

Performance of NSW VET programs: monthly report

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About this Report

This is a monthly report on the performance of NSW vocational education and training (VET) programs and follows the introduction of the NSW Government's Smart and Skilled reform in January 2015. The Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development publishes this report regularly in line with the NSW Government's commitment to transparency.

The completeness of the report's data and information will improve over time as training providers adjust to new reporting requirements.

When interpreting the report's data care must be taken because:

- There are overlaps between different data sets (e.g. apprenticeship data appears in both the Apprenticeship and Traineeship section, and in the Smart and Skilled section (please see contents for page locations).
- Data may have breaks or adjustments in the time series.
- Some data relates to the year to date (YTD) and previous YTD, but other data may relate to a calendar or financial year.

The Glossary explains terms the report uses and a map of training regions please see the table of contents for its location.

The National VET Activity Data section replicates tables from two key national collections of VET data compiled by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) that show the number of NSW Government-funded enrolments and the total VET activity in the state.

National VET activity data

The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) is responsible for collecting, managing, analysing, evaluating and communicating research and statistics about vocational education and training (VET) nationally on behalf of the Commonwealth and state and territory ministers responsible for VET.

VET activity data from NCVER

Sources:

- NCVER, VOCSTATS, Government-funded students and courses, accessed in June 2016.
- NCVER, 2015, Australian vocational education and training statistics: Total VET students and courses 2014, Adelaide.

Enrolments by qualification level

NSW Government-funded enrolments

Table 1 NSW Government-funded enrolments by qualification level (calendar year)¹

Qualification level	2015	2014	2013	2012
Diploma and above	24,849	39,927	42,046	52,105
Certificate IV	43,066	64,016	67,510	76,437
Certificate III	131,630	158,419	166,400	161,904
Certificate II	87,652	111,154	119,543	130,518
Certificate I	18,442	24,656	24,063	29,854
Non-AQF qualification	47,286	63,622	75,917	88,332
Total	352,925	461,794	495,479	539,150

¹ Government-funded activity is classified as 'NSW' by the funding body.

Total NSW VET Activity

Total NSW VET activity is an estimate of all accredited VET training activity in NSW in 2014 – it includes government-subsidised training and fee-for-service training. NCVET commented that the publication of this data for the first time in 2015 was affected by incompleteness because 2014 was a transition year.

Source: NCVET

Table 2 Total NSW VET activity by qualification level (2014 and 2015 calendar year)¹

Qualification level	2015	2014
Diploma and above	256,019	182,737
Certificate IV	150,813	152,322
Certificate III	231,644	245,201
Certificate II	173,367	204,573
Certificate I	37,681	34,025
Non-AQF qualification	170,539	190,836
Total	1,020,063	1,009,694

¹ Total VET activity is classified as 'NSW' by delivery location.

Performance of NSW VET programs

Aboriginal programs and services

Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program

The Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program provides funding on a financial year basis to organisations to support Aboriginal education, employment and training by:

- subsidising the salary, development and support costs of Aboriginal employees in a public service agency or local council
- funding innovative community projects
- supporting work experience for Aboriginal students in their final year of a degree or post-degree course.

Table 3 NSW Government-sector positions funded by the Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program by financial year

Position funded	2015–16 ¹	2014–15
Graduate position	-	3
Permanent position	-	6
School-based position	117	97
Temporary position	-	17
Total	117	123

Table 4 Partnerships funded by the Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program by financial year

Position funded	2015–16 ¹	2014–15
Partnerships	2	...

¹ The period covered is from 1 July 2015 to 31 May 2016.

Aboriginal programs and services

Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer Program

The Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer (AEDO) Program is a free program for Aboriginal people considering starting up their own business or expanding their current business.

Table 5 Outcomes for the Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer Program by financial year

	2015–16 ¹	2014–15
AEDO projects funded	7	7
AEDO new businesses established	45	42
Aboriginal employment positions created	49	50

¹ The period covered is from 1 July 2015 to 31 May 2016.

New Careers for Aboriginal People Program

The New Careers for Aboriginal People (NCAP) Program is a free program for Aboriginal people seeking employment and training advisory support services.

Table 6 Outcomes for the New Careers for Aboriginal People Program by financial year

	2015–16 ¹	2014–15
NCAP projects funded ²	13	13
NCAP employment outcomes ³	824	950
NCAP training outcomes ⁴	1,055	1,121

¹ The period covered is from 1 July 2015 to 31 May 2016.

² Refers to not-for-profit, community-owned organisations that deliver the NCAP Program.

³ Number of individuals placed in employment and still in employment after three months.

⁴ Number of individuals who have completed an accredited training course or qualification.

The Way Ahead for Aboriginal People Program

The Way Ahead for Aboriginal People Program provides mentoring services for Aboriginal apprentices and trainees who need additional support in the workplace. Mentors are chosen because of their experience and acceptance within Aboriginal communities.

Source: NSW Department of Industry.

Table 7 Outcomes for The Way Ahead for Aboriginal People Program by financial year

	2015–16 ¹	2014–15
Apprentices mentored	189	131
Trainees mentored	686	262
School-based apprentices or trainees mentored	277	214
Total	1,152	607

¹ The period covered is from 1 July 2015 to 31 May 2016.

Adult and Community Education programs

Adult and Community Education (ACE) training providers are not-for-profit, community-owned organisations with a primary focus on adult education. The ACE sector delivers courses relating to leisure, personal and community development, employment skills, preparation for VET and nationally recognised programs of study.

ACE data is collected quarterly and the most recent data available is the period January to March 2016.

Source: NSW Department of Industry's On Line Validation System (OLiV).

Qualification enrolments by funding source

By commencements, continuing enrolments and completions

Table 8 Commencing, continuing and completed enrolments in qualifications by funding source

Funding source	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Community service obligation (Smart and Skilled) ¹	1,056	196	43
Other government funding ² excluding Smart and Skilled ¹	1,205	664	374
Fee for service ¹	357	116	33
Total	2,618	976	450

¹ Includes part qualifications.

² Includes funding from the NSW Government and the Australian Government.

By number of students

Table 9 Number of students who commenced, continued and/or completed their