

Australian vocational education and training statistics

Government-funded students and courses - January to September 2023

National Centre for Vocational Education Research



Highlights

In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, 1 074 005 students were enrolled in government-funded vocational education and training (VET) in Australia. They included:

- 1 039 065 students enrolled in nationally recognised training
- 55 995 students enrolled in non-nationally recognised training.

There were 1 245 855 government-funded program enrolments in Australia comprised of:

- 91.6% in nationally recognised programs
 - 86.5% were in qualifications: 78.9% in training package qualifications and 7.7% in accredited qualifications
 - 5.0% were in training package skill sets and accredited courses
- 5.8% in locally developed programs
- 2.7% in non-nationally recognised programs.

In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, there were 1 077 905 government-funded nationally recognised qualification enrolments in Australia. The most popular level of education was Certificate III (528 440 or 49.0%), followed by Certificate IV (222 290 or 20.6%).

Students

In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, 1 074 005 students were enrolled in government-funded VET in Australia, an increase of 1.7% from the same period in 2022.

Figure 1 Government-funded students by state/territory, January to September 2022 and 2023, Australia



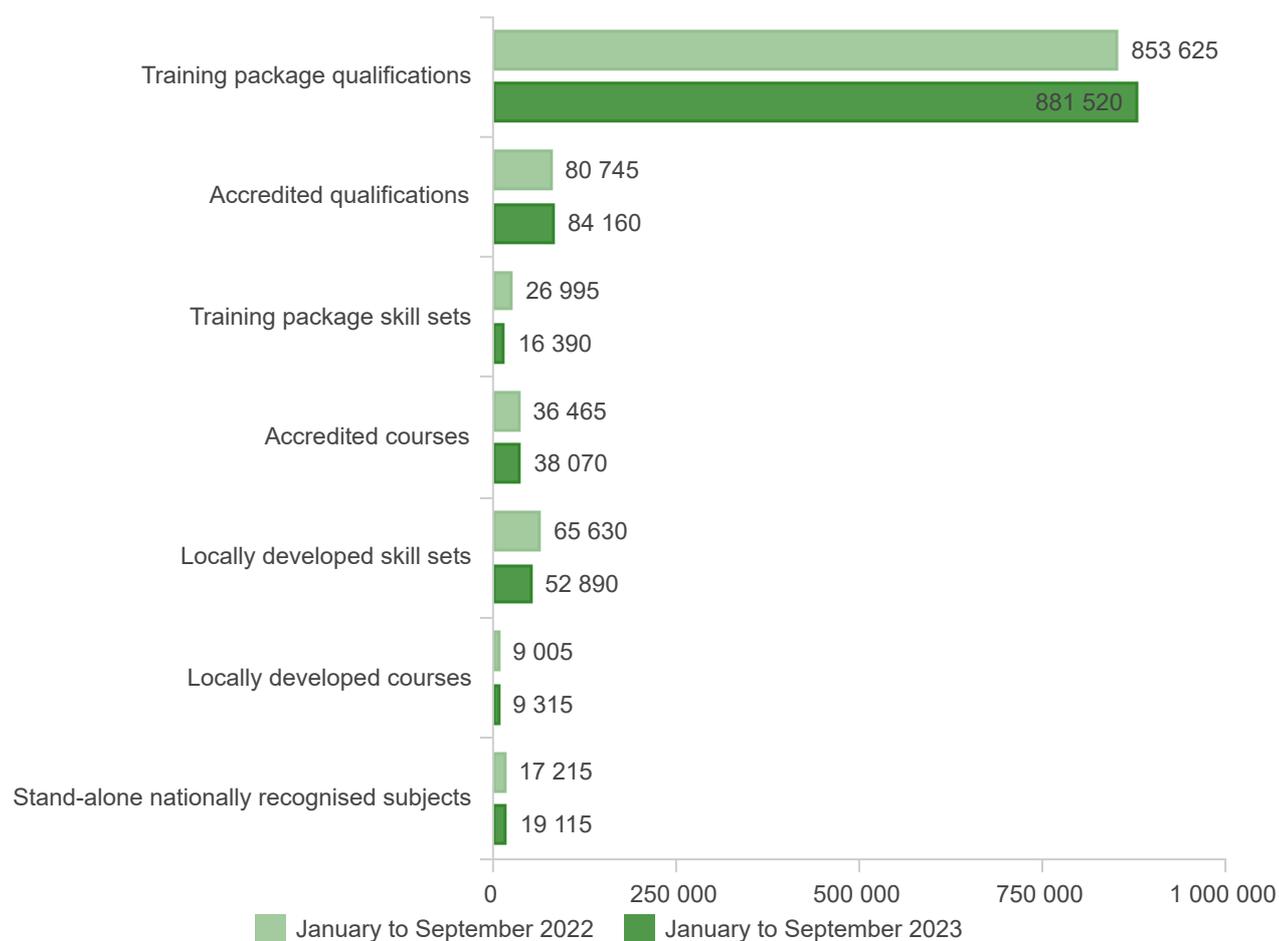
Note: This chart shows the overall picture of Australia and does not update based on state/territory selection.

