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Highlights

There were 493 600 apprentices and trainees in-training as at 30 September 2012, an increase of 6.9% from the previous year.

In the September quarter 2012, compared with the previous year:

- commencements decreased by 37.5%, to 47 900
- completions decreased by 2.3%, to 42 800
- cancellations and withdrawals decreased by 2.3%, to 35 500.

In the 12 months to 30 September 2012, compared with the previous year:

- commencements increased by 8.2%, to 347 100
- completions increased by 4.6%, to 184 400
- cancellations and withdrawals increased by 0.3%, to 140 600.



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Apprentice and trainee directions

Introduction

This publication presents estimates of apprentice and trainee activity in Australia for the September quarter 2012. The figures in this publication are derived from the National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no.74 (December 2012 estimates).

The most recent figures in this publication are estimated (those for training activity from the March quarter 2011 to the September quarter 2012). 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 may be found at <www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2604.html>.

Overall trends

In-training

The number of apprentices and trainees in-training as at 30 September 2012 was 493 600, an increase of 6.9% from one year earlier.

For the 12 months ending 30 September 2012

Commencements

The number of commencements in the 12 months ending 30 September 2012 was 347 100, an increase of 8.2% from one year earlier.

Of this:

- trades commencements increased by 1.7%
- non-trades commencements increased by 11.0%.

State and territory commencements in the 12 months to 30 September 2012, compared with the previous year, showed:

- New South Wales (+4.6%) ■ Western Australia (+25.3%)
- Victoria (+4.4%) ■ Tasmania (+2.4%)
- Queensland (+11.3%) ■ Northern Territory (+2.7%)
- South Australia (+8.9%) ■ Australian Capital Territory (+23.4%)

Completions

The number of completions in the 12 months ending 30 September 2012 was 184 400, an increase of 4.6% from one year earlier.

Cancellations and withdrawals

The number of cancellations and withdrawals in the 12 months ending 30 September 2012 was 140 600, an increase of 0.3% from one year earlier.

Seasonally adjusted data

In-training

The number of apprentices and trainees in-training has steadily increased following a period of decline between the September quarter 2008 and the June quarter 2009.

Commencements

The number of trades commencements has decreased slightly in the September quarter 2012. This follows a period of growth in the preceding three quarters, and a period of decline between the September quarters of 2010 and 2011.

The number of non-trades commencements has decreased in the last two quarters following an increase in the December quarter 2011 and the March quarter 2012.

Completions

The number of completions has decreased slightly in the last three quarters following a long period of steady growth.

Cancellations and withdrawals

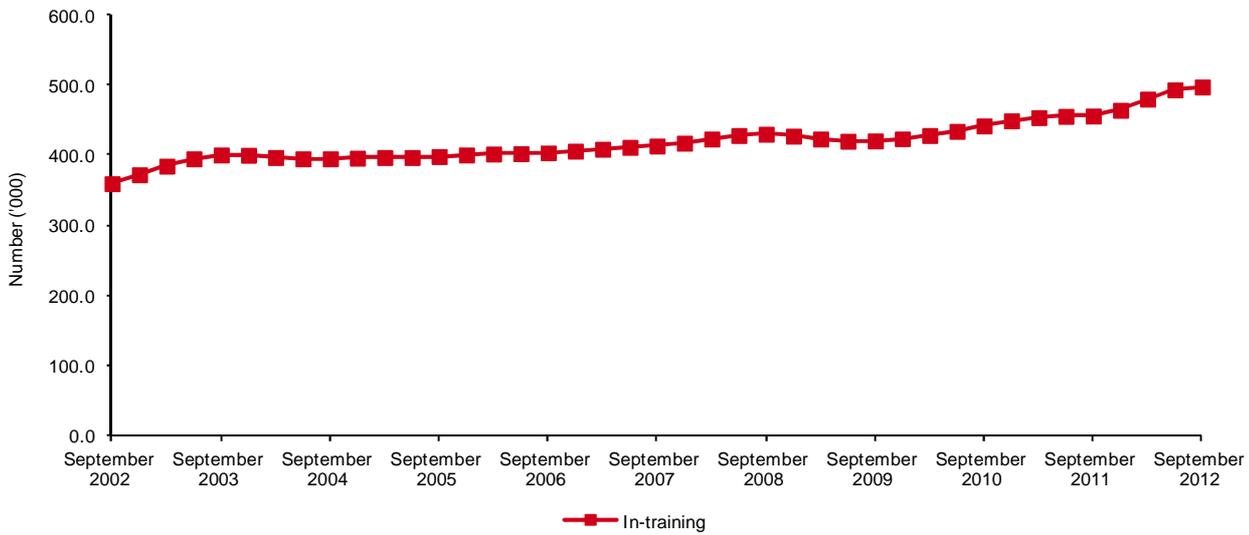
The number of cancellations and withdrawals has largely remained steady for a number of quarters.

For more information on seasonally adjusted data, see **Technical notes** on page 19.

Additional seasonally adjusted data tables are available at <www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2604.html>.

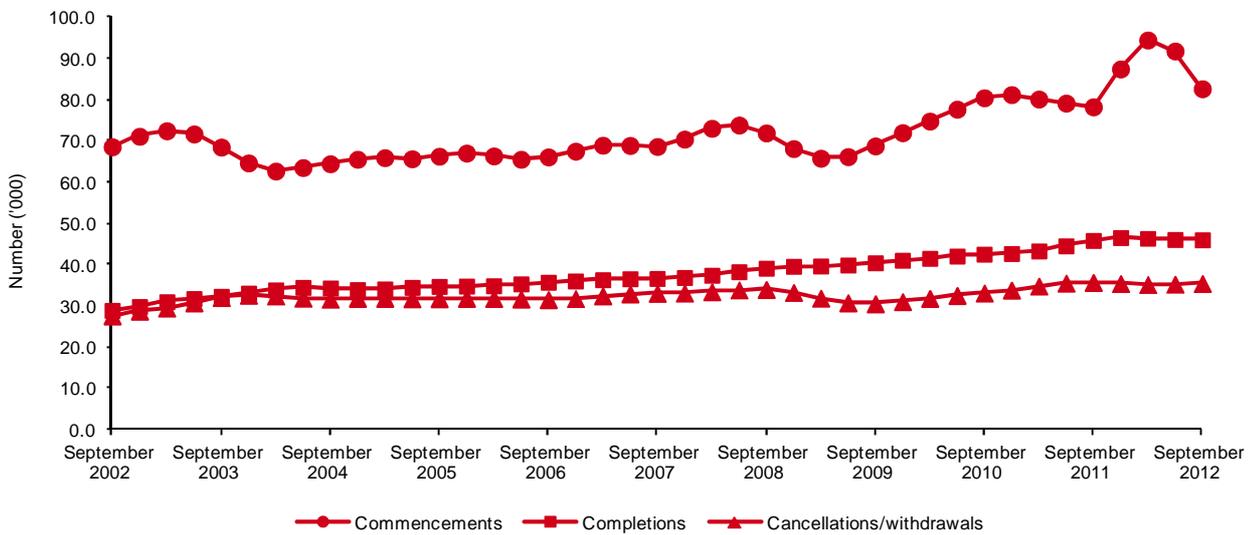
For more information on concepts and definitions used in this publication, see **Terms** listed on page 18.

