June 2006
Age	19 years and under	124.1	118.7	133.2	132.2	129.9	124.0	139.0	135.8
	20 to 24 years	104.7	104.1	103.5	105.2	108.9	108.4	107.9	108.7
	25 to 44 years	119.1	115.6	115.8	113.6	114.5	111.8	113.4	112.5
	45 years and over	49.8	48.7	49.0	47.7	47.8	46.7	47.8	47.6
Sex	Males	256.9	252.8	264.4	263.1	265.5	259.7	272.8	270.6
	Females	140.8	134.3	137.1	135.6	135.5	131.1	135.4	133.9
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	5.3	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.4	6.2	6.8
	Technicians and trade workers	156.8	157.2	170.0	169.5	172.8	172.3	184.4	183.0
	Community and personal service workers	44.3	43.1	44.9	44.7	45.5	43.5	44.8	44.1
	Clerical and administrative workers	61.4	56.6	57.1	56.4	56.0	53.3	54.5	54.1
	Sales workers	50.0	47.2	46.6	46.3	46.1	44.5	45.7	45.1
	Machinery operators and drivers	45.0	45.7	44.7	44.1	43.9	42.4	42.1	41.1
	Labourers	35.1	32.4	33.2	32.6	31.5	29.5	30.5	30.5
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	54.7	49.6	50.5	50.8	49.0	44.5	46.1	45.3
	Certificate III	303.0	297.9	309.7	306.1	309.1	304.4	317.8	314.7
	Certificate IV	38.7	38.5	40.1	40.5	41.6	40.7	42.8	43.0
	Diploma/advanced diploma	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.5
Full-time status	Full-time	308.9	303.3	315.8	312.7	315.3	309.9	324.7	322.3
	Part-time	88.8	83.8	85.8	86.0	85.8	81.0	83.5	82.3
Total ('000)⁵		397.7	387.2	401.6	398.7	401.1	390.9	408.2	404.6

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Table 10 Commencements in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2004–2009 ('000)

		30 Sept 2004	31 Dec 2004	31 Mar 2005	30 June 2005	30 Sept 2005	31 Dec 2005	31 Mar 2006	30 June 2006
Age	19 years and under	21.0	22.5	40.9	23.2	21.8	22.3	42.4	22.0
	20 to 24 years	11.3	10.0	12.6	11.5	11.9	9.7	13.7	10.8
	25 to 44 years	20.0	18.2	19.1	19.9	20.8	17.2	21.0	19.3
	45 years and over	7.8	7.7	7.2	8.0	8.5	7.3	8.5	8.3
Sex	Males	34.5	34.6	49.7	35.6	37.0	32.2	53.2	34.3
	Females	25.5	23.8	30.0	27.0	26.1	24.4	32.5	26.2
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.8	1.6
	Technicians and trade workers	14.2	14.9	30.0	13.1	15.7	14.9	31.3	13.7
	Community and personal service workers	9.5	8.9	10.6	9.3	9.5	9.0	11.6	9.0
	Clerical and administrative workers	11.2	9.2	12.9	12.9	11.5	9.8	14.0	11.8
	Sales workers	9.2	9.3	10.5	10.4	9.8	9.3	11.7	9.7
	Machinery operators and drivers	8.0	8.9	6.4	8.2	8.8	6.6	7.0	7.6
	Labourers	7.2	6.5	8.2	7.8	6.8	6.0	8.3	7.1
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	11.4	11.2	14.8	13.0	10.5	9.9	14.2	10.7
	Certificate III	41.6	41.0	57.4	42.3	45.0	40.4	61.8	42.2
	Certificate IV	6.9	6.0	7.4	7.1	7.3	6.1	9.3	7.4
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2
Full-time status	Full-time	43.9	42.8	61.6	44.9	46.5	40.7	65.7	44.2
	Part-time	16.2	15.6	18.2	17.7	16.5	15.9	19.9	16.2
Existing worker	Existing worker	17.2	16.7	16.1	17.7	18.3	15.0	18.0	17.5
	Newly commencing worker	42.9	41.7	63.7	44.9	44.7	41.6	67.6	42.9
Total ('000)⁵		60.1	58.4	79.8	62.6	63.1	56.6	85.7	60.4

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Table 9 (continued)