In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, 1 039 065 government-funded students were enrolled in nationally recognised VET, consisting of:

- training package qualifications (881 520 students or 84.8%)
- accredited qualifications (84 160 students or 8.1%)
- training package skill sets (16 390 students or 1.6%)
- accredited courses (38 070 students or 3.7%)
- locally developed skill sets and courses comprised of at least one nationally recognised subject (61 795 students or 5.9%)
- stand-alone nationally recognised subjects (19 115 students or 1.8%).

Note that students are enrolled in one or more programs, others in stand-alone subjects, and some in a combination of both.

Figure 2 Government-funded students enrolled in nationally recognised VET by type of training, January to September 2022 and 2023, Australia



Note: The sum of students will not add to the January to September 2023 total (1 039 065) for Australia as a student may have enrolled in multiple programs and/or subjects in the reporting period.

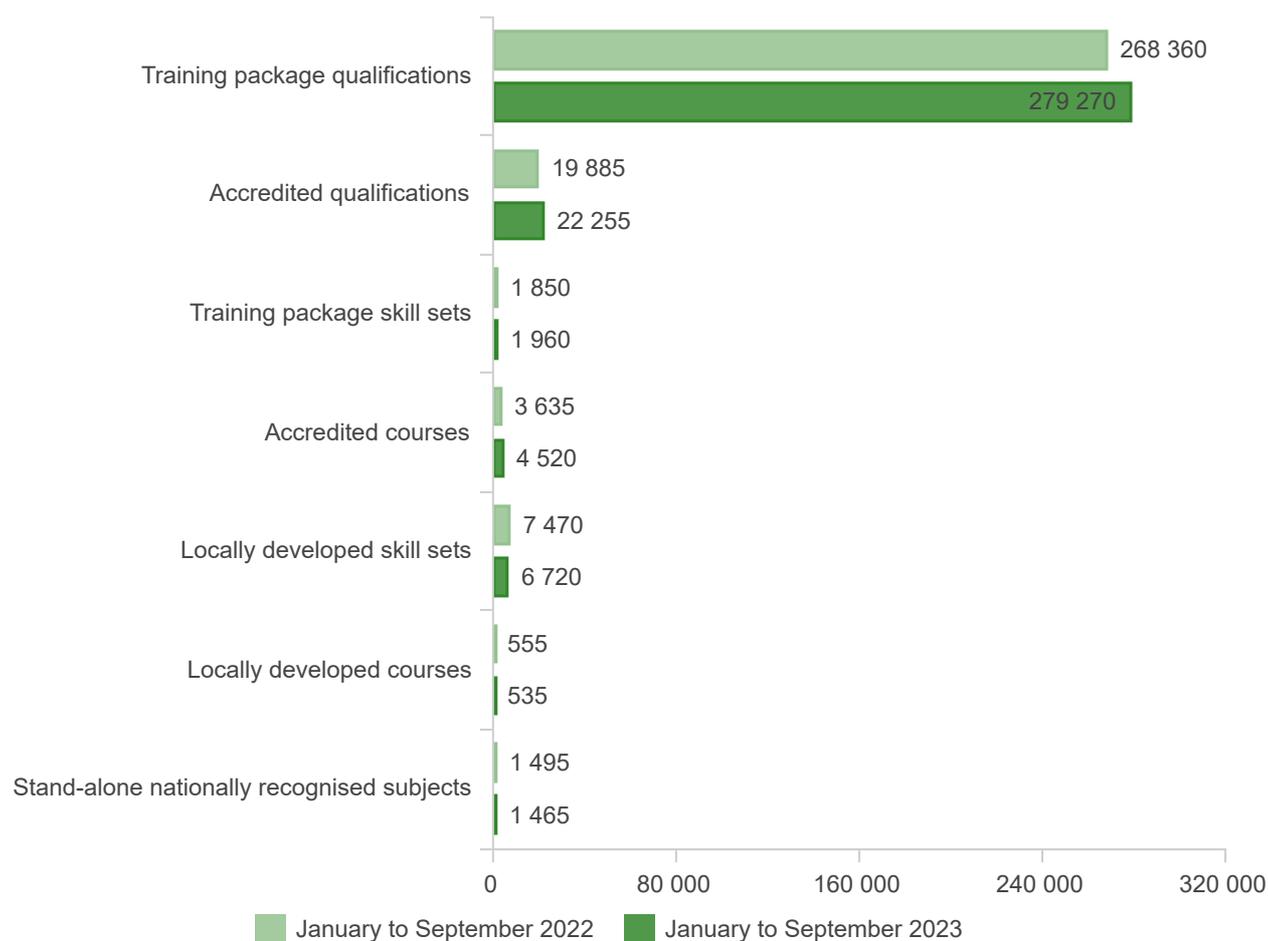
In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, 55 995 government-funded students were enrolled in non-nationally recognised VET, consisting of:

- non-nationally recognised programs (31 075 students)
- higher education qualifications (0 students)
- stand-alone non-nationally recognised subjects (25 090 students).