Figure 1 In-training, seasonally adjusted,¹ 2002–12 ('000)



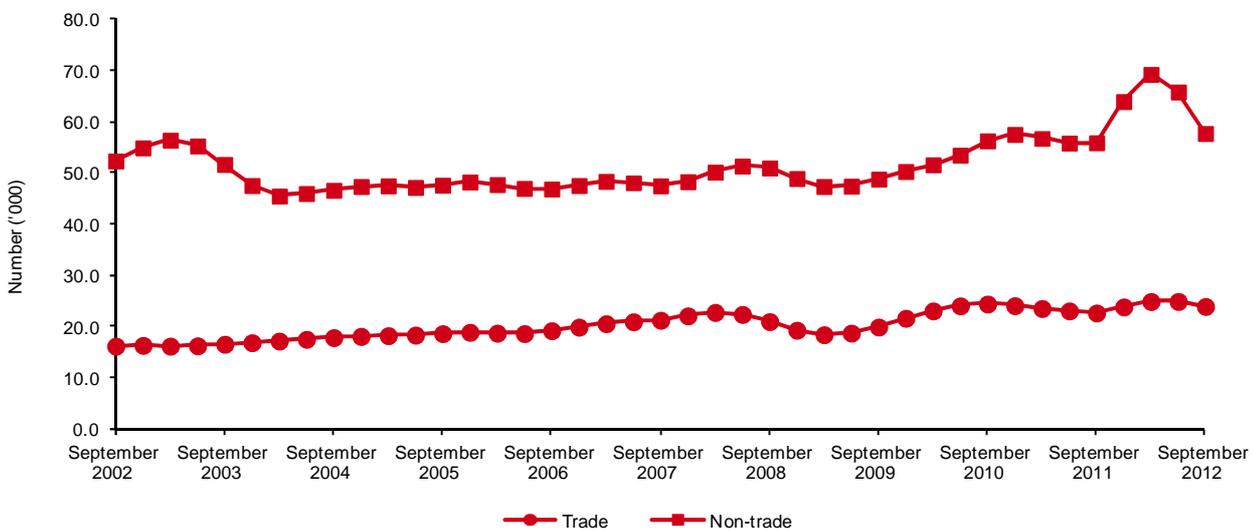
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Figure 2 Commencements^{2,3}, completions and cancellations/withdrawals,⁴ seasonally adjusted,¹ 2002–12 ('000)



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Figure 3 Trades and non-trades^{2,3,5,6} commencements, seasonally adjusted,¹ 2002–12 ('000)



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Tables

Quarterly training activity

Table 1 In-training by state/territory and selected training characteristics, as at 30 September 2012 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	33.2	30.7	31.5	8.8	13.4	3.0	1.1	2.3	124.0
	20 to 24 years	39.1	34.2	23.0	9.4	10.7	3.0	1.1	3.3	123.8
	25 to 44 years	52.7	41.8	34.6	14.9	15.2	4.5	1.5	3.7	168.8
	45 years and over	26.4	20.3	14.1	6.9	5.7	1.9	0.4	1.4	77.0
Sex	Male	93.0	81.9	65.4	26.1	31.8	7.6	2.7	6.1	314.6
	Female	58.3	45.0	37.7	13.9	13.3	4.8	1.4	4.7	179.0
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	11.7	13.3	12.6	4.8	3.2	1.2	0.3	1.6	48.6
	Technicians and trades workers	60.3	52.1	46.9	14.9	24.0	5.2	2.2	3.9	209.5
	Community and personal service workers	19.1	14.4	10.1	2.7	5.0	1.6	0.6	2.2	55.6
	Clerical and administrative workers	24.7	16.5	14.9	6.8	4.0	2.0	0.4	1.4	70.8
	Sales workers	16.4	13.9	8.7	5.1	2.2	1.3	0.2	0.8	48.7
	Machinery operators and drivers	11.7	5.6	5.7	3.3	3.3	0.5	0.1	0.3	30.6
	Labourers	7.5	11.0	4.2	2.3	3.3	0.6	0.3	0.6	29.9
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	5.7	2.6	4.6	2.5	2.8	0.7	0.5	0.4	19.8
	Certificate III	101.6	89.5	69.1	25.6	31.9	8.2	3.0	7.0	335.9
	Certificate IV	32.6	20.2	16.7	7.6	7.1	2.0	0.4	1.8	88.3
	Diploma/advanced diploma	11.5	14.6	12.6	4.3	3.3	1.5	0.2	1.5	49.5
Full-time status	Full-time	115.8	93.5	73.5	30.2	39.1	9.2	3.4	7.4	372.1
	Part-time	35.6	33.4	29.6	9.8	6.0	3.2	0.7	3.4	121.6
Total⁷		151.4	126.9	103.1	40.0	45.0	12.4	4.1	10.8	493.6

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Table 2 In-training by state/territory as at the end of each quarter, 2007–12 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
September 2007	130.5	106.9	91.3	31.6	34.7	13.0	3.3	6.7	418.1
December 2007	130.2	100.9	87.1	30.1	34.0	12.7	3.2	6.2	404.4
March 2008	136.6	105.6	93.1	31.4	36.2	13.3	3.6	6.9	426.7
June 2008	139.1	107.3	95.1	32.0	36.7	13.4	3.7	6.8	434.0
September 2008	140.4	107.4	94.2	32.1	36.9	13.1	3.7	6.7	434.4
December 2008	137.0	102.3	87.4	31.1	35.8	12.2	3.5	5.9	415.2
March 2009	140.4	104.7	90.5	31.6	37.3	12.4	3.8	6.7	427.3
June 2009	138.8	104.6	89.4	31.9	36.7	12.2	3.9	6.7	424.2
September 2009	138.6	104.8	89.6	31.7	36.3	12.0	4.0	6.9	424.0
December 2009	137.7	100.7	85.5	30.3	35.2	11.3	3.8	6.4	410.9
March 2010	143.9	105.4	91.2	32.3	37.1	12.0	4.2	7.1	433.2
June 2010	144.4	107.2	92.5	32.8	37.5	12.1	4.3	7.2	438.0
September 2010	146.8	110.5	94.1	33.0	37.4	12.2	4.3	7.4	445.8
December 2010	146.0	107.5	90.4	32.7	37.4	11.7	4.0	7.3	437.0
March 2011	150.3	114.9	94.4	34.3	39.2	12.3	4.5	8.1	458.0
June 2011	147.5	119.2	95.7	35.1	39.4	12.3	4.4	8.2	461.8
September 2011	146.9	120.3	95.3	35.5	38.7	12.3	4.4	8.6	461.8
December 2011	142.8	116.9	90.5	35.8	37.9	11.6	3.9	8.9	448.4
March 2012	148.2	121.8	96.8	37.6	40.8	12.2	4.2	9.8	471.5
June 2012	161.2	137.6	107.9	41.3	45.9	13.1	4.3	11.1	522.4
September 2012	151.4	126.9	103.1	40.0	45.0	12.4	4.1	10.8	493.6

Table 3 Commencements² by state/territory and selected training characteristics, September quarter 2012 ('000)

		NSW	Vic. ³	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	4.1	4.0	4.3	1.2	1.9	0.4	0.2	0.3	16.6
	20 to 24 years	2.9	2.7	2.0	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	10.3
	25 to 44 years	3.8	3.8	3.2	1.2	2.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	15.5
	45 years and over	1.3	1.5	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.6
Sex	Male	6.6	7.2	6.0	2.2	4.0	0.7	0.3	0.5	27.5
	Female	5.5	4.8	4.6	1.5	2.5	0.6	0.3	0.6	20.3
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.8
	Technicians and trades workers	3.3	4.3	4.1	1.1	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	15.9
	Community and personal service workers	2.4	1.4	1.6	0.3	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.4	7.4
	Clerical and administrative workers	2.1	1.9	1.5	0.6	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.2	7.5
	Sales workers	1.7	1.6	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	6.2
	Machinery operators and drivers	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3
	Labourers	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.9
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.7
	Certificate III	8.9	8.7	7.7	2.4	4.1	0.8	0.4	0.7	33.7
	Certificate IV	1.7	1.8	1.1	0.6	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	6.8
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.8
Full-time status	Full-time	8.6	8.3	6.8	2.6	5.2	0.8	0.4	0.7	33.4
	Part-time	3.5	3.7	3.8	1.2	1.3	0.4	0.1	0.4	14.4
Existing worker	Existing worker	1.9	3.5	2.9	1.3	2.0	0.5	0.1	0.3	12.4
	Newly commencing worker	10.3	8.4	7.8	2.5	4.5	0.8	0.5	0.7	35.4
Total⁷		12.1	11.9	10.6	3.8	6.6	1.3	0.6	1.0	47.9