30 Sept 2006	31 Dec 2006	31 Mar 2007	30 June 2007	30 Sept 2007	31 Dec 2007	31 Mar 2008	30 June 2008	30 Sept 2008	31 Dec 2008	31 Mar 2009	30 June 2009	30 Sept 2009
132.5	127.3	142.6	141.1	138.6	132.0	150.1	148.7	144.3	134.1	143.6	137.3	130.8
112.0	111.2	110.8	112.5	116.0	113.9	113.0	114.9	116.7	112.9	110.7	110.7	113.1
113.9	111.2	113.4	113.6	116.1	113.1	117.0	121.0	123.3	119.9	122.6	124.4	126.7
48.0	46.6	47.4	47.5	48.3	46.7	47.6	50.6	51.5	50.2	51.9	53.3	55.0
271.9	266.3	279.4	278.9	281.6	273.8	289.4	291.4	291.4	279.2	285.0	281.0	278.5
134.4	129.9	134.7	135.7	137.4	131.8	138.3	143.6	144.4	138.0	143.8	144.8	147.0
7.9	8.3	9.2	10.3	11.9	12.3	13.7	14.5	15.6	14.8	16.7	17.4	18.4
184.6	183.5	196.1	195.5	197.5	194.7	209.0	209.2	207.5	200.3	204.3	198.3	193.9
44.2	42.1	44.7	45.3	46.1	43.6	45.3	46.6	46.7	44.8	47.8	48.8	49.6
54.4	52.6	54.1	54.6	55.1	52.3	54.9	58.8	58.9	55.9	58.7	60.6	62.8
44.9	44.0	44.2	44.2	44.9	42.7	44.8	45.6	46.1	44.3	45.0	44.7	45.0
40.9	38.8	38.3	37.7	37.2	35.4	35.0	35.4	36.3	34.1	33.4	33.1	33.3
29.4	26.8	27.6	27.1	26.4	24.5	25.0	25.0	24.7	23.0	22.9	22.8	22.6
43.8	40.7	41.8	41.8	41.0	37.5	39.6	40.6	39.9	36.7	37.8	37.5	36.3
316.2	309.4	324.2	323.7	326.5	317.9	334.4	335.8	335.4	320.4	325.3	318.3	314.5
44.6	44.4	46.3	46.9	48.7	47.3	50.0	54.4	55.8	55.4	60.6	64.5	68.6
1.7	1.6	1.9	2.3	2.7	3.0	3.8	4.3	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.5	6.1
323.8	318.0	331.6	330.1	333.3	324.6	340.5	343.5	341.9	327.0	332.4	325.8	322.8
82.6	78.2	82.6	84.6	85.8	81.0	87.2	91.6	93.9	90.2	96.4	100.0	102.7
406.3	396.2	414.2	414.7	419.0	405.6	427.7	435.1	435.8	417.2	428.8	425.8	425.5

Table 10 (continued)

30 Sept 2006	31 Dec 2006	31 Mar 2007	30 June 2007	30 Sept 2007	31 Dec 2007	31 Mar 2008	30 June 2008	30 Sept 2008	31 Dec 2008	31 Mar 2009	30 June 2009	30 Sept 2009
21.7	23.5	43.4	24.0	23.3	23.8	46.4	25.9	22.9	22.1	37.8	20.3	20.2
11.6	10.1	14.1	11.5	12.8	9.9	14.5	12.3	12.3	9.5	13.0	10.6	11.9
20.3	17.5	21.4	19.8	22.0	17.2	22.2	23.6	22.1	18.2	22.2	21.8	23.2
8.3	7.4	8.4	8.4	8.8	7.1	7.9	11.5	9.2	8.0	9.4	10.2	10.7
35.4	33.6	54.4	35.7	38.6	33.3	56.6	39.7	37.7	32.3	48.7	34.1	35.2
26.4	24.8	32.9	28.0	28.2	24.6	34.5	33.6	28.9	25.4	33.8	28.8	30.8
2.1	1.9	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.2	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.2	4.1	3.4	3.7
15.3	16.4	33.7	15.5	17.8	17.1	36.5	18.5	16.3	15.0	28.3	13.3	13.6
9.3	8.9	12.1	10.0	10.1	8.9	11.8	11.6	10.3	9.4	12.8	10.7	10.6
12.1	10.7	14.1	12.5	12.5	10.1	15.0	16.0	12.6	10.7	15.0	14.1	15.1
9.6	9.2	10.5	9.6	10.3	8.4	12.2	10.9	10.8	9.5	10.6	9.7	10.8
7.7	5.8	6.9	7.4	7.2	6.0	5.9	7.1	7.7	5.5	5.7	6.4	6.6
5.9	5.6	8.0	6.4	5.9	5.2	6.8	6.4	5.8	5.4	5.9	5.2	5.6
9.6	10.0	13.1	10.4	9.6	9.1	12.6	11.0	9.5	9.4	10.9	8.9	8.6
43.1	40.4	64.1	44.3	46.7	41.0	66.3	48.5	45.9	38.6	56.3	39.8	40.8
8.9	7.9	9.7	8.4	9.8	7.2	10.9	12.9	10.3	9.0	14.2	13.2	15.2
0.3	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.3
45.1	42.2	66.9	45.7	49.3	41.6	68.8	51.7	46.7	38.9	59.4	41.9	44.5
16.8	16.3	20.5	18.1	17.5	16.3	22.2	21.6	19.9	18.8	23.1	21.0	21.4
18.3	15.3	18.5	17.9	19.6	14.9	18.7	23.2	19.6	16.5	21.8	22.6	24.5
43.6	43.2	68.8	45.9	47.2	43.0	72.3	50.1	47.0	41.2	60.6	40.3	41.4
61.9	58.5	87.4	63.8	66.8	57.9	91.1	73.3	66.6	57.7	82.5	62.9	65.9