Full-year training equivalents (FYTEs)

In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, there were 316 725 FYTEs in government-funded nationally recognised VET in Australia. The majority of these were within Training package qualifications (279 270 or 88.2%), followed by Accredited qualifications (22 255 or 7.0%).

Figure 3 Government-funded FYTEs by nationally recognised type of training, January to September 2022 and 2023, Australia



In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, there were 6 245 FYTEs in government-funded non-nationally recognised VET in Australia, consisting of:

- 4 360 FYTEs in non-nationally recognised programs including higher education qualifications
- 1 885 FYTEs in non-nationally recognised stand-alone subjects.

Provider reporting type

In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, 1 394 providers were delivering government-funded VET in Australia, a decrease of 1.8% from the same period in 2022.

Table 1 Provider reporting type, January to September 2019 to 2023, Australia

Provider reporting type	Jan-Sep 2019	Jan-Sep 2020	Jan-Sep 2021	Jan-Sep 2022	Jan-Sep 2023
TAFE institutes	25	24	24	24	24
Other government providers	10	10	10	10	10
Community education providers	332	304	301	280	271
Private training providers	1 004	951	952	941	919
Other training providers	244	235	225	216	218
Total	1 564	1 473	1 460	1 420	1 394

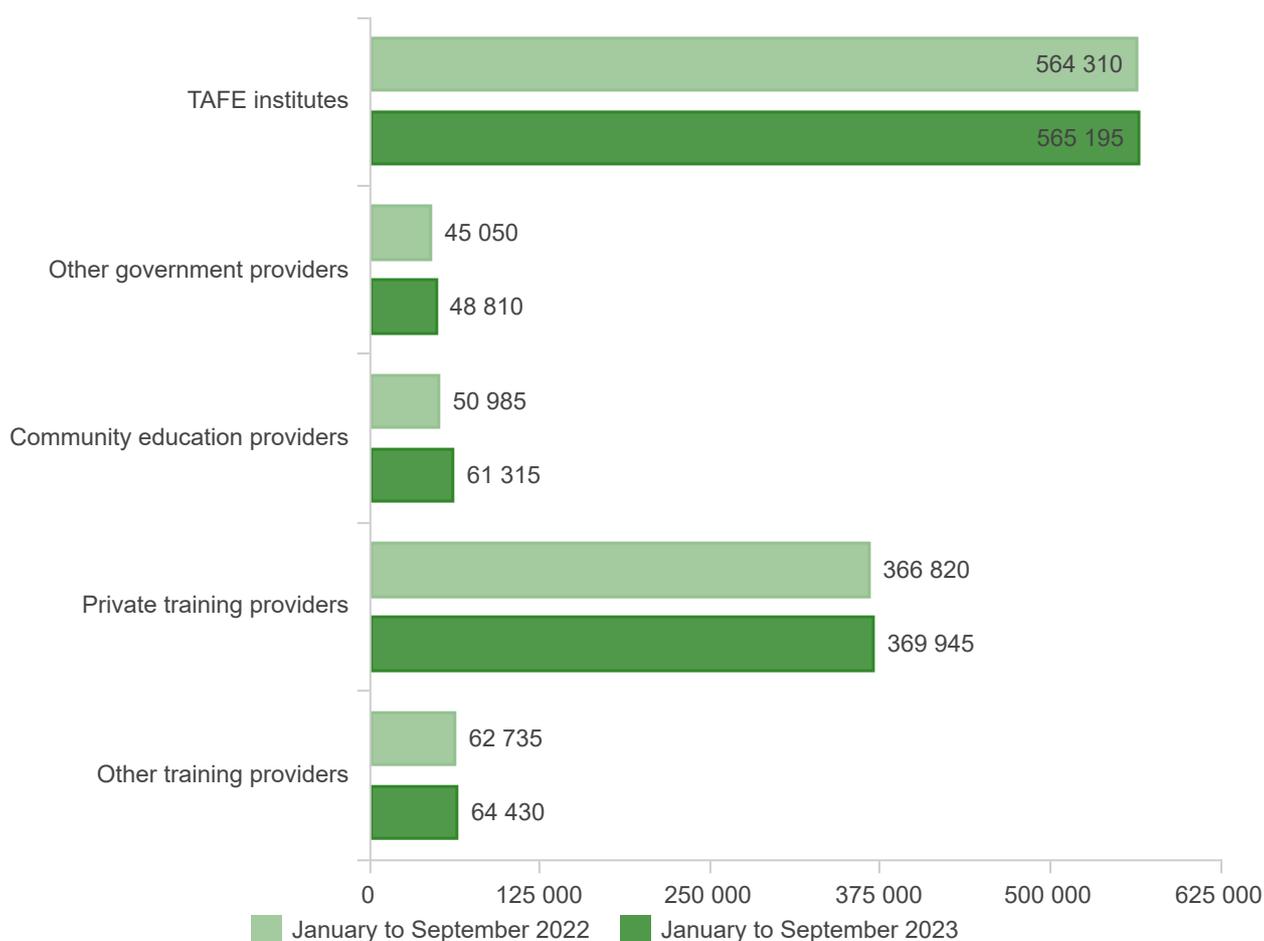
Note: The total is a distinct count of training providers that submitted data through the state training authorities. Some training providers deliver VET in more than one state or territory and may be classified against multiple provider reporting type classifications, but only counted once in the total.