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Table 4 Commencements² in each quarter by state/territory, 2007–12 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic. ³	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
September 2007	19.6	17.7	15.1	5.3	5.4	1.9	0.6	1.2	66.8
December 2007	18.3	14.7	12.5	4.1	5.1	1.8	0.5	0.9	57.9
March 2008	28.8	22.4	19.8	7.0	7.8	2.7	0.9	1.8	91.1
June 2008	22.3	18.6	17.2	5.4	6.0	2.1	0.7	1.1	73.3
September 2008	20.8	18.1	13.5	5.0	5.7	1.8	0.6	1.0	66.6
December 2008	18.2	16.0	10.6	4.6	5.4	1.7	0.4	0.8	57.8
March 2009	27.1	20.6	16.9	6.0	7.0	2.2	0.8	1.8	82.3
June 2009	18.5	17.2	12.9	5.2	5.3	1.7	0.6	1.1	62.6
September 2009	19.7	17.9	13.6	4.8	5.3	1.7	0.7	1.2	64.9
December 2009	20.3	16.8	12.4	4.2	5.4	1.4	0.6	0.9	61.9
March 2010	30.1	23.8	19.1	7.7	8.1	2.6	0.9	1.7	94.0
June 2010	21.7	19.9	15.5	5.5	6.2	1.9	0.6	1.1	72.5
September 2010	23.5	22.0	15.9	5.3	6.3	2.1	0.7	1.2	76.9
December 2010	22.2	19.9	14.0	5.4	6.7	1.9	0.5	0.9	71.5
March 2011	29.6	27.5	18.8	7.2	8.1	2.2	1.1	1.8	96.4
June 2011	19.7	24.7	16.2	5.8	6.4	1.9	0.6	1.1	76.3
September 2011	22.1	22.5	16.2	5.8	6.3	2.1	0.5	1.2	76.6
December 2011	20.5	21.9	13.6	5.5	6.6	1.7	0.4	1.0	71.3
March 2012	31.3	26.6	21.9	7.9	9.5	2.6	1.0	2.1	102.7
June 2012	34.0	38.4	26.4	9.2	11.8	2.7	0.8	2.1	125.2
September 2012	12.1	11.9	10.6	3.8	6.6	1.3	0.6	1.0	47.9

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Table 5 Completions by state/territory and selected training characteristics, September quarter 2012 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	1.2	2.9	2.3	0.5	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	8.2
	20 to 24 years	3.4	3.2	2.3	0.9	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	11.8
	25 to 44 years	4.2	4.2	3.1	1.0	1.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	14.8
	45 years and over	2.7	2.4	1.5	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	8.0
Sex	Male	6.1	6.6	5.2	1.7	2.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	23.4
	Female	5.4	6.1	4.0	1.2	1.6	0.6	0.1	0.4	19.4
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.2
	Technicians and trades workers	2.8	2.8	3.1	0.9	1.8	0.4	0.2	0.1	12.0
	Community and personal service workers	1.9	1.9	1.1	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	6.2
	Clerical and administrative workers	2.4	1.8	1.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	7.3
	Sales workers	1.6	3.1	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	7.0
	Machinery operators and drivers	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3
	Labourers	1.0	1.2	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.8
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1
Certificate III	7.6	9.4	5.8	2.0	2.9	0.8	0.3	0.4	29.2	
Certificate IV	2.5	1.8	1.7	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	7.2	
Diploma/advanced diploma	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.2	
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	9.2	10.7	7.1	2.1	2.9	0.9	0.2	0.5	33.6
	More than two years	2.4	2.1	2.0	0.8	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	9.2
Full-time status	Full-time	8.8	7.8	6.3	2.4	3.3	0.8	0.3	0.5	30.2
	Part-time	2.8	4.9	2.9	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.2	12.6
Total⁷		11.6	12.7	9.2	2.9	4.2	1.2	0.3	0.7	42.8

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Table 6 Completions in each quarter by state/territory, 2007–12 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
September 2007	9.4	9.9	7.0	2.6	2.7	1.1	0.3	0.6	33.5
December 2007	9.7	12.1	9.9	3.2	3.2	1.4	0.3	0.8	40.5
March 2008	13.4	9.7	7.4	3.2	3.1	1.3	0.2	0.5	38.9
June 2008	10.7	9.3	8.7	2.5	2.7	1.3	0.2	0.5	36.0
September 2008	10.5	9.5	7.9	2.6	3.0	1.3	0.2	0.6	35.6
December 2008	11.9	12.1	10.5	3.3	3.8	1.7	0.4	0.9	44.6
March 2009	14.4	10.1	7.9	3.0	3.3	1.3	0.2	0.5	40.7
June 2009	10.8	9.6	8.3	2.7	3.5	1.2	0.2	0.6	36.9
September 2009	11.2	10.2	7.9	2.7	3.6	1.2	0.3	0.5	37.6
December 2009	12.4	12.8	10.4	3.2	4.2	1.4	0.4	0.8	45.6
March 2010	14.7	11.0	7.9	3.2	4.2	1.2	0.3	0.5	42.9
June 2010	11.7	10.1	8.3	2.8	3.6	1.1	0.3	0.5	38.6
September 2010	11.8	10.5	8.9	2.7	4.0	1.2	0.3	0.4	39.9
December 2010	13.0	13.7	11.4	3.4	4.2	1.5	0.4	0.5	48.0
March 2011	15.3	11.0	8.7	3.5	3.6	1.0	0.4	0.4	43.8
June 2011	12.3	11.1	8.9	2.7	3.6	1.1	0.3	0.5	40.6
September 2011	12.8	12.1	10.0	3.0	4.1	1.4	0.3	0.2	43.8
December 2011	14.4	15.7	11.8	3.0	4.4	1.7	0.5	0.3	51.9
March 2012	15.7	12.4	9.6	3.6	3.8	1.3	0.3	0.6	47.2
June 2012	11.8	12.8	9.3	3.1	3.8	1.1	0.3	0.3	42.5
September 2012	11.6	12.7	9.2	2.9	4.2	1.2	0.3	0.7	42.8

Table 7 Cancellations and withdrawals⁴ by state/territory and selected training characteristics, September quarter 2012 ('000)

		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Age	19 years and under	3.4	3.2	2.6	0.6	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	11.6
	20 to 24 years	3.2	2.8	1.5	0.5	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	9.5
	25 to 44 years	3.3	3.1	1.9	0.6	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	10.7
	45 years and over	1.1	1.2	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.7
Sex	Male	6.6	6.0	4.0	1.1	2.3	0.5	0.3	0.4	21.1
	Female	4.4	4.3	2.8	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	14.4
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.6
	Technicians and trades workers	4.3	3.6	3.1	0.7	1.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	13.9
	Community and personal service workers	1.7	1.5	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	4.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	1.7	1.6	1.0	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.3
	Sales workers	1.3	1.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.3
	Machinery operators and drivers	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9
	Labourers	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.6
AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.5
	Certificate III	7.8	7.5	4.8	1.2	2.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	25.1
	Certificate IV	1.9	1.4	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.2
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.7
Duration until cancelled/withdrawn	Two years or less	10.3	9.7	6.2	1.7	3.4	0.8	0.5	0.6	33.2
	More than two years	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.3
Full-time status	Full-time	8.3	6.9	4.8	1.3	2.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	25.7
	Part-time	2.7	3.4	1.9	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	9.8
Total⁷		11.0	10.3	6.7	1.8	3.6	0.8	0.6	0.7	35.5