Table 11 Completions in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2004–2009 ('000)

		30 Sept 2004	31 Dec 2004	31 Mar 2005	30 June 2005	30 Sept 2005	31 Dec 2005	31 Mar 2006	30 June 2006
Age	19 years and under	4.5	7.7	7.1	5.0	5.0	8.1	7.6	5.5
	20 to 24 years	8.8	10.2	12.9	9.5	8.8	10.2	13.8	10.1
	25 to 44 years	11.5	12.8	10.5	12.6	11.6	12.0	10.9	11.8
	45 years and over	5.5	6.5	4.9	6.4	6.2	6.4	5.1	6.2
Sex	Males	16.5	20.0	20.7	18.1	17.4	20.0	22.3	18.5
	Females	13.8	17.2	14.7	15.3	14.1	16.7	15.3	15.1
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5
	Technicians and trade workers	5.8	7.2	10.6	6.2	5.9	7.8	11.8	7.1
	Community and personal service workers	4.5	5.9	4.6	5.2	4.9	6.6	5.5	5.6
	Clerical and administrative workers	6.6	8.6	7.2	7.8	6.6	7.4	7.6	6.9
	Sales workers	4.6	5.3	4.9	4.8	4.7	5.3	4.6	4.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	5.2	4.8	4.1	5.0	5.2	4.8	4.1	5.2
	Labourers	3.4	4.8	3.6	3.9	3.8	4.2	3.5	3.5
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	5.9	8.1	6.5	5.7	5.6	7.5	5.9	5.2
	Certificate III	21.6	25.6	26.0	24.0	22.6	24.9	27.7	24.5
	Certificate IV	2.9	3.2	2.8	3.7	3.2	4.1	3.9	3.7
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	23.3	28.7	24.3	25.6	23.9	28.3	26.0	25.6
	More than two years	7.1	8.4	11.1	7.8	7.6	8.3	11.6	8.0
Full-time status	Full-time	22.8	27.0	28.8	25.8	23.7	25.8	30.4	25.2
	Part-time	7.6	10.2	6.6	7.7	7.8	10.8	7.1	8.4
Total ('000)⁵		30.4	37.2	35.4	33.4	31.5	36.6	37.6	33.6

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Table 12 Cancellations and withdrawals² in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2004–2009 ('000)

		30 Sept 2004	31 Dec 2004	31 Mar 2005	30 June 2005	30 Sept 2005	31 Dec 2005	31 Mar 2006	30 June 2006
Age	19 years and under	10.8	12.1	11.9	11.4	11.1	11.8	12.4	11.5
	20 to 24 years	7.9	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.7	8.1
	25 to 44 years	9.4	9.1	8.7	9.3	8.9	8.5	9.1	8.6
	45 years and over	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.8
Sex	Males	18.4	19.7	19.1	19.5	19.1	19.3	20.1	18.9
	Females	12.7	12.8	12.4	12.5	12.0	12.1	13.0	12.0
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
	Technicians and trade workers	9.4	10.1	10.3	10.5	10.2	10.5	11.4	11.1
	Community and personal service workers	3.7	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.7	4.2	4.5	3.7
	Clerical and administrative workers	5.3	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.7	4.5
	Sales workers	5.5	6.0	5.6	5.2	4.8	5.2	5.6	5.0
	Machinery operators and drivers	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.5	3.6	3.1	3.0	3.0
	Labourers	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.2
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	6.5	7.3	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.2	5.5
	Certificate III	22.0	22.6	22.3	22.9	22.1	22.4	24.1	22.5
	Certificate IV	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.8
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Duration until cancelled/ withdrawn	Two years or less	28.8	30.1	29.1	29.4	28.8	29.0	30.7	28.5
	More than two years	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Full-time status	Full-time	22.8	23.0	22.9	23.4	23.1	22.4	23.8	23.2
	Part-time	8.3	9.5	8.7	8.5	8.1	9.0	9.3	7.8
Total ('000)⁵		31.1	32.5	31.5	32.0	31.1	31.4	33.1	31.0