Students by provider reporting type

Of the 1 074 005 students enrolled in government-funded VET in Australia:

- 565 195 or 52.6% were enrolled at TAFE institutes (up 0.2% from January to September 2022)
- 48 810 or 4.5% at other government providers (up 8.3%)
- 61 315 or 5.7% at community education providers (up 20.3%)
- 369 945 or 34.4% at private training providers (up 0.9%)
- 64 430 or 6.0% at other training providers (up 2.7%).

Figure 4 Government-funded students by provider reporting type, January to September 2022 and 2023, Australia



Note: The sum of students will not add to the January to September 2023 total (1 074 005) for Australia as a student may have enrolled in multiple provider types in the reporting period.

Other training providers include TAFE institutes undertaking training outside of their head office state or territory.

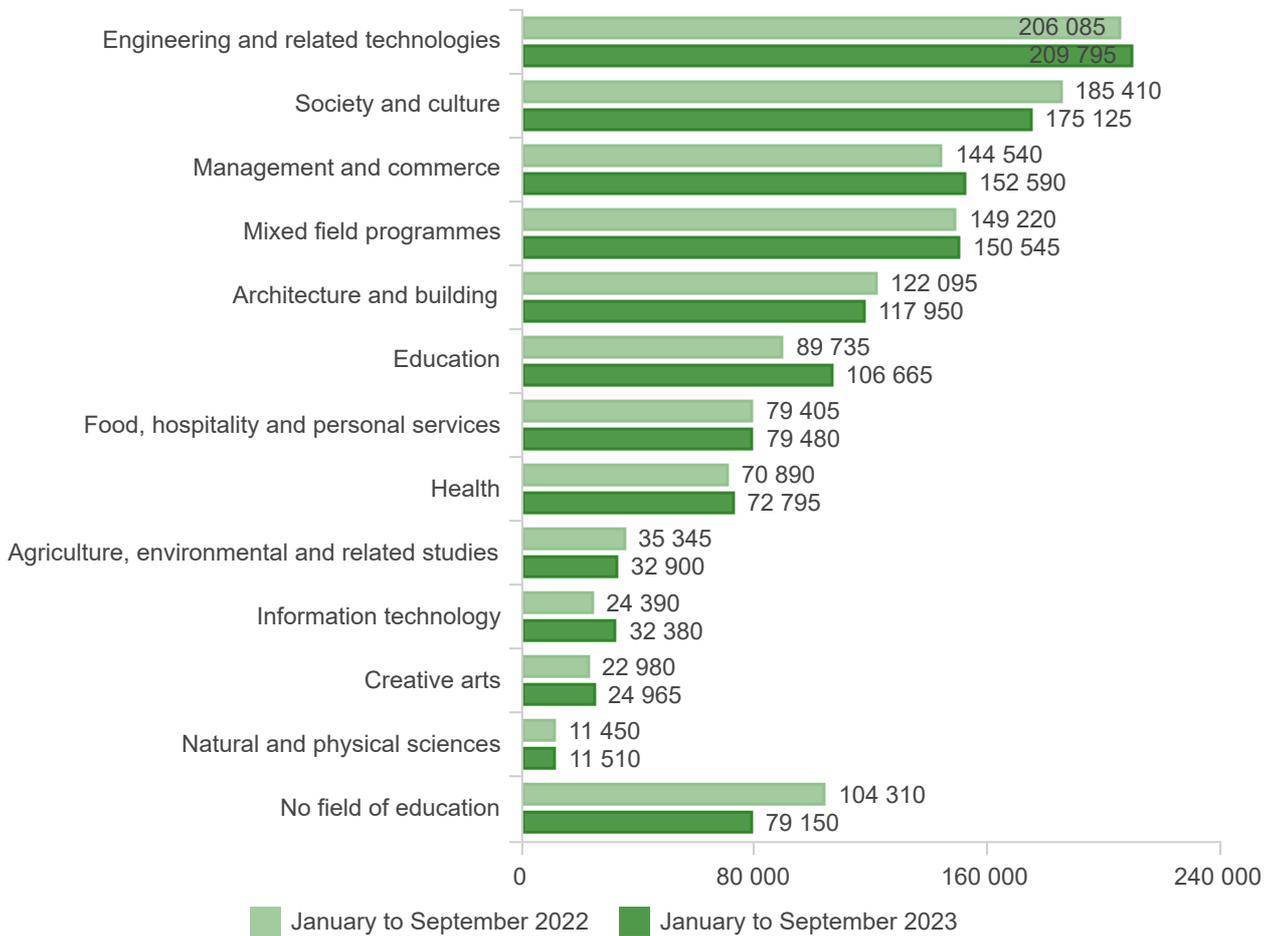
