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## Senior Secondary Certificate Statistical Information 2007

### Section 1: Victorian Certificate of Education: Participation and Completions

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## Section 1

In 2007 there were two certificates of senior secondary education in Victoria, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL). Information about VCAL is included in Section 5.

### VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

VCE completion is calculated on the basis of satisfactory completion of units. Refer to the VCE and VCAL Administrative Handbook for the regulations, which may be found on the VCAA website at:

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/schooladmin/handbook/handbook.html>

**TABLE 1.1 VCE PARTICIPATION AND COMPLETION 2007**

	<b>2007</b>
<i>All Students</i>	
Eligible to complete the VCE <sup>1</sup>	48,840
Students satisfactorily completing VCE <sup>3</sup>	47,069
Percentage <sup>2</sup>	96.4
<i>Females</i>	
Eligible to complete the VCE <sup>1</sup>	26,252
Students satisfactorily completing VCE <sup>3</sup>	25,428
Percentage <sup>2</sup>	96.9
<i>Males</i>	
Eligible to complete the VCE <sup>1</sup>	22,588
Students satisfactorily completing VCE <sup>3</sup>	21,641
Percentage <sup>2</sup>	95.8

Notes: <sup>1</sup> This figure is derived from VCAA information in December and include overseas students.

<sup>2</sup> This figure is **not** an indicator of attainment of the Premier's target; see next page.

<sup>3</sup> This figure includes students who have successfully achieved their VCE in previous years, but undertook further studies in the current year.

**TABLE 1.2 UNIT RESULTS BY GENDER, 2007**

		Unit 1			Unit 2			Unit 3			Unit 4		
		Enrol	S	%S	Enrol	S	%S	Enrol	S	%S	Enrol	S	%S
<b>Male</b>	<b>n</b>	185,595	168,104	90.6	174,052	156,736	90.1	130,531	124,623	95.5	125,525	120,387	95.9
	<b>%</b>	48.4	47.7		48.2	47.4		46.4	46.1		46.3	46.0	
<b>Female</b>	<b>n</b>	198,107	184,259	93.0	187,081	174,210	93.1	151,051	145,847	96.6	145,755	141,247	96.9
	<b>%</b>	51.6	52.3		51.8	52.6		53.6	53.9		53.7	54.0	
<b>Total</b>		383,702	352,363	91.8	361,133	330,946	91.6	281,582	270,470	96.1	271,280	261,634	96.4

Notes: Enrol = Number of unit enrolments

S = Number of satisfactory completions

%S = Percentage of satisfactory completions

Note that students who withdrew during the year without an outcome recorded against their unit enrolments were removed from the dataset. Section 2 provides more detailed information of unit participation and completions by study and sequence.

**TABLE 1.3 SUMMARY OF UNIT RESULTS BY GENDER, 2007**

		Unit 1-4 Totals		
		Enrol	S	%S
<b>Male</b>	<b>n</b>	615,703	569,850	92.6
	<b>%</b>	47.4	46.9	
<b>Female</b>	<b>n</b>	681,994	645,563	94.7
	<b>%</b>	52.6	53.1	
<b>Total</b>		1,297,697	1,215,413	93.7

There were a total of 1,297,697 unit enrolments in 2007, of which 93.7% were successfully completed. The female unit completion rate was 94.7%, while the male unit completion rate was 92.6%

## PREMIER'S YEAR 12 ATTAINMENT TARGET

In October 2000, the Victorian Government set three benchmark targets for education and training, including a target for levels of educational achievement of young Victorians:

**'By 2010 90% of young people in Victoria will complete Year 12 or its equivalent.'**

For the purposes of monitoring progress towards this goal, young people have been defined as 19 year olds. This is consistent with decisions endorsed by MCEETYA for national reporting of similar measures. The VCE is the most popular Year 12 qualification. The table below provides information about the completion of the VCE. The figures below report year 12 or equivalent completions. However, completions of other qualifications such as VCAL, the International Baccalaureate and Vocational Education and Training certificates should be added for a full picture.

From the tables below it may be observed that the number of completers increased to a high in 2002 and has decreased marginally since. The completions of 18 year olds are increasing, but the completions of the over 19 year olds are decreasing.

**TABLE 1.4 SUCCESSFUL COMPLETIONS<sup>1</sup> OF VCE BY AGE AT 30 JUNE, 1995–2007**

Year	Under 16	16 Years	17 Years	18 Years	19 Years	Over 19 <sup>2</sup>	Total
1995	14	774	33,054	6,275	845	1,381	42,343
1996	16	686	33,248	6,539	834	1,154	42,477
1997	25	667	33,340	6,953	811	1,049	42,845
1998	23	663	33,318	7,298	793	781	42,876
1999	23	621	33,433	8,200	786	733	43,796
2000	25	618	33,438	8,886	854	601	44,422
2001	23	747	34,333	9,626	1,028	665	46,422
2002	24	687	34,952	10,214	1,088	661	47,626
2003	25	705	34,342	10,608	1,216	689	47,585
2004	16	660	33,752	10,784	1,401	605	47,218
2005	17	636	32,700	11,458	1,203	535	46,549
2006	22	622	32,942	12,140	1,019	599	47,344
2007	14	622	31,742	12,161	1,018	466	46,023

Notes: <sup>1</sup> Students who have already completed the VCE successfully in a previous year are excluded, as are students completing at offshore schools.