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Table 11 (continued)

30 Sept 2006	31 Dec 2006	31 Mar 2007	30 June 2007	30 Sept 2007	31 Dec 2007	31 Mar 2008	30 June 2008	30 Sept 2008	31 Dec 2008	31 Mar 2009	30 June 2009	30 Sept 2009
5.2	8.3	7.4	5.4	5.4	9.1	7.5	6.3	6.4	10.4	7.9	6.7	7.5
9.4	11.1	14.5	10.2	10.2	11.8	15.1	10.9	10.8	12.8	15.1	11.1	11.2
11.3	12.5	11.6	12.1	11.7	12.8	11.0	12.1	11.9	13.5	11.9	12.6	12.6
6.1	6.9	5.7	6.2	6.0	6.8	5.1	6.5	6.0	7.1	5.6	6.4	6.3
17.7	21.6	23.4	18.9	18.8	22.5	23.3	19.7	19.5	25.0	24.7	20.6	20.6
14.3	17.3	15.7	14.9	14.6	17.9	15.4	16.1	15.6	18.9	15.8	16.2	17.0
0.4	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.1	2.0	1.1	1.4	1.2
6.8	9.4	12.9	7.9	8.1	10.4	13.8	9.1	9.0	11.7	14.8	9.9	9.9
5.3	6.6	5.4	5.3	5.3	7.2	5.9	6.3	6.0	6.8	5.5	5.9	6.0
6.7	7.5	7.4	6.7	6.6	7.7	7.2	6.9	7.0	8.4	7.2	7.2	7.3
4.4	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.8	5.2	4.3	5.0	5.3	6.1	4.7	5.1	6.2
4.8	5.1	4.5	5.0	4.7	4.9	3.6	4.1	3.9	4.9	3.8	4.4	3.9
3.5	4.6	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.0	4.0	3.4	2.9	3.1
4.9	6.8	5.8	4.8	4.7	6.6	4.9	4.8	5.0	6.9	4.8	4.9	5.6
23.0	27.2	29.0	24.7	24.1	28.3	29.1	25.9	25.1	30.8	30.6	26.7	26.1
4.0	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.4	5.2	4.5	4.9	4.9	5.8	4.8	4.9	5.5
0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
24.7	29.8	26.9	25.8	25.3	30.6	26.1	27.3	26.7	33.3	27.4	28.0	28.5
7.3	9.1	12.3	8.0	8.1	9.8	12.6	8.5	8.5	10.5	13.1	8.7	9.1
24.3	27.7	32.4	26.3	25.7	28.9	31.7	27.2	26.6	31.7	32.9	28.0	27.4
7.7	11.1	6.8	7.5	7.7	11.5	7.1	8.6	8.6	12.2	7.6	8.8	10.1
32.0	38.9	39.2	33.8	33.4	40.4	38.7	35.8	35.2	43.9	40.5	36.8	37.6

Table 12 (continued)

30 Sept 2006	31 Dec 2006	31 Mar 2007	30 June 2007	30 Sept 2007	31 Dec 2007	31 Mar 2008	30 June 2008	30 Sept 2008	31 Dec 2008	31 Mar 2009	30 June 2009	30 Sept 2009
11.6	12.1	13.3	12.2	12.3	13.4	13.7	13.3	13.2	13.7	13.0	11.8	11.5
8.0	8.4	8.8	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.8	8.4	8.8	8.7	8.3	7.8	7.8
8.6	8.3	8.7	8.4	8.8	8.4	8.5	8.7	9.2	8.7	8.2	8.1	8.6
2.7	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.9	3.0
18.9	19.2	20.6	19.3	19.9	20.6	20.5	20.6	21.0	20.8	19.9	19.0	19.2
12.0	12.2	12.9	12.4	12.5	12.7	12.9	12.6	13.1	13.0	12.2	11.5	11.8
0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2
11.0	11.2	12.5	12.0	12.3	12.9	13.2	13.6	13.9	13.5	13.2	12.9	12.9
3.8	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.9
4.5	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.5
5.0	5.0	5.4	4.6	4.6	5.0	5.3	4.6	4.7	5.0	4.6	4.5	3.9
2.8	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.0
3.2	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.2	2.7
5.6	5.9	5.8	4.9	5.2	5.6	5.2	4.8	4.9	5.4	4.8	4.2	4.3
22.3	22.6	24.6	23.4	23.9	24.6	25.0	25.0	25.6	25.2	23.8	22.6	22.3
2.8	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.9	3.3	3.4	4.0
0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
28.5	29.2	31.0	29.2	30.0	31.1	31.2	30.8	31.7	31.7	29.9	28.1	28.7
2.4	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.3
22.9	22.6	24.6	23.8	24.2	24.1	24.9	25.1	25.5	24.1	23.5	22.3	22.6
8.0	8.8	9.0	7.9	8.2	9.1	8.5	8.1	8.5	9.7	8.7	8.1	8.3
30.8	31.4	33.6	31.7	32.4	33.3	33.5	33.2	34.1	33.8	32.2	30.5	31.0