Program enrolments

In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, there were 1 245 855 government-funded program enrolments in Australia, an increase of 0.0% from the same period in 2022. Of these:

- 86.5% were in qualifications, including training package qualifications (78.9%) and accredited qualifications (7.7%)
- 5.0% were in training package skill sets and accredited courses
- 5.8% were in locally developed programs comprised of at least one nationally recognised subject
- 2.7% were in non-nationally recognised programs.

In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, the most popular field of education was Engineering and related technologies (209 795 or 16.8%), followed by Society and culture (175 125 or 14.1%).

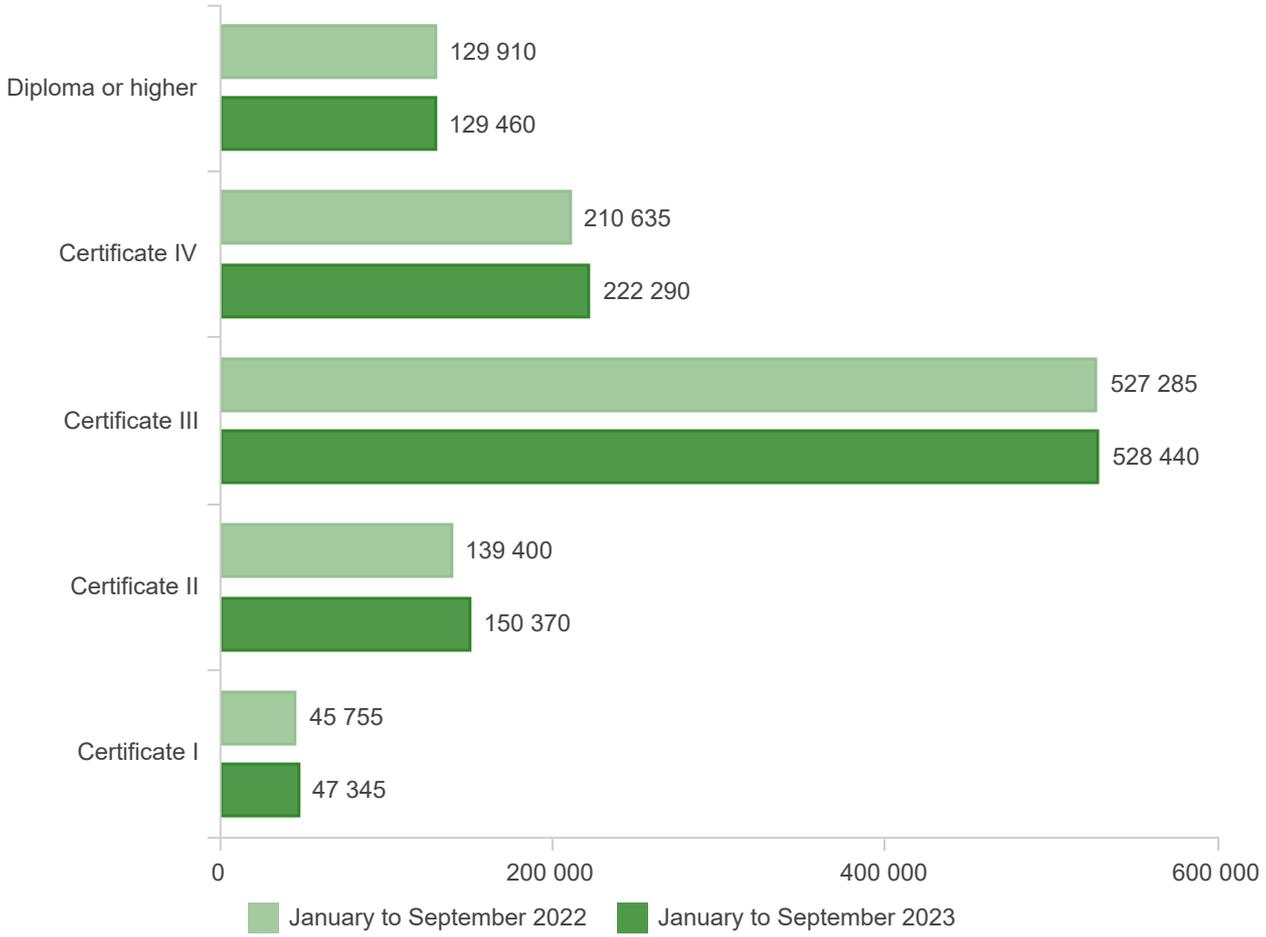
Figure 5 Government-funded program enrolments by field of education, January to September 2022 and 2023, Australia