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Table 8 Cancellations and withdrawals⁴ in each quarter by state/territory, 2007–12 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
September 2007	9.8	8.9	7.6	1.9	2.5	0.8	0.4	0.8	32.7
December 2007	10.2	8.8	8.0	2.0	2.6	0.9	0.4	0.8	33.7
March 2008	10.4	8.7	7.8	2.0	2.6	0.9	0.4	0.7	33.5
June 2008	10.5	8.1	7.9	1.8	2.9	0.8	0.4	0.7	33.1
September 2008	10.6	9.2	7.7	1.9	2.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	34.1
December 2008	10.4	9.4	7.7	1.8	2.7	0.9	0.4	0.7	33.9
March 2009	10.4	8.5	7.0	1.8	2.2	0.8	0.4	0.6	31.8
June 2009	10.1	7.9	6.4	1.6	2.5	0.8	0.4	0.6	30.1
September 2009	10.0	7.8	6.6	1.8	2.4	0.7	0.3	0.6	30.1
December 2009	9.8	8.4	7.1	1.9	2.5	0.7	0.4	0.6	31.4
March 2010	10.5	8.7	7.0	1.9	2.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	32.4
June 2010	10.4	8.6	6.6	1.7	2.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	31.7
September 2010	10.9	8.9	6.7	1.9	2.7	0.8	0.4	0.6	33.0
December 2010	10.8	9.4	7.3	1.9	2.9	0.9	0.4	0.7	34.2
March 2011	11.5	9.6	7.2	1.8	3.1	0.8	0.4	0.6	34.9
June 2011	11.2	10.0	6.8	1.8	3.0	0.8	0.4	0.6	34.7
September 2011	11.6	10.1	7.4	2.0	3.3	0.9	0.4	0.7	36.3
December 2011	10.9	9.9	7.4	1.8	3.3	0.8	0.4	0.6	35.1
March 2012	11.4	9.9	7.1	1.9	3.4	0.9	0.5	0.6	35.6
June 2012	10.4	10.4	6.6	1.9	3.2	0.7	0.5	0.6	34.4
September 2012	11.0	10.3	6.7	1.8	3.6	0.8	0.6	0.7	35.5

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Table 9 In-training as at the end of each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2007–12 ('000)

		Sept. 2007	Dec. 2007	Mar. 2008	June 2008	Sept. 2008	Dec. 2008	Mar. 2009	June 2009
Age	19 years and under	138.4	131.6	149.9	148.6	144.2	134.0	143.8	137.9
	20 to 24 years	115.8	113.5	112.8	114.6	116.4	112.6	110.4	110.5
	25 to 44 years	115.8	112.7	116.6	120.4	122.6	118.9	121.6	123.2
	45 years and over	48.1	46.5	47.4	50.3	51.1	49.7	51.4	52.7
Sex	Male	281.1	273.1	289.0	291.0	290.9	278.6	285.0	281.5
	Female	136.9	131.2	137.6	143.0	143.4	136.6	142.2	142.7
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	11.9	12.2	13.6	14.4	15.4	14.3	14.5	13.9
	Technicians and trades workers	197.3	194.5	208.9	209.3	207.7	201.0	207.3	203.3
	Community and personal service workers	46.0	43.5	45.1	46.4	46.4	44.2	47.1	47.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	54.9	52.1	54.6	58.4	58.4	55.1	58.0	59.6
	Sales workers	44.6	42.4	44.4	45.3	45.6	43.6	44.2	43.6
	Machinery operators and drivers	37.1	35.2	34.9	35.1	36.0	33.5	32.5	31.7
	Labourers	26.3	24.5	25.0	25.1	24.8	23.4	23.7	24.3
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	40.8	37.2	39.3	40.3	39.6	36.2	37.2
	Certificate III	325.8	317.0	333.8	335.3	334.8	319.8	325.2	318.6
	Certificate IV	48.5	47.0	49.7	54.1	55.3	54.6	59.7	63.4
	Diploma/advanced diploma	2.7	3.0	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.6	5.1	5.4
Full-time status	Full-time	333.4	324.6	340.9	344.1	342.5	327.8	334.5	328.8
	Part-time	84.7	79.8	85.7	89.9	91.8	87.4	92.7	95.5
Total⁷		418.1	404.4	426.7	434.0	434.4	415.2	427.3	424.2

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Table 10 Commencements^{2,3} in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2007–12 ('000)

		Sept. 2007	Dec. 2007	Mar. 2008	June 2008	Sept. 2008	Dec. 2008	Mar. 2009	June 2009
Age	19 years and under	23.3	23.8	46.4	25.9	22.9	22.1	37.7	20.2
	20 to 24 years	12.8	9.9	14.5	12.3	12.3	9.5	13.0	10.6
	25 to 44 years	22.0	17.2	22.2	23.6	22.2	18.2	22.2	21.7
	45 years and over	8.8	7.1	7.9	11.5	9.2	8.0	9.4	10.1
Sex	Male	38.6	33.3	56.6	39.8	37.7	32.3	48.7	34.0
	Female	28.2	24.6	34.4	33.6	28.9	25.4	33.7	28.6
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	3.0	2.2	2.9	2.8	3.0	1.9	2.4	1.9
	Technicians and trades workers	17.8	17.1	36.5	18.5	16.4	15.3	30.0	14.8
	Community and personal service workers	10.1	8.9	11.8	11.6	10.3	9.4	12.8	10.6
	Clerical and administrative workers	12.4	10.1	15.0	16.0	12.6	10.7	15.0	14.0
	Sales workers	10.3	8.4	12.2	10.9	10.8	9.5	10.5	9.7
	Machinery operators and drivers	7.2	5.9	5.9	7.1	7.6	5.3	5.4	5.6
	Labourers	5.9	5.3	6.8	6.5	5.9	5.7	6.3	6.0
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	9.6	9.1	12.6	11.0	9.5	9.3	10.8
	Certificate III	46.7	41.1	66.4	48.5	45.9	38.6	56.3	39.6
	Certificate IV	9.8	7.2	11.0	12.9	10.3	9.1	14.2	13.2
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.7	0.6	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.7	1.1	1.0
Full-time status	Full-time	49.4	41.7	69.1	52.0	47.0	39.4	60.0	42.2
	Part-time	17.4	16.2	22.0	21.4	19.6	18.4	22.4	20.4
Existing worker	Existing worker	19.6	14.9	18.7	23.2	19.6	16.5	21.8	22.4
	Newly commencing worker	47.2	43.0	72.3	50.2	47.0	41.3	60.6	40.1
Total⁷		66.8	57.9	91.1	73.3	66.6	57.8	82.3	62.6

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Table 9 (continued)