Table 13 In-training in top 20 training packages by state/territory, as at 30 September 2009 ('000)

Training package	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (CPC, BCG, BCF, BCP)	12.6	16.4	11.9	3.0	1.7	0.7	0.4	1.0	47.7
Business Services (BSB, BSA)	19.0	7.5	11.0	5.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.5	46.5
Retail Services (SIR, WRR, WRP, WRW)	13.5	12.6	7.1	4.2	2.0	1.1	0.2	0.5	41.1
Tourism, Hospitality and Events (SIT, THH, THT)	12.7	9.2	6.2	1.4	1.8	1.0	0.2	1.0	33.6
Electrotechnology (UEE, UTE, UTL)	8.5	6.7	7.0	2.3	3.2	0.8	0.5	0.7	29.7
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair (AUR)	9.0	6.5	5.9	2.3	3.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	28.9
Metal and Engineering (MEM)	6.0	5.9	8.3	1.7	5.0	0.8	0.2	0.1	28.0
Transport and Logistics (TLI, TDT)	9.7	5.8	5.0	1.8	2.6	0.3	0.1	0.3	25.7
Community Services (CHC)	8.2	5.4	4.0	1.2	2.2	0.7	0.3	0.8	22.8
Hairdressing (WRH)	3.8	2.4	3.2	0.9	1.6	0.3	0.1	0.3	12.6
Manufacturing (MSA, MCM)	5.0	2.3	1.7	0.5	0.6	0.0		0.0	10.2
Food Processing Industry (FDF)	2.3	2.5	1.3	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	8.0
Australian Meat Industry (MTM)	2.2	1.6	2.2	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	7.7
Health (HLT)	2.0	2.9	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2	6.3
Furnishing (LMF)	1.1	1.8	1.6	0.4	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	6.3
Amenity Horticulture (RTF, RUH)	1.9	2.2	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	6.2
Financial Services (FNS, FNB, FNA)	2.4	1.0	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.9
Asset Maintenance (PRM)	2.9	1.1	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	5.8
Telecommunications (ICT)	2.0	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7
Rural Production (RTE, RUA)	0.8	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1		3.4
Top 20 training packages sub-total ('000)	125.5	96.2	80.8	29.2	29.5	9.4	3.2	6.4	380.3
Other training packages ('000)	11.7	8.3	8.4	2.8	3.8	1.4	0.7	0.9	38.0
All training packages ('000)	137.2	104.5	89.2	32.0	33.2	10.9	3.9	7.4	418.3
Non-training packages ('000)	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.0	3.1	0.8	0.1	0.0	7.3
Total number ('000)	138.5	105.7	89.9	32.0	36.4	11.7	4.0	7.4	425.5
Training packages as proportion of total (%)	99.1	98.8	99.3	99.9	91.4	93.1	98.4	99.8	98.3

Blanks represent a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.

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Table 14 Commencements in top 20 training packages by state/territory, September quarter 2009 ('000)

Training package	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Business Services (BSB, BSA)	4.6	2.6	3.1	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	12.7
Retail Services (SIR, WRR, WRP, WRW)	2.4	3.7	1.9	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.1	9.9
Tourism, Hospitality and Events (SIT, THH, THT)	2.3	2.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	7.1
Transport and Logistics (TLI, TDT)	1.8	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.0
Community Services (CHC)	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	4.7
Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (CPC, BCG, BCF, BCP)	0.7	1.3	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.3
Manufacturing (MSA, MCM)	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.0			2.5
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair (AUR)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.1
Australian Meat Industry (MTM)	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.8
Asset Maintenance (PRM)	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0		0.1	1.6
Food Processing Industry (FDF)	0.5	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
Health (HLT)	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.4
Electrotechnology (UEE, UTE, UTL)	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
Financial Services (FNS, FNB, FNA)	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Metal and Engineering (MEM)	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Hairdressing (WRH)	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Amenity Horticulture (RTF, RUH)	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Rural Production (RTE, RUA)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0		0.5
Civil Construction (BCC)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Furnishing (LMF)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Top 20 training packages sub-total ('000)	18.2	17.0	13.1	4.7	4.4	1.5	0.4	1.1	60.5
Other training packages ('000)	1.4	1.0	1.0	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	5.1
All training packages ('000)	19.7	18.0	14.0	5.1	5.3	1.7	0.6	1.2	65.6
Non-training packages ('000)	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0		0.3
Total number ('000)	19.7	18.1	14.1	5.1	5.4	1.8	0.6	1.2	65.9
Training packages as proportion of total (%)	99.8	99.7	99.7	100.0	97.5	97.4	98.8	100.0	99.5