Note: Training package skill sets and locally developed skill sets are reported without a field of education.

In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, there were 1 077 905 government-funded nationally recognised qualification enrolments in Australia (up 2.4% from the same period in 2022). The most popular level of education was Certificate III (528 440 or 49.0%), followed by Certificate IV (222 290 or 20.6%).

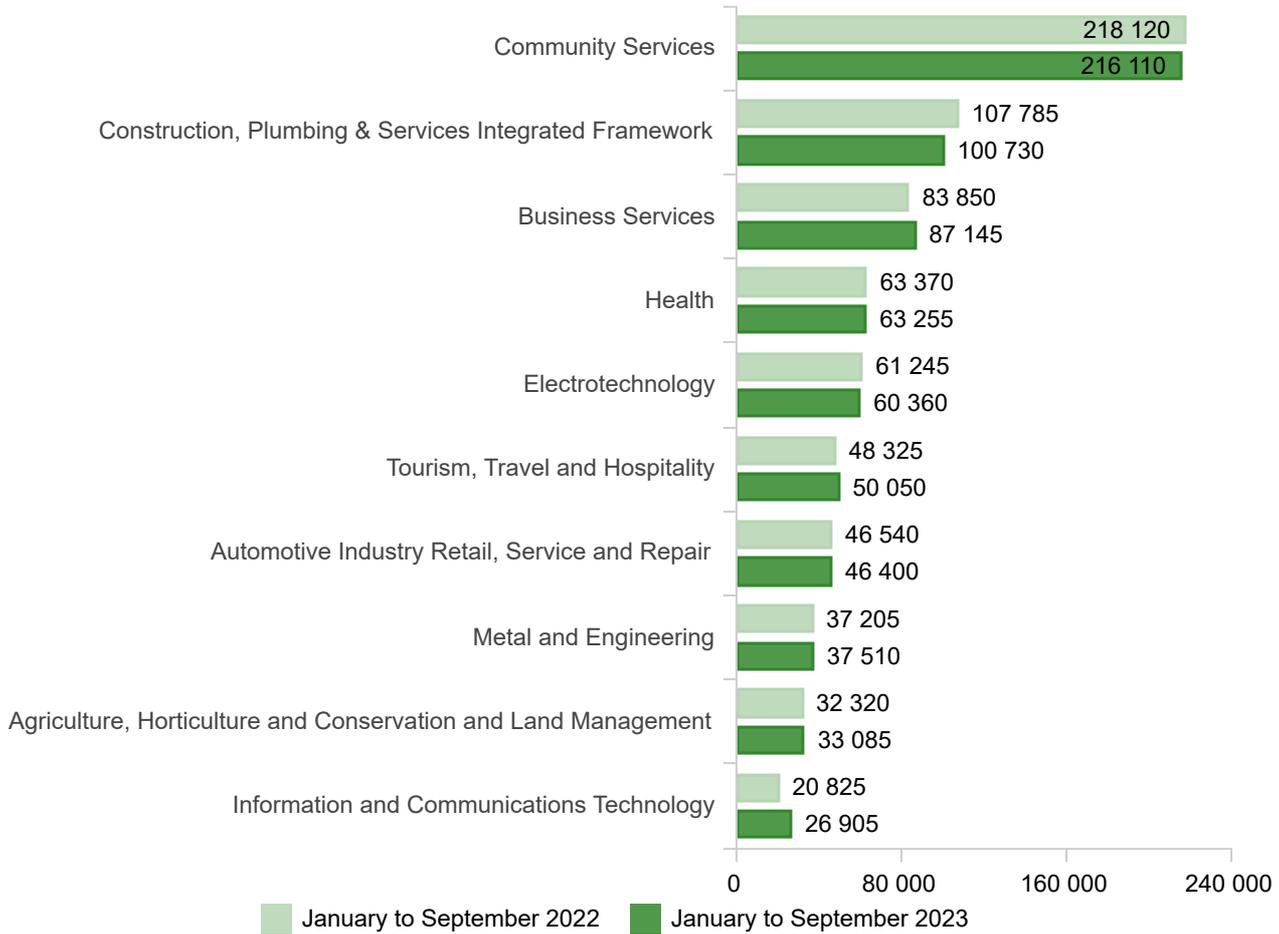
Figure 6 Government-funded nationally recognised qualification enrolments by level of education, January to September 2022 and 2023, Australia