Sept. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012
131.6	124.1	139.6	136.5	133.0	126.0	139.6	137.0	129.9	120.3	134.1	135.7	124.0
113.0	110.6	110.7	113.6	117.5	115.4	115.9	118.5	120.6	118.0	117.9	125.9	123.8
125.2	122.5	127.7	131.5	136.3	135.9	140.8	143.3	146.6	145.8	152.1	178.4	168.8
54.2	53.6	55.2	56.4	59.0	59.7	61.7	63.0	64.8	64.3	67.4	82.5	77.0
279.8	272.9	287.9	289.9	293.5	288.4	301.3	301.0	299.7	290.6	303.5	330.4	314.6
144.2	138.0	145.3	148.1	152.2	148.6	156.7	160.8	162.1	157.8	168.0	192.1	179.0
13.3	11.9	13.0	14.6	17.2	19.3	23.6	27.7	31.2	34.8	39.7	50.9	48.6
201.9	198.2	210.8	210.5	210.8	206.9	216.2	214.4	211.1	203.7	211.9	216.3	209.5
48.1	45.2	47.3	47.0	48.5	45.7	49.8	51.0	51.4	48.1	52.1	59.2	55.6
61.4	59.8	63.4	65.1	67.3	66.2	68.1	67.8	67.5	63.8	66.7	76.9	70.8
43.5	41.6	43.3	44.6	45.4	43.7	44.2	45.2	44.4	42.9	44.7	53.9	48.7
31.2	31.5	31.4	31.1	30.3	30.0	29.9	29.4	29.4	28.4	28.8	32.8	30.6
24.6	22.7	24.0	25.1	26.1	25.2	26.1	26.3	26.7	26.7	27.5	32.6	29.9
35.2	31.4	33.0	33.2	32.1	28.9	30.5	28.9	25.6	20.9	21.7	22.0	19.8
315.2	306.4	321.3	321.5	323.1	315.5	328.0	328.5	327.1	316.7	330.2	353.2	335.9
67.6	67.0	71.0	73.2	76.8	76.0	78.1	78.5	79.2	76.6	80.0	95.4	88.3
6.0	6.0	8.0	10.2	13.7	16.6	21.5	25.9	29.9	34.2	39.6	51.9	49.5
327.2	319.3	335.9	338.9	344.1	339.9	354.0	353.9	352.9	344.3	357.4	392.8	372.1
96.8	91.6	97.3	99.2	101.6	97.0	104.0	107.9	108.9	104.1	114.0	129.6	121.6
424.0	410.9	433.2	438.0	445.8	437.0	458.0	461.8	461.8	448.4	471.5	522.4	493.6

Table 10 (continued)

Sept. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012
19.9	23.3	43.4	23.1	23.6	25.7	42.0	24.7	21.6	23.2	42.4	27.7	16.6
11.8	10.2	15.0	13.2	14.2	12.0	16.1	14.0	14.2	12.2	16.9	19.9	10.3
22.8	19.1	25.4	25.0	26.8	23.0	27.1	25.8	27.8	24.9	30.6	51.0	15.5
10.5	9.3	10.2	11.1	12.4	10.9	11.2	11.7	12.9	11.1	12.9	26.7	5.6
34.9	35.3	57.5	40.1	42.3	40.5	57.2	41.0	42.5	39.3	60.1	68.6	27.5
30.0	26.6	36.6	32.4	34.6	31.0	39.2	35.3	34.0	32.0	42.7	56.7	20.3
1.8	1.5	3.5	3.7	5.2	5.3	7.1	7.2	7.4	8.6	10.0	17.1	3.8
15.8	17.8	36.9	19.2	19.8	20.5	34.7	19.1	19.6	18.2	35.5	25.9	15.9
10.4	9.4	12.7	9.8	11.6	9.8	14.4	11.6	11.1	10.5	15.1	17.2	7.4
14.6	12.6	16.3	15.3	15.7	13.8	16.3	14.2	14.4	12.0	17.1	24.5	7.5
10.6	9.4	12.3	12.3	12.3	10.9	12.0	12.6	11.1	10.1	12.4	20.1	6.2
5.7	5.9	5.5	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.6	4.8	5.8	9.4	3.3
6.1	5.3	6.8	6.3	6.8	5.9	6.5	6.2	7.3	7.0	6.8	11.1	3.9
8.3	8.1	10.8	8.7	8.0	7.9	10.1	6.7	5.0	4.3	7.3	5.5	3.7
40.4	40.8	65.3	45.6	47.7	45.7	64.4	48.3	49.3	45.8	68.3	71.6	33.7
14.9	12.1	15.1	14.9	16.2	12.9	15.0	14.4	14.9	12.5	17.0	30.0	6.8
1.3	0.9	2.8	3.2	4.9	5.0	6.9	6.9	7.4	8.7	10.2	18.1	3.8
44.6	42.8	69.2	51.4	53.7	49.7	69.3	51.3	53.7	48.5	72.0	89.2	33.4
20.4	19.1	24.8	21.1	23.2	21.8	27.1	24.9	22.9	22.8	30.8	36.0	14.4
24.0	20.2	24.3	26.8	27.8	24.9	27.6	27.8	30.2	27.9	33.3	68.1	12.4
40.9	41.7	69.7	45.7	49.1	46.6	68.8	48.4	46.3	43.4	69.5	57.2	35.4
64.9	61.9	94.0	72.5	76.9	71.5	96.4	76.3	76.6	71.3	102.7	125.2	47.9

Table 11 Completions in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2007–12 ('000)

		Sept. 2007	Dec. 2007	Mar. 2008	June 2008	Sept. 2008	Dec. 2008	Mar. 2009	June 2009
Age	19 years and under	5.4	9.1	7.5	6.3	6.5	10.5	7.8	6.5
	20 to 24 years	10.2	11.8	15.1	11.0	10.9	13.0	15.1	11.1
	25 to 44 years	11.8	12.8	11.0	12.1	12.1	13.8	12.1	12.8
	45 years and over	6.0	6.8	5.2	6.6	6.1	7.3	5.7	6.5
Sex	Male	18.9	22.5	23.4	19.8	19.8	25.4	24.8	20.7
	Female	14.6	17.9	15.4	16.2	15.8	19.3	15.8	16.2
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.1	2.0	1.1	1.4
	Technicians and trades workers	8.1	10.4	13.8	9.1	9.0	11.9	14.8	9.8
	Community and personal service workers	5.3	7.2	5.9	6.3	6.0	6.9	5.6	5.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	6.6	7.7	7.2	6.9	7.1	8.6	7.2	7.3
	Sales workers	4.8	5.2	4.3	5.1	5.3	6.2	4.7	5.2
	Machinery operators and drivers	4.8	4.9	3.6	4.1	3.9	5.0	3.9	4.4
	Labourers	3.3	3.9	3.3	3.3	3.1	4.1	3.4	3.0
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	4.8	6.7	5.0	4.8	5.0	7.0	4.8
	Certificate III	24.1	28.4	29.2	26.0	25.3	31.2	30.6	26.6
	Certificate IV	4.4	5.2	4.5	4.9	5.0	6.0	4.9	5.1
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	25.3	30.7	26.2	27.4	26.9	33.9	27.5	28.2
	More than two years	8.1	9.8	12.7	8.6	8.6	10.7	13.1	8.7
Full-time status	Full-time	25.8	28.9	31.8	27.3	26.9	32.2	33.0	28.1
	Part-time	7.7	11.6	7.1	8.7	8.7	12.4	7.7	8.8
Total⁷		33.5	40.5	38.9	36.0	35.6	44.6	40.7	36.9

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Table 12 Cancellations and withdrawals⁴ in each quarter by selected training characteristics, Australia, 2007–12 ('000)