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Training activity: 12-month ending series

Table 15 Commencements in 12 months ending 30 September, Australia, 2004–2009 ('000)

		12 months ending 30 September					
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Age	19 years and under	105.8	108.5	108.5	114.2	119.1	100.3
	20 to 24 years	44.8	46.0	45.9	48.5	49.0	45.1
	25 to 44 years	75.6	78.0	77.9	80.7	85.0	85.4
	45 years and over	28.5	31.4	32.4	33.0	35.7	38.2
Sex	Males	149.7	156.8	155.1	162.4	167.3	150.3
	Females	104.9	107.0	109.5	114.0	121.5	118.8
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	3.4	3.7	6.5	9.4	10.9	13.5
	Technicians and trade workers	69.5	73.8	75.1	83.4	88.4	70.2
	Community and personal service workers	37.4	38.4	38.9	41.1	42.6	43.5
	Clerical and administrative workers	45.9	46.5	47.6	49.9	53.8	54.9
	Sales workers	40.4	39.9	40.3	39.6	42.3	40.6
	Machinery operators and drivers	28.9	32.4	28.8	27.2	26.7	24.2
	Labourers	29.2	29.2	27.2	25.9	24.2	22.0
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	53.5	49.5	44.3	43.1	42.2	37.8
	Certificate III	173.6	185.7	187.5	195.4	201.7	175.5
	Certificate IV	26.8	27.7	31.7	35.8	41.3	51.6
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.7	0.9	1.1	2.2	3.6	4.1
Full-time status	Full-time	188.0	195.9	195.7	204.0	208.8	184.7
	Part-time	66.7	68.0	68.9	72.4	80.0	84.3
Total ('000)⁵		254.6	263.8	264.6	276.4	288.8	269.0

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Table 16 Completions in 12 months ending 30 September, Australia, 2004–2009 ('000)

		12 months ending 30 September					
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Age	19 years and under	24.7	24.7	26.5	26.6	29.4	32.4
	20 to 24 years	42.6	41.4	43.5	46.0	48.6	50.3
	25 to 44 years	46.2	47.4	46.0	47.9	47.8	50.6
	45 years and over	21.8	24.0	23.9	24.9	24.4	25.4
Sex	Males	76.3	76.1	78.5	82.8	85.0	90.8
	Females	59.1	61.4	61.3	62.5	65.1	67.9
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.9	4.0	5.7
	Technicians and trade workers	31.1	29.8	33.5	38.3	42.3	46.4
	Community and personal service workers	20.5	20.7	22.9	22.5	25.3	24.1
	Clerical and administrative workers	27.1	30.2	28.6	28.1	28.7	30.0
	Sales workers	20.2	19.7	19.1	18.7	19.8	22.1
	Machinery operators and drivers	19.6	19.1	18.9	19.3	16.4	17.0
	Labourers	15.2	16.2	14.7	15.4	13.6	13.4
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	30.1	25.9	23.5	22.1	21.3	22.2
	Certificate III	94.5	98.3	100.1	105.0	108.5	114.2
	Certificate IV	10.4	12.9	15.8	17.6	19.5	21.0
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.3
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	101.6	102.5	104.6	107.8	110.6	117.3
	More than two years	33.7	35.0	35.2	37.5	39.5	41.5
Full-time status	Full-time	102.7	105.3	105.7	112.1	114.2	120.0
	Part-time	32.6	32.2	34.1	33.2	35.9	38.8
Total ('000)⁵		135.3	137.5	139.8	145.3	150.1	158.7

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Table 17 Commencements by occupation and state/territory, 12 months ending 30 September 2009 ('000)