Note: Data in the figure above are based on training package qualifications and accredited qualifications only. Other programs such as training package skill sets and accredited courses are excluded.

In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, the most training package enrolments were in Community Services (216 110 or 22.0%), followed by Construction, Plumbing & Services Integrated Framework (100 730 or 10.2%).

Figure 7 Top ten training packages by number of government-funded program enrolments, January to September 2022 and 2023, Australia



Note: For a full list of training packages and non-training packages information, refer to the DataBuilder.

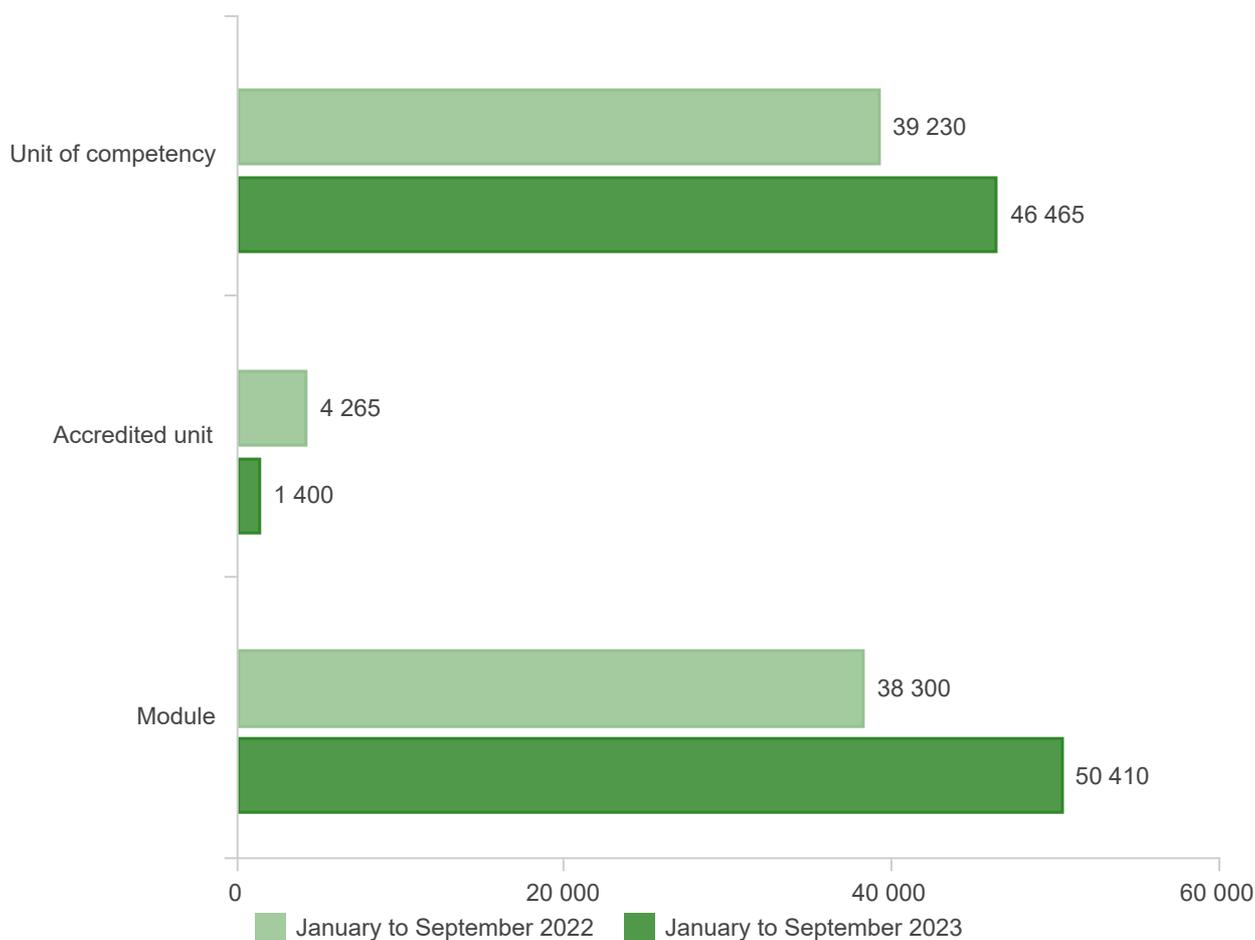
Subject Enrolments

In the nine months ending 30 September 2023, there were 8 932 120 enrolments in government-funded VET subjects in Australia.