		Sept. 2007	Dec. 2007	Mar. 2008	June 2008	Sept. 2008	Dec. 2008	Mar. 2009	June 2009
Age	19 years and under	12.4	13.5	13.6	13.1	13.0	13.5	12.6	11.2
	20 to 24 years	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.4	8.7	8.7	8.2	7.6
	25 to 44 years	8.9	8.6	8.5	8.8	9.3	8.9	8.3	8.3
	45 years and over	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.7	3.0
Sex	Male	20.1	20.8	20.5	20.5	21.0	20.8	19.6	18.5
	Female	12.6	12.9	12.9	12.6	13.1	13.1	12.2	11.6
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9
	Technicians and trades workers	12.3	13.0	13.1	13.5	13.7	13.4	12.9	12.4
	Community and personal service workers	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.2	3.9
	Clerical and administrative workers	4.9	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.3
	Sales workers	4.7	5.1	5.4	4.7	4.8	5.1	4.7	4.5
	Machinery operators and drivers	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.1	1.8
	Labourers	3.2	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.2
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	5.2	5.6	5.2	4.7	4.9	5.3	4.6
	Certificate III	24.1	24.8	25.0	24.9	25.5	25.1	23.3	22.0
	Certificate IV	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.7
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Duration until cancelled/withdrawn	Two years or less	30.3	31.4	31.2	30.7	31.7	31.7	29.5	27.7
	More than two years	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4
Full-time status	Full-time	24.4	24.4	24.9	25.0	25.5	24.2	23.1	21.8
	Part-time	8.3	9.2	8.6	8.1	8.6	9.8	8.7	8.1
Total⁷		32.7	33.7	33.5	33.1	34.1	33.9	31.8	30.1

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Table 11 (continued)

Sept. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012
7.2	10.8	8.5	6.6	7.5	11.8	8.4	7.3	8.3	12.6	8.4	6.9	8.2
11.0	12.8	15.4	11.2	11.4	13.7	15.3	11.6	12.1	13.7	16.7	11.8	11.8
12.8	14.3	12.7	13.3	13.8	15.0	13.7	14.3	15.3	16.6	15.1	15.5	14.8
6.5	7.7	6.3	7.4	7.2	7.5	6.5	7.4	8.1	8.9	7.0	8.3	8.0
20.6	25.0	25.9	21.1	21.9	26.6	26.1	22.6	24.9	28.8	28.3	23.2	23.4
17.0	20.7	17.0	17.4	18.0	21.4	17.7	18.0	18.9	23.0	18.9	19.3	19.4
1.3	2.1	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.8	1.4	1.6	2.0	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.2
9.7	12.5	16.0	10.9	11.4	14.2	15.8	11.6	13.1	14.7	17.6	12.0	12.0
6.1	7.6	6.0	5.6	5.8	8.2	5.8	5.7	5.8	9.1	6.2	5.9	6.2
7.5	9.2	7.5	7.9	7.8	9.2	8.3	8.3	8.3	10.1	8.4	8.1	7.3
6.1	6.4	5.7	6.3	6.7	7.3	6.4	6.7	7.2	7.1	5.9	6.8	7.0
3.9	3.5	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.2	3.3
3.2	4.2	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.8	2.8	3.5	4.0	4.1	3.2	3.4	3.8
5.5	7.0	4.8	4.5	5.0	6.6	4.4	4.6	4.6	5.6	3.4	2.9	3.3
25.9	30.1	31.4	26.2	27.1	32.0	31.1	27.2	29.4	33.9	33.4	28.1	29.2
5.9	8.0	6.2	7.4	7.2	8.3	7.4	7.7	8.1	9.7	7.8	8.4	7.2
0.3	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.2	1.8	2.7	2.6	3.1	3.2
28.7	35.0	29.3	29.4	29.9	36.4	31.2	31.5	34.0	40.9	33.0	33.6	33.6
8.9	10.6	13.6	9.1	10.0	11.6	12.6	9.1	9.8	11.0	14.2	8.8	9.2
27.4	31.8	33.7	28.6	28.8	32.6	34.2	29.5	32.1	35.3	36.9	31.3	30.2
10.1	13.8	9.2	9.9	11.1	15.5	9.7	11.1	11.7	16.6	10.3	11.1	12.6
37.6	45.6	42.9	38.6	39.9	48.0	43.8	40.6	43.8	51.9	47.2	42.5	42.8

Table 12 (continued)

Sept. 2009	Dec. 2009	Mar. 2010	June 2010	Sept. 2010	Dec. 2010	Mar. 2011	June 2011	Sept. 2011	Dec. 2011	Mar. 2012	June 2012	Sept. 2012
10.7	11.7	12.3	11.4	11.2	12.3	12.5	11.6	12.3	12.3	12.5	11.4	11.6
7.5	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.6	8.9	9.1	9.0	9.5	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.5
8.8	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.7	9.6	9.8	10.3	10.9	10.1	10.3	10.1	10.7
3.2	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7
18.4	19.2	19.9	19.4	20.0	20.9	21.3	21.2	22.1	21.5	21.6	20.8	21.1
11.8	12.1	12.5	12.3	13.0	13.3	13.6	13.4	14.3	13.5	14.0	13.6	14.4
1.0	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.6
11.9	12.3	13.3	12.9	13.0	13.6	14.2	13.6	14.6	14.1	14.1	13.7	13.9
4.1	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.7	5.0	4.8	5.0	4.6	4.9
4.5	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.3
4.0	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.8	4.4	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.0	4.3
1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.4	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9
2.6	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.6
4.1	4.6	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.3	2.5
21.5	22.1	23.3	22.7	23.5	24.2	25.0	24.5	25.9	25.4	25.8	24.7	25.1
4.2	4.2	4.5	4.6	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.3	5.4	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.2
0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.7
27.9	29.1	30.0	29.2	30.4	31.9	32.5	32.3	34.2	33.0	33.3	32.0	33.2
2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.3
21.7	21.7	23.2	23.1	24.0	24.3	25.2	25.2	26.5	24.7	25.6	25.0	25.7
8.4	9.6	9.2	8.6	9.0	9.9	9.8	9.4	9.8	10.4	10.0	9.4	9.8
30.1	31.4	32.4	31.7	33.0	34.2	34.9	34.7	36.3	35.1	35.6	34.4	35.5

Table 13 In-training in top 20 training packages by state/territory, as at 30 September 2012 ('000)

Training package	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Business Services (BSA, BSB)	29.6	21.8	22.5	8.9	5.1	2.5	0.4	1.5	92.4
Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (BCF, BCG, BCP, CPC)	13.1	16.6	8.7	2.9	3.9	1.3	0.4	1.2	48.0
Retail Services (SIR, WRP, WRR, WRW)	12.2	13.2	7.0	5.0	1.9	1.1	0.2	0.7	41.4
Tourism, Hospitality and Events (SIT, THH, THT)	12.4	10.3	6.8	1.8	2.9	1.2	0.3	1.0	36.7
Electrotechnology (UEE, UTE, UTL)	8.5	7.4	7.1	2.4	4.1	0.6	0.5	0.7	31.4
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair (AUR)	9.4	6.7	6.2	2.6	3.7	0.6	0.4	0.5	30.1
Community Services (CHC)	10.7	5.7	5.4	1.5	2.5	1.0	0.4	1.6	28.8
Transport and Logistics (TDT, TLI)	10.3	6.5	4.6	2.8	3.4	0.5	0.1	0.3	28.5
Metal and Engineering (MEM)	5.4	4.3	7.9	1.6	4.8	0.7	0.2	0.1	25.0
Manufacturing (MCM, MSA)	5.7	10.3	2.3	1.0	1.8	0.1	0.0	0.1	21.4
Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AHC, RTD, RTE, RTF, RUA, RUH)	3.5	3.9	2.1	1.5	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	12.3
Resources and Infrastructure (BCC, DRT, MNC, MNM, MNQ, RII)	3.1	0.9	3.3	0.9	2.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	10.8
Hairdressing (SIH, WRH)	3.0	1.9	2.6	0.8	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	10.1
Financial Services (FNA, FNB, FNS)	3.0	1.7	1.9	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	7.8
Property Services (CPP, PRD, PRM, PRS)	3.0	1.2	1.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.7	7.7
Food Processing Industry (FDF)	2.2	2.7	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	7.7
Health (HLT)	3.8	2.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	7.5
Australian Meat Industry (MTM)	2.0	1.6	1.9	1.0	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	7.3
Furnishing (LMF)	1.3	1.6	1.2	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.7
Sport, Fitness and Recreation (SIS, SRC, SRF, SRO, SRS)	0.7	2.1	1.9	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	5.4
Top 20 training packages sub-total	143.0	122.6	96.9	37.4	41.2	11.6	3.8	9.5	465.9
Other training packages	8.1	4.2	6.0	2.6	3.7	0.7	0.3	1.3	27.0
All training packages	151.2	126.8	102.9	40.0	44.9	12.4	4.1	10.8	492.9
Non-training packages	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Total number	151.4	126.9	103.1	40.0	45.0	12.4	4.1	10.8	493.6
Training packages as proportion of total (%)	99.9	99.9	99.8	100.0	99.6	99.9	100.0	100.0	99.8