Occupation (ANZSCO) group	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Managers	1.3	1.4	1.3	0.3	1.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	6.2
11 Chief executives, general managers and legislators									
12 Farmers and farm managers	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0		1.1
13 Specialist managers	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	4.4
14 Hospitality, retail and service managers	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.6
Professionals	3.2	1.2	1.9	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	7.3
21 Arts and media professionals	0.0	0.0							0.0
22 Business, human resource and marketing professionals	3.1	1.0	1.8	0.5	0.1	0.0		0.0	6.5
23 Design, engineering, science and transport professionals	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
24 Education professionals		0.1	0.0	0.2				0.1	0.4
25 Health professionals	0.0	0.0	0.0						0.0
26 ICT professionals	0.0								0.0
27 Legal, social and welfare professionals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0
Technicians and trades workers	18.7	18.5	15.5	5.3	7.7	2.2	0.9	1.4	70.2
31 Engineering, ICT and science technicians	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	3.5
32 Automotive and engineering	4.9	3.4	4.3	1.3	2.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	16.9
33 Construction trades workers	4.0	5.8	3.1	1.3	1.5	0.6	0.1	0.3	16.6
34 Electrotechnology and telecommunications trades workers	2.9	2.4	1.9	0.7	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2	9.4
35 Food trades workers	2.5	2.6	2.2	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.2	9.4
36 Skilled animal and horticultural workers	1.0	1.6	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.1
39 Other technicians and trades workers	2.8	2.2	2.5	0.9	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	10.3
391 Hairdressers	1.5	1.1	1.3	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	5.3
392 Printing trades workers	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
393 Textile, clothing and footwear trades workers	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1
394 Wood trades workers	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
399 Miscellaneous	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.9
Community and personal service workers	14.0	13.8	7.1	1.6	4.0	1.0	0.5	1.5	43.5
41 Health and welfare support workers	1.8	1.2	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.5
42 Carers and aides	3.9	3.2	2.2	0.7	1.5	0.3	0.2	0.5	12.5
43 Hospitality workers	6.8	7.2	2.8	0.5	1.4	0.5	0.1	0.7	19.9
44 Protective service workers	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.5
45 Sports and personal service workers	1.2	2.0	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.2
Clerical and administrative workers	20.0	13.0	11.1	5.4	2.9	1.5	0.3	0.7	54.9
51 Office managers and program administrators	10.0	4.8	5.3	2.7	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	23.8
52 Personal assistants and secretaries									
53 General clerical workers	3.7	2.2	2.7	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	11.9
54 Inquiry clerks and receptionists	3.0	3.4	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	9.0
55 Numerical clerks	2.1	1.0	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	5.5
56 Clerical and office support workers									
59 Other clerical and administrative workers	1.2	1.7	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.7
Sales workers	11.3	13.7	7.3	3.9	2.3	1.2	0.3	0.5	40.6
61 Sales representatives and agents	1.3	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.7
62 Sales assistants and salespersons	10.0	13.4	6.6	3.9	2.2	1.1	0.3	0.5	37.9
63 Sales support workers							0.0		0.0
Machinery operators and drivers	8.0	5.8	5.1	1.8	2.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	24.2
71 Machine and stationary plant operators	1.8	2.2	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.0	6.1
72 Mobile plant operators	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.0
73 Road and rail drivers	2.7	1.3	2.2	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	7.8
74 Storepersons	3.0	2.0	1.6	0.5	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	8.3
Labourers	6.9	4.5	5.3	1.8	2.2	0.7	0.2	0.4	22.0
81 Cleaners and laundry workers	2.1	0.9	1.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.2	5.3
82 Construction and mining labourers	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.4
83 Factory process workers	2.3	2.5	2.5	1.0	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	9.3
84 Farm, forestry and garden workers	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	2.9
85 Food preparation assistants	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
89 Other labourers	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.7
Total ('000)⁵	83.5	72.0	54.6	21.0	23.2	7.3	2.5	5.0	269.0

Blanks represent a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.

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Table 18 Commencements by industry skills councils, 12 months ending 30 September 2009, Australia ('000)

Industry skills councils	Trades ³	Non-trades ³	Total
Agri-Food	8.0	12.9	20.9
Community Services and Health	1.7	20.9	22.6
Construction and Property Services	14.8	7.6	22.5
Electrocomms and Energy Utilities	9.2	0.1	9.3
ForestWorks	0.0	0.6	0.6
Government		2.2	2.2
Innovation and Business	2.6	51.4	54.0
Manufacturing	20.9	13.8	34.7
Services	11.1	63.7	74.9
SkillsDMC	0.5	4.6	5.1
Transport and Logistics		19.3	19.3
Training packages not assigned to industry skills councils			
Training package qualifications total	68.9	197.2	266.1
Non-training package qualifications total	1.4	1.6	2.9
Total ('000)	70.2	198.8	269.0