Of these, 98 275 (1.1%) were in stand-alone subjects, consisting of:

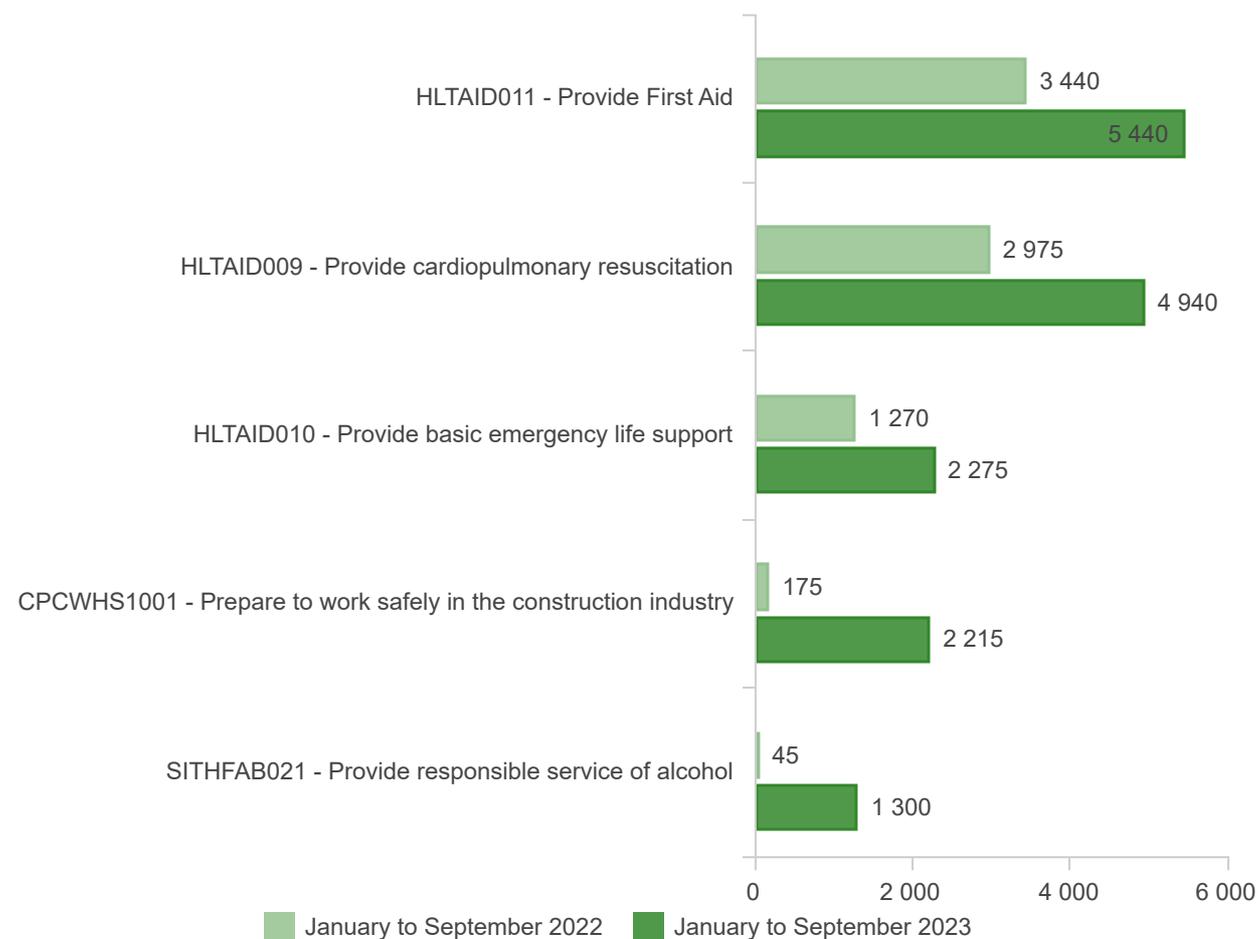
- 47 870 stand-alone nationally recognised subjects, which are comprised of units of competency and accredited units
- 50 410 stand-alone non-nationally recognised subjects, which are modules.

Figure 8 Government-funded stand-alone subject enrolments by subject type, January to September 2022 and 2023, Australia



Note: Data for modules are based on stand-alone non-nationally recognised subject enrolments.

Figure 9 Top five units of competency by number of government-funded stand-alone subject enrolments, January to September 2022 and 2023, Australia



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