

## Section 5

### VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING

There were 10,692 students enrolled in any level of VCAL in 2005. They were enrolled with 380 providers. Just less than three quarters of all students (72.0%) were enrolled in government schools.

With respect to the level of certificates studied (see Table 5.1) 31.4% of VCAL students were enrolled in foundation and 48.5% in intermediate level certificates. Senior and senior extension enrolments comprised 20.1% of enrolments.

**TABLE 5.1 VCAL ENROLMENTS BY CERTIFICATE, GENDER AND LEVEL, 2005**

Level	Title	Gender		
		Female	Male	All
<b>Foundation</b>	VCAL (Foundation)	1,288	2,073	3,361
<b>Intermediate</b>	VCAL (Intermediate)	1,897	3,129	5,026
	Automotive Industry (Intermediate)	1	26	27
	Bricklaying (Intermediate)		1	1
	Building and Construction (Intermediate)	1	22	23
	Civil Construction (Intermediate)		1	1
	Furniture Making (Intermediate)		3	3
	Hospitality (Intermediate)	7	9	16
	Joinery & Furniture-Cabinet Making (Intermediate)		4	4
	Manufacturing (Intermediate)		9	9
	Media & Communications Film & TV (Intermediate)	1	1	2
	Music (Intermediate)	5	11	16
	Personal Services (Hair & Beauty) (Intermediate)	15		15
	Plumbing (Intermediate)	1	15	16
	Spa and Beauty (Intermediate)	5		5
	Sport and Recreation (Intermediate)	12	7	19
	<b>Intermediate Total</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>3,238</b>	<b>5,183</b>
<b>Senior</b>	VCAL (Senior)	814	1,044	1,858
	Adult Business Studies (Senior)		4	4
	Electrotechnology (Senior)		12	12
	Furniture Making (Senior)		9	9
	Manufacturing (Senior)	1	1	2
	Media & Communications Film & TV (Senior)	4	4	8
	Multimedia (Senior)	3	9	12
	Sport and Recreation (Senior)	3	6	9
	<b>Senior Total</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>1,914</b>
	Senior Extension (Folio Enhancement)	161	73	234
	<b>Senior and Senior Extension Total</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>2,148</b>
<b>All</b>		<b>4,219</b>	<b>6,473</b>	<b>10,692</b>

#### Gender

About three in five VCAL student enrolments in 2005 were male (60.5%).

#### Unit Enrolments and Completions

In 2005 there were a total of 45,973 VCAL unit enrolments. (See table 5.2)

VCAL units are not the full range of curriculum that contributed towards the attainment of a VCAL. Students enrolled in any VCAL certificate can also gain credit for VET and VCE studies towards

their qualification. VCAL students enrolled in VETiS and VCE units are included in the participation and completion reports for those units and certificates.

VCAL Personal Development units (36.6%) and VCAL Work Related Skills units (35.2%) accounted for the majority of enrolments in VCAL units.

Overall 73.1% of VCAL units were satisfactorily completed. Males (73.7%) and females (72.2%) had very similar completion rates across all units, with males completing at a slightly higher rate overall. Literacy Skills units averaged 71.7% completion, and males completing at a slightly higher rate (72.5%) than females (70.4%). Numeracy skills units were completed at a rate of 69.6 % with slightly higher completion rate for males (70.2%) than for females (68.6%). Personal Development units were completed at 74.0% overall, 74.8% for males and 72.6% for females. Work Related Skills units completion rate was 73.5% overall, again a slightly higher rate for males (74.0%) than for females (72.7%).

**TABLE 5.2 VCAL UNIT COMPLETIONS BY GENDER AND LEVEL, 2005**

DESCRIPTION	Female			Male			All		
	S	Total	% S	S	Total	% S	S	Total	% S
Advanced Study Skills	137	161	85.1	49	73	67.1	186	234	79.5
Folio Enhancement & Presentation	136	161	84.5	48	73	65.8	184	234	78.6
Literacy Skills Oral Communication (I)	663	982	67.5	1272	1778	71.5	1935	2760	70.1
Literacy Skills Reading & Writing (I)	737	1061	69.5	1366	1967	69.4	2103	3028	69.5
Literacy Skills Oral Communication (S)	393	535	73.5	549	696	78.9	942	1231	76.5
Literacy Skills Reading & Writing (S)	448	603	74.3	619	808	76.6	1067	1411	75.6
Numeracy Skills (I)	630	926	68.0	1103	1559	70.8	1733	2485	69.7
Numeracy Skills (S)	309	434	71.2	453	631	71.8	762	1065	71.5
Advanced Numeracy Skills (S)	53	86	61.6	92	157	58.6	145	243	59.7
Pathways Planning	132	162	81.5	51	73	69.9	183	235	77.9
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (F)	718	1031	69.6	1164	1637	71.1	1882	2668	70.5
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (F)	459	733	62.6	815	1242	65.6	1274	1975	64.5
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (I)	1341	1783	75.2	2420	3041	79.6	3761	4824	78.0
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (I)	1025	1451	70.6	1864	2496	74.7	2889	3947	73.2
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (S)	625	779	80.2	812	1043	77.9	1437	1822	78.9
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (S)	524	687	76.3	692	920	75.2	1216	1607	75.7
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (F)	690	1010	68.3	1092	1562	69.9	1782	2572	69.3
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (F)	514	815	63.1	911	1411	64.6	1425	2226	64.0
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (I)	1174	1497	78.4	2032	2558	79.4	3206	4055	79.1
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (I)	1066	1510	70.6	2005	2744	73.1	3071	4254	72.2
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (S)	502	633	79.3	712	891	79.9	1214	1524	79.7
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (S)	513	668	76.8	694	902	76.9	1207	1570	76.9
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>12,789</b>	<b>17,708</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>20,815</b>	<b>28,262</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>33,604</b>	<b>45,970</b>	<b>73.1</b>

Note: F Foundation, I Intermediate S Senior

### Certificate Completions

There were 5,096 VCAL certificate completions out of 7,985 enrolments (63.8%) which were eligible to complete in 2005. (See Table 5.3). A student is eligible to complete a qualification if they have completed sufficient units or modules or are enrolled in sufficient units or modules that, if completed satisfactorily, met the requirements for satisfactory completion of the qualification. Note that not all student VCAL enrolments are eligible to complete. Students may also gain credit from VCE units and VETiS units of competence towards their VCAL.

Over 60% of those who completed were males, who had a completion rate of 62.8%, compared to females with a certificate completion rate of 65.4%

**TABLE 5.3 VCAL CERTIFICATE COMPLETIONS BY GENDER AND LEVEL, 2005**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Eligible to Complete</b>		
	<b>Completed</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>% Completed</b>
<b>Female</b>			
Foundation	408	695	58.7
Intermediate	930	1,480	62.8
Senior and Senior Extension	668	892	74.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,006</b>	<b>3,067</b>	<b>65.4</b>
<b>Male</b>			
Foundation	646	1,201	53.8
Intermediate	1,675	2,661	62.9
Senior and Senior Extension	769	1,056	72.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,090</b>	<b>4,918</b>	<b>62.8</b>
<b>All</b>			
Foundation	1,054	1,896	55.6
Intermediate	2,605	4,141	62.9
Senior and Senior Extension	1,437	1,948	73.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,096</b>	<b>7,985</b>	<b>63.8</b>