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Section 5

VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING

There were 14,093 enrolments in VCAL certificates in 2007. Students were enrolled with 418 providers. More than two thirds of all VCAL certificate enrolments (68.3%) were in government schools.

TABLE 5.1 NUMBERS OF SCHOOLS PROVIDING VCAL AND VCAL CERTIFICATE ENROLMENTS BY SECTOR, 2007

	Schools	VCAL Certificate Enrolments
Government	283	9,620
Catholic	69	1,555
Independent	19	587
Adult	47	2,331
Total	418	14,093

With respect to the level of certificates studied (see Table 5.2) 30.1% of VCAL students were enrolled in foundation and 48.4% in intermediate level certificates. Senior and senior extension enrolments comprised 21.5% of enrolments.

TABLE 5.2 VCAL ENROLMENTS BY CERTIFICATE, GENDER AND LEVEL, 2007

Level	Title	Gender		
		Female	Male	All
Foundation	VCAL (Foundation)	1,617	2,624	4,241
	Foundation Total	1,617	2,624	4,241
Intermediate	Electrotechnology (Intermediate)		14	14
	Hospitality (Intermediate)	7	6	13
	VCAL (Intermediate)	2,671	4,108	6,779
	Air Conditioning Service Technician (Int)		12	12
	Intermediate Total	2,678	4,140	6,818
Senior	VCAL (Senior)	1,210	1,638	2,848
	Senior Total	1,210	1,638	2,848
	Senior Extension (Folio Enhancement)	128	58	186
	Senior and Senior Extension Total	1,338	1,696	3,034
ALL		5,633	8,460	14,093

Gender

About three in five VCAL student enrolments in 2007 were male (60%).

Unit Enrolments and Completions

In 2007 there were 64,198 VCAL unit enrolments in total. (See table 5.3)

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 from 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 (33.2%) and VCAL Work Related Skills units (32.7%) accounted for the majority of enrolments in VCAL units.

Overall 78.7% of VCAL units were satisfactorily completed. Males (79.2%) and females (77.7%) had very similar completion rates across all units, with males completing at a slightly higher rate overall. Literacy Skills units averaged 78.0% completion, with females completing at a lower rate (76.9%) than males (78.6%). Numeracy skills units were completed at a rate of 74.9% with a lower completion rate for females (73.5%) than for males (75.8%). Personal Development units completion rate was 79.5% overall, with a lower completion rate for females (78.9%) than for males (79.8%). The Work Related Skills units completion rate was 79.3% overall, again a lower rate for females (78.2%) than for males (80.0%).

TABLE 5.3 VCAL UNIT COMPLETIONS BY GENDER AND LEVEL, 2007

DESCRIPTION	Female			Male			All		
	S	Total	% S	S	Total	% S	S	Total	% S
Advanced Numeracy Skills (S)	53	62	85.5	109	124	87.9	162	186	87.1
Advanced Study Skills (SE)	100	125	80.0	46	58	79.3	146	183	79.8
Folio Enhancement and Presentation (SE)	103	124	83.1	51	58	87.9	154	182	84.6
Literacy Skills Oral communication (F)	414	610	67.9	809	1,172	69.0	1,223	1,782	68.6
Literacy Skills Reading and Writing (F)	425	650	65.4	834	1,264	66.0	1,259	1,914	65.8
Literacy Skills Oral Communication (I)	935	1,206	77.5	1,759	2,162	81.4	2,694	3,368	80.0
Literacy Skills Reading and Writing (I)	971	1,259	77.1	1,814	2,260	80.3	2,785	3,519	79.1
Literacy Skills Oral Communication (S)	662	781	84.8	1,000	1,159	86.3	1,662	1,940	85.7
Literacy Skills Reading and Writing (S)	738	882	83.7	1,094	1,280	85.5	1,832	2,162	84.7
Numeracy Skills (F)	429	664	64.6	874	1,292	67.6	1,303	1,956	66.6
Numeracy Skills (I)	824	1,111	74.2	1,457	1,866	78.1	2,281	2,977	76.6
Numeracy Skills (S)	506	617	82.0	752	911	82.5	1,258	1,528	82.3
Pathways Planning (SE)	101	124	81.5	49	58	84.5	150	182	82.4
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (F)	848	1,145	74.1	1,550	2,029	76.4	2,398	3,174	75.6
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (I)	1,687	2,044	82.5	3,063	3,715	82.4	4,750	5,759	82.5
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (S)	970	1,132	85.7	1,350	1,541	87.6	2,320	2,673	86.8
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (F)	640	958	66.8	1,117	1,617	69.1	1,757	2,575	68.2
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (I)	1,398	1,795	77.9	2,361	2,988	79.0	3,759	4,783	78.6
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (S)	799	969	82.5	1,148	1,377	83.4	1,947	2,346	83.0
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (F)	934	1,266	73.8	1,689	2,176	77.6	2,623	3,442	76.2
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (I)	1,624	2,017	80.5	2,709	3,256	83.2	4,333	5,273	82.2
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (S)	823	962	85.6	1,127	1,307	86.2	1,950	2,269	85.9
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (F)	647	978	66.2	1,246	1,765	70.6	1,893	2,743	69.0
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (I)	1,564	1,997	78.3	2,485	3,112	79.9	4,049	5,109	79.3
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (S)	776	923	84.1	1,041	1,250	83.3	1,817	2,173	83.6
Grand Total	18,971	24,401	77.7	31,534	39,797	79.2	50,505	64,198	78.7

Notes: F Foundation, I Intermediate, S Senior, SE Senior Extension

Students formally withdrawing from Units have been excluded from the above table.

Certificate Completions

There were 6,975 VCAL certificate completions (69.4%) out of 10,055 enrolments which were eligible to complete in 2007 (See Table 5.4). 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, would meet 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.

Of those students eligible to complete, the completion rates for male and female students were 69.3% and 69.4% respectively.

TABLE 5.4 VCAL CERTIFICATE COMPLETIONS BY GENDER AND LEVEL, 2007

Level	Completed	Eligible to Complete	% Completed
Female			
Foundation	539	904	59.6
Intermediate	1,170	1,742	67.2
Senior and Senior Extension	947	1,181	80.2
Total	2,656	3,827	69.4
Male			
Foundation	841	1,471	57.2
Intermediate	2,211	3,220	68.7
Senior and Senior Extension	1,267	1,537	82.4
Total	4,319	6,228	69.3
All			
Foundation	1,380	2,375	58.1
Intermediate	3,381	4,962	68.1
Senior and Senior Extension	2,214	2,718	81.5
Total	6,975	10,055	69.4

TABLE 5.5 PERCENTAGE OF VCAL CERTIFICATE COMPLETIONS BY GENDER, 2007

Of those students who completed a VCAL certificate, 61.9% were male and 38.1% were female.

Level	%Completed
Female	
Foundation	39.1
Intermediate	34.6
Senior and Senior Extension	42.8
Total	38.1
Male	
Foundation	60.9
Intermediate	65.4
Senior and Senior Extension	57.2
Total	61.9