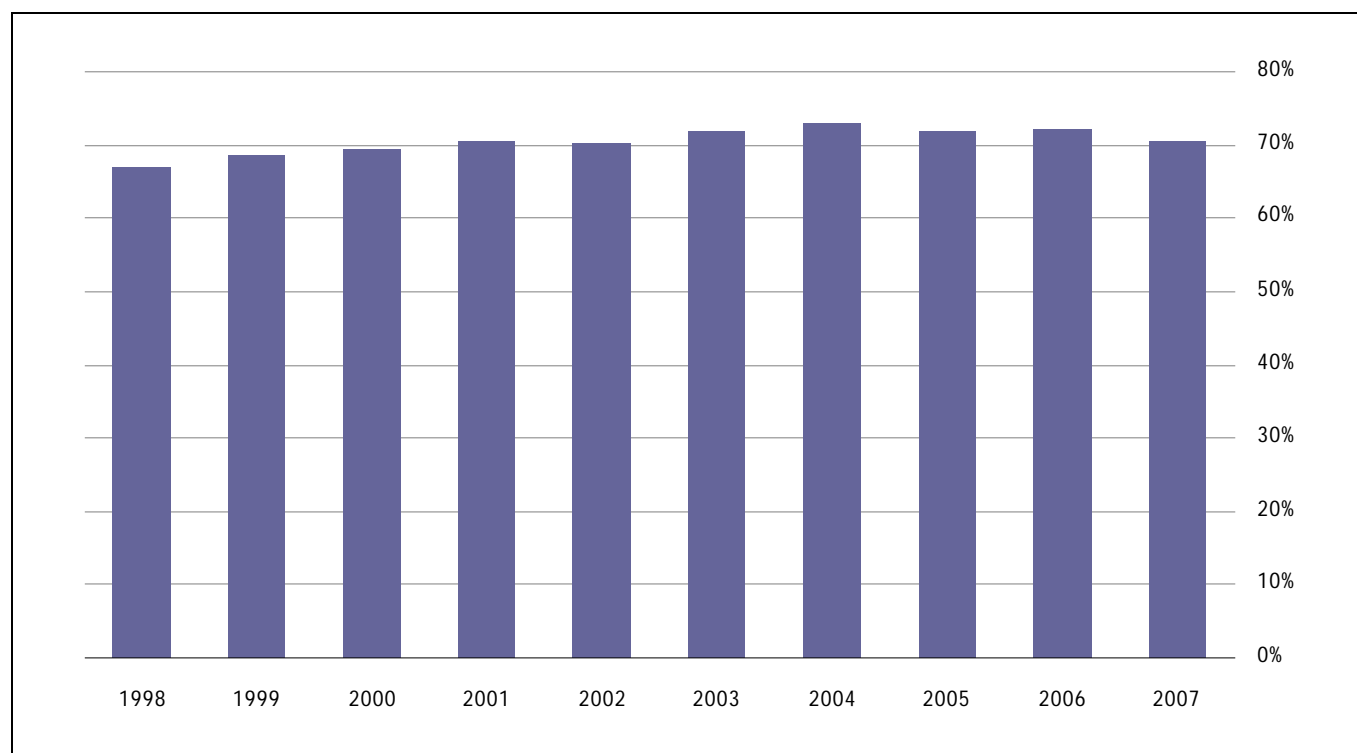
<sup>2</sup> Students who are over 19 years old are adult VCE students.

**TABLE 1.5 VCE COMPLETION RATES FOR 19 YEAR OLDS, 1998–2007**

Year	Number of Persons Aged 19 in Victorian Population <sup>1</sup>	Number of Persons Aged 19 that have completed VCE <sup>2</sup>	Target Population - VCE Completion Rate (Percentage)
1998	62,433	41,768	66.9
1999	61,469	42,110	68.5
2000	62,110	43,039	69.3
2001	62,529	44,010	70.4
2002	63,774	44,796	70.2
2003	64,716	46,404	71.7
2004	65,528	47,733	72.8
2005	65,416	47,039	71.9
2006	65,196	46,958	72.0
2007	65,997	46,543	70.5

Note: <sup>1</sup> Source Australian Bureau of Statistics, revised in 2003.

<sup>2</sup> This includes completions of the VCE from previous years.

**FIGURE 1.1 VCE COMPLETION RATES FOR 19 YEAR OLDS, 1998–2007**

The number of young people aged 19 on 30 June each year who had successfully completed VCE has risen from 41,768 in 1998 to a high of 47,733 in 2004 and has dropped slightly to 46,543 in 2007. The percentage of young people aged 19 on 30 June each year who had successfully completed VCE has risen from 66.9% in 1998 to 70.5% in 2007, which is an increase of 3.6 percentage points. This rate is down 2.3 percentage points from a high of 72.8% in 2004.

## Outcomes of VCE Graded Assessment 2007

### Grades

Students undertaking Units 3 and 4 sequences may participate in graded assessment. The outcomes of each graded assessment are shown in Section 3. In summary, the most awarded grade in 2007 was an A. The median grade was a B, with 59.9% of grades at a B or higher.

**TABLE 1.6 AGGREGATE GRADE DISTRIBUTION: ALL GRADED ASSESSMENTS, ALL STUDENTS, 2007**

Grade	UG	E	E+	D	D+	C	C+	B	B+	A	A+	All
N	6,222	11,057	20,232	34,805	54,360	78,413	101,155	111,287	117,657	122,212	105,968	763,368
%	0.8	1.4	2.7	4.6	7.1	10.3	13.3	14.6	15.4	16.0	13.9	100.0

**FIGURE 1.2 GRADE DISTRIBUTION: ALL GRADED ASSESSMENTS, 2007**