Table 14 Commencements² in top 20 training packages by state/territory, September quarter 2012 ('000)

Training package	NSW	Vic. ³	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Business Services (BSA, BSB)	2.2	2.0	1.7	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	8.2
Retail Services (SIR, WRP, WRR, WRW)	1.3	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	5.4
Tourism, Hospitality and Events (SIT, THH, THT)	1.5	1.2	1.2	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.8
Community Services (CHC)	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.3	4.0
Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (BCF, BCG, BCP, CPC)	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4
Transport and Logistics (TDT, TLI)	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9
Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair (AUR)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
Metal and Engineering (MEM)	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Electrotechnology (UEE, UTE, UTL)	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management (AHC, RTD, RTE, RTF, RUA, RUH)	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
Resources and Infrastructure (BCC, DRT, MNC, MNM, MNQ, RII)	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
Australian Meat Industry (MTM)	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
Financial Services (FNA, FNB, FNS)	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Manufacturing (MCM, MSA)	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2
Hairdressing (SIH, WRH)	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Property Services (CPP, PRD, PRM, PRS)	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Food Processing Industry (FDF)	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	-	0.0	0.8
Health (HLT)	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.6
Integrated Telecommunications (ICT)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	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	11.7	11.5	9.7	3.5	6.1	1.2	0.6	0.9	45.1
Other training packages	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.6
All training packages	12.1	11.9	10.5	3.8	6.6	1.3	0.6	1.0	47.8
Non-training packages	0.0	0.0	0.1	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.1
Total number	12.1	11.9	10.6	3.8	6.6	1.3	0.6	1.0	47.9
Training packages as proportion of total (%)	100.0	99.9	99.1	100.0	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.7

A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.

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Table 15 Commencements^{2,3} by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 30 September, Australia, 2007–12 ('000)

		12 months ending 30 September					
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Age	19 years and under	114.2	119.1	99.9	113.5	114.0	109.8
	20 to 24 years	48.5	49.0	44.8	52.6	56.3	59.2
	25 to 44 years	80.7	85.1	84.9	96.2	103.7	121.9
	45 years and over	33.0	35.7	38.0	43.0	46.7	56.2
Sex	Male	162.4	167.4	149.9	175.2	181.2	195.5
	Female	114.0	121.5	117.7	130.1	139.5	151.7
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	9.4	10.9	8.0	13.8	27.0	39.5
	Technicians and trades workers	83.3	88.4	75.8	93.7	93.9	95.5
	Community and personal service workers	41.1	42.6	43.1	43.5	46.9	50.1
	Clerical and administrative workers	49.8	53.7	54.3	59.9	58.6	61.1
	Sales workers	39.6	42.3	40.3	46.3	46.6	48.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	27.3	26.5	22.0	22.9	21.7	23.3
	Labourers	25.9	24.5	24.0	25.1	26.0	28.9
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	43.1	42.1	37.2	35.7	29.7
	Certificate III	195.3	201.9	174.9	199.4	207.7	219.3
	Certificate IV	35.8	41.3	51.4	58.4	57.2	66.3
	Diploma/advanced diploma	2.2	3.6	4.1	11.8	26.1	40.8
Full-time status	Full-time	204.3	209.8	186.1	217.0	224.0	243.1
	Part-time	72.1	79.2	81.5	88.3	96.7	104.0
Total⁷		276.4	288.9	267.6	305.3	320.7	347.1

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Table 16 Completions by selected training characteristics, 12 months ending 30 September, Australia, 2007–12 ('000)

		12 months ending 30 September					
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Age	19 years and under	26.6	29.4	32.1	33.5	35.7	36.1
	20 to 24 years	46.0	48.8	50.2	50.8	52.7	54.0
	25 to 44 years	48.0	48.1	51.5	54.1	58.4	62.1
	45 years and over	24.9	24.6	26.0	28.6	29.5	32.2
Sex	Male	82.9	85.6	91.4	93.9	100.2	103.7
	Female	62.5	65.3	68.3	73.1	76.1	80.7
Occupation (ANZSCO) group	Managers and professionals	2.9	4.1	5.9	6.0	6.8	12.3
	Technicians and trades workers	38.4	42.4	46.1	50.9	54.7	56.3
	Community and personal service workers	22.5	25.4	24.5	25.0	25.5	27.4
	Clerical and administrative workers	28.1	28.9	30.5	32.4	34.2	33.9
	Sales workers	18.8	19.9	22.1	25.1	27.6	26.8
	Machinery operators and drivers	19.3	16.5	17.1	14.8	13.4	13.1
	Labourers	15.4	13.7	13.6	12.8	14.0	14.5
	AQF qualification level	Certificate I or II	22.2	21.4	22.1	21.2	20.1
	Certificate III	105.0	108.9	114.3	114.8	119.7	124.6
	Certificate IV	17.6	19.7	22.0	28.8	31.4	33.1
	Diploma/advanced diploma	0.6	0.8	1.4	2.1	5.0	11.6
Actual duration of training	Two years or less	107.9	111.2	118.4	123.7	133.1	141.2
	More than two years	37.6	39.7	41.4	43.3	43.2	43.2
Full-time status	Full-time	112.3	114.9	120.7	122.9	128.4	133.7
	Part-time	33.2	36.0	39.1	44.0	47.9	50.7
Total⁷		145.5	150.9	159.7	167.0	176.3	184.4

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Table 17 Commencements² by occupation and state/territory, 12 months ending 30 September 2012 ('000)