Blanks represent a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.
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Seasonally adjusted commencements

Table 19 Seasonally adjusted¹ commencements in each quarter by state/territory, 2004–2009 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
September 2004	17.4	20.0	12.9	5.4	5.0	2.1	0.6	1.2	64.4
December 2004	18.2	20.2	13.0	5.5	5.0	2.0	0.7	1.2	65.4
March 2005	18.3	20.1	13.1	5.4	5.0	2.0	0.7	1.2	65.9
June 2005	18.2	20.1	13.1	5.4	5.1	2.0	0.6	1.2	65.7
September 2005	18.3	20.5	13.3	5.3	5.2	1.9	0.6	1.2	66.2
December 2005	18.5	20.6	13.6	5.3	5.3	1.9	0.6	1.3	67.0
March 2006	18.6	19.7	13.8	5.0	5.4	1.8	0.6	1.3	66.3
June 2006	18.7	18.7	14.1	4.9	5.4	1.8	0.6	1.3	65.5
September 2006	19.0	18.3	14.5	5.0	5.5	1.9	0.6	1.4	66.1
December 2006	19.6	18.4	15.0	5.1	5.6	2.0	0.5	1.4	67.5
March 2007	20.1	18.4	15.5	5.3	5.7	2.0	0.5	1.3	69.0
June 2007	20.3	18.0	15.8	5.3	5.7	2.0	0.6	1.2	68.9
September 2007	20.4	17.7	15.8	5.2	5.7	2.0	0.6	1.2	68.6
December 2007	21.4	17.9	16.1	5.3	5.9	2.1	0.7	1.2	70.5
March 2008	22.8	18.4	16.2	5.4	6.1	2.2	0.7	1.2	73.1
June 2008	23.4	18.9	15.9	5.5	6.3	2.1	0.7	1.2	73.8
September 2008	22.8	18.7	14.9	5.4	6.2	2.0	0.6	1.1	71.8
December 2008	21.5	18.1	13.7	5.2	6.0	1.9	0.6	1.2	68.2
March 2009	20.7	17.9	13.2	5.2	5.8	1.8	0.6	1.2	66.5
June 2009	20.8	17.9	13.6	5.3	5.7	1.8	0.6	1.3	66.8
September 2009	20.8	18.0	14.0	5.3	5.7	1.8	0.6	1.3	67.4

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Terms

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a national framework of credentials that covers qualifications from certificate I through to a doctoral degree. For more details on the Australian Qualifications Framework, go to <http://www.aqf.edu.au>.

Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) is a classification of the occupation of individuals. The classification is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (1st edition, 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 also include contracts which have been transferred due to a change in employer. 'Transferred' is a new contract status which was historically reported as a cancellation or withdrawal.

Commencements refers to apprentices and trainees starting a program of training. The date of commencement is the date that an apprentice or trainee's 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 in which 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'.

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.ntis.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, withdrawn or suspended 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 of the trades. 'Non-trades' includes all occupations listed under the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO 1st edition) 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 the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO 1st edition).

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

Technical notes

Data source

Information included in this publication is, unless stated otherwise, derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.62, December 2009 estimates, which is compiled using the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) for the 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 March quarter 2008 to September quarter 2009). 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. Further details on the methodology can be found at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2233.html>.

Seasonal adjustments

Seasonally adjusted data in this publication are derived from table 2 for in-training, table 4 for commencements, table 6 for completions and table 8 for cancellations and withdrawals. These data are adjusted using X-11-ARIMA methodology and then are 7-point Henderson smoothed. The seasonally adjusted data used in figures 1–3 are available at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2233.html>.

Notes on figures and tables

Due to lags in processing numbers, recent quarter activity is estimated. Proportions (percentages) may be subject to error as they are based on a sample, not the total population. Figures in bold are actual numbers.

See <<http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2233.html>> for the standard errors on these estimates.

- 1 The data have been seasonally adjusted and smoothed. For further information please refer to the technical notes on page 19.
- 2 The cancellation and withdrawal figures are inclusive of the new contract status 'transferred', as contract transfers were historically reported as cancellations or withdrawals.
- 3 Non-trades are defined as all major occupations groups 1–2 and 4–8 (ANZSCO 1st edition). Trades are defined as all major group 3 (Technicians and trades workers) (ANZSCO 1st edition).
- 4 The data presented in figure 3 uses ANZSCO, a change from ASCO (Australian Standard Classification of Occupations) in earlier publications, as 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/2233.html>>.
- 5 Unknown data have not been reported, whereas the total includes all contracts, including those with unknown status. Hence, some figures may not sum to the total.



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