



# Strong and responsive VET pathways

2019-20 graduate outcomes from the VET National Data Asset

## KEY FINDINGS



### Improved income after training

In the year following completion, VET graduates had a median income uplift of \$11,800 and earned a median employee income of \$48,500.



### Improved employment rate after training

Overall, completing a VET course produces positive employment outcomes. Nationally, 84% of VET graduates were employed after completing their VET qualification, representing a 15 percentage point increase from before enrolment.



### High proportion of graduates progressing to further study

Approximately 16% of all VET graduates enrolled in a higher-level VET qualification after completion and 8% enrolled in higher education.



### Reduced reliance on income support

Among VET graduates who received income support prior to study, 39% were no longer on income support two years after completion.

### First Nations graduates

- Experienced a median income uplift of \$13,000 and earned a median income of \$43,100.
- Experienced a 16 percentage point increase in employment, reaching an employment rate of 79% after completion.
- 20% enrolled in further higher-level VET study and 5% enrolled in higher education.
- 34% exited income support.

### Female graduates

- Experienced a median income uplift of \$11,400 and earned a median income of \$41,900.
- Experienced a 17 percentage point increase in employment, reaching an employment rate of 83% after completion.
- 18% enrolled in further higher-level VET study and 10% enrolled in higher education.
- 36% exited income support.

### Students with a disability

- Experienced a median income uplift of \$9,100 and earned a median income of \$26,100.
- Experienced a 14 percentage point increase in employment, reaching an employment rate of 65% after completion.
- 21% enrolled in further higher-level VET study and 7% enrolled in higher education.
- 22% exited income support.

# The VET National Data Asset

The Vocational Education and Training (VET) National Data Asset (VNDA) was established by Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) in partnership with the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). VNDA links records from the Total VET Activity data collected by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research with other government administrative data, including data from the ABS, the Australian Taxation Office, Department of Education and Department of Social Services.

The latest VNDA data release and the report, *Strong and Responsive VET Pathways: 2019-20 graduate outcomes from the VET National Data Asset*, provide statistical insights on domestic, non-school students, who completed a nationally recognised VET qualification in the 2019-20 financial year. The analysis explores the economic, employment and further study outcomes of VET graduates following course completion.



## What's new?

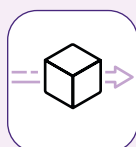
The 2019-20 statistics builds on the previous VNDA report (2018-19 VET Student Outcomes – Top 100 courses) and introduces a range of additional data, including:

- National outcomes on 500 qualifications.
- State and territory outcomes, by qualification level and Field of Education.
- National outcomes for a range of student characteristics, such as by age group, location, apprenticeship pathway and prior qualification/employment.



## How can you use VNDA?

In addition to being a useful policy tool, this data can help inform school leavers, students, teachers, parents, and those considering future VET study, about their potential outcomes and further demonstrate the opportunities that can be realised in pursuing VET pathways.



## Products

The statistics are available in a range of formats:

- PDF and web based report focused on the outcomes of graduates at the national level, with analysis for priority cohorts and a range of different student characteristics, including gender, First Nations, disability, age group, location, prior employment and apprentice/trainee status.
- An interactive dashboard for simple navigation of all the statistics and comparisons with national results.
- Downloadable Excel spreadsheets with detailed data.
- A technical document detailing the methodology, data definitions and limitations.

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