Occupation (ANZSCO) group	NSW	Vic. ³	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Managers	8.8	11.0	8.6	2.9	3.0	0.8	0.2	1.0	36.3
11 Chief executives, general managers and legislators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 Farmers and farm managers	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	-	1.9
13 Specialist managers	8.2	10.0	8.1	2.5	2.9	0.6	0.2	0.7	33.2
14 Hospitality, retail and service managers	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	-	0.3	1.3
Professionals	0.3	1.1	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	3.2
21 Arts and media professionals	-	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
22 Business, human resource and marketing professionals	0.2	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
23 Design, engineering, science and transport professionals	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.4
24 Education professionals	-	-	0.3	0.4	-	-	-	0.0	0.8
25 Health professionals	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0
26 ICT professionals	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0	0.1
27 Legal, social and welfare professionals	0.0	0.1	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.1
Technicians and trades workers	26.5	23.3	22.5	6.4	12.2	2.1	1.0	1.4	95.5
31 Engineering, ICT and science technicians	1.6	1.4	3.1	0.6	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	9.0
32 Automotive and engineering	6.2	3.9	5.9	1.5	3.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	21.9
33 Construction trades workers	4.6	5.8	2.9	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.1	0.3	16.4
34 Electrotechnology and telecommunications trades workers	3.3	2.7	2.9	0.9	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	12.4
35 Food trades workers	2.6	2.7	2.0	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.1	9.3
36 Skilled animal and horticultural workers	1.8	1.6	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.3
39 Other technicians and trades workers	6.4	5.3	4.8	1.4	2.3	0.5	0.1	0.3	21.2
391 Hairdressers	1.4	1.1	1.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	4.9
392 Printing trades workers	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
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	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
399 Miscellaneous	4.5	3.3	3.0	0.6	1.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	13.5
Community and personal service workers	14.7	15.0	9.7	2.1	5.3	1.3	0.6	1.4	50.1
41 Health and welfare support workers	2.3	1.7	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.2	6.0
42 Carers and aides	5.0	2.4	2.7	0.7	1.5	0.3	0.2	0.6	13.3
43 Hospitality workers	5.8	7.8	3.8	0.7	2.1	0.6	0.2	0.4	21.2
44 Protective service workers	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	1.1
45 Sports and personal service workers	1.4	3.1	2.4	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	8.4
Clerical and administrative workers	19.5	15.9	13.0	5.2	4.3	1.8	0.4	1.0	61.1
51 Office managers and program administrators	10.1	4.3	6.3	3.1	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.6	25.7
52 Personal assistants and secretaries	-	0.0	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	0.1
53 General clerical workers	2.9	2.0	3.4	0.9	1.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	11.4
54 Inquiry clerks and receptionists	3.3	6.7	1.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.1	13.7
55 Numerical clerks	1.9	1.1	1.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	5.2
56 Clerical and office support workers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59 Other clerical and administrative workers	1.3	1.8	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.0
Sales workers	13.7	17.2	8.4	4.6	2.6	1.3	0.2	0.6	48.8
61 Sales representatives and agents	2.9	0.5	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	5.3
62 Sales assistants and salespersons	10.8	16.7	7.1	4.5	2.4	1.2	0.2	0.6	43.5
63 Sales support workers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Machinery operators and drivers	7.8	5.0	4.8	2.2	3.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	23.3
71 Machine and stationary plant operators	1.2	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.3
72 Mobile plant operators	1.0	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	-	2.2
73 Road and rail drivers	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.1	6.6
74 Storepersons	3.8	3.3	1.9	0.8	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	11.2
Labourers	6.6	10.1	4.7	2.3	3.8	0.6	0.3	0.5	28.9
81 Cleaners and laundry workers	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	3.7
82 Construction and mining labourers	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.9
83 Factory process workers	3.9	8.2	2.3	1.6	1.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	17.6
84 Farm, forestry and garden workers	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	2.1
85 Food preparation assistants	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	-	0.0	1.1
89 Other labourers	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	2.4
Total⁷	97.9	98.7	72.5	26.3	34.4	8.2	2.8	6.2	347.1

A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.

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Table 18 Commencements^{2,3} by industry skills councils, 12 months ending 30 September 2012, Australia ('000)

Industry skills councils	Trades ⁵	Non-trades ⁵	Total
AgriFood	9.0	12.5	21.4
Auto Skills Australia	11.9	3.1	15.0
Community Services and Health	2.5	25.5	28.0
Construction and Property Services	16.0	7.6	23.6
E-oz Energy	10.9	0.1	11.1
ForestWorks	0.2	0.4	0.5
Government	0.0	2.6	2.6
Innovation and Business	6.3	87.2	93.5
Manufacturing	23.2	12.4	35.6
Service	10.9	73.4	84.2
SkillsDMC	4.6	3.7	8.2
Transport and Logistics	-	22.9	22.9
Training packages not assigned to industry skills councils	-	-	-
Training package qualifications total	95.4	251.3	346.7
Non-training package qualifications total	0.1	0.3	0.4
Total	95.5	251.7	347.1

A dash (-) represents a true zero figure, with no contracts reported in these categories.
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Seasonally adjusted commencements

Table 19 Seasonally adjusted¹ commencements² in each quarter, by state/territory, 2007–12 ('000)

Quarter	NSW	Vic. ³	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
September 2007	20.4	17.7	15.8	5.2	5.7	2.0	0.6	1.2	68.6
December 2007	21.3	17.8	16.0	5.3	5.9	2.1	0.7	1.3	70.4
March 2008	22.8	18.4	16.2	5.4	6.1	2.2	0.7	1.2	73.0
June 2008	23.4	18.9	16.0	5.5	6.3	2.1	0.7	1.2	73.8
September 2008	22.8	18.8	14.9	5.5	6.3	2.0	0.6	1.1	71.9
December 2008	21.4	18.2	13.6	5.2	6.0	1.9	0.6	1.2	68.1
March 2009	20.5	17.7	13.0	5.2	5.7	1.8	0.6	1.2	65.8
June 2009	20.7	17.7	13.5	5.1	5.6	1.8	0.7	1.3	66.2
September 2009	21.5	18.4	14.3	5.1	5.8	1.8	0.7	1.2	68.7
December 2009	22.5	19.3	14.9	5.4	6.1	1.8	0.7	1.2	72.0
March 2010	23.5	20.0	15.4	5.6	6.4	1.9	0.7	1.2	74.8
June 2010	24.4	20.9	16.1	5.8	6.7	2.1	0.7	1.2	77.7
September 2010	25.0	22.0	16.6	5.9	7.0	2.1	0.7	1.3	80.4
December 2010	24.6	23.2	16.5	5.9	7.1	2.0	0.7	1.3	81.2
March 2011	23.4	23.7	16.2	6.0	6.9	2.0	0.7	1.2	80.1
June 2011	22.5	23.9	16.2	6.0	6.7	2.0	0.7	1.2	79.1
September 2011	22.1	23.5	16.1	6.0	6.7	2.0	0.6	1.3	78.2
December 2011	25.1	25.6	18.1	6.7	7.6	2.2	0.6	1.5	87.4
March 2012	27.2	27.1	19.7	7.1	8.8	2.2	0.7	1.6	94.4
June 2012	26.1	25.7	19.5	6.9	9.3	2.1	0.7	1.7	91.8
September 2012	23.1	22.6	17.7	6.3	9.1	2.0	0.7	1.6	82.6

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Terms

AQF (Australian Qualifications Framework) is the national policy 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 <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 publication, *Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations* (First edition, revision 1, 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 in Victoria and Tasmania 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, and 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 <www.isc.org.au>. For more information on training packages developed by industry skills councils, go to <www.training.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 or withdrawn from 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 the trades. 'Non-trades' includes all occupations listed under ANZSCO, First edition, revision 1, 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 ANZSCO, First edition, revision 1.

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 <www.training.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.74, December 2012 estimates, which is compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) for 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 2011 to September quarter 2012). 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 <www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2267.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 <www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2604.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 <www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2604.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 Recent changes to commencement numbers are predominately due to changes in Commonwealth incentive payments for existing workers, chiefly the removal of the commencement incentive payment for those apprenticeships and traineeships not on the National Skills Needs List (NSNL). Under the changes, training needed to have commenced prior to 1 July 2012 to attract the old subsidy rate. Further details on incentive changes may be found in the 2012–13 federal budget <www.budget.gov.au/2012-13/content/bp2/html/bp2_expense-15.htm>.
- 3 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 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. It is likely that changes in subsidy rates for some courses may have influenced employer decisions on whether to commence trainees in the first or second half of the year.
- 4 The cancellation and withdrawal figures are inclusive of the contract status 'transferred' for Victoria and Tasmania, as contract transfers due to a change in employer were historically reported as cancellations or withdrawals.
- 5 Non-trades are defined as all major occupations groups 1–2 and 4–8 (ANZSCO, First edition, revision 1). Trades are defined as all major group 3 (Technicians and trades workers) (ANZSCO, First edition, revision 1).
- 6 The data presented in figure 3 use ANZSCO. ANZSCO has now been back-cast by NCVER to 1994 for reporting purposes. For further information on the methodology, see <www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2266.html>.
- 7 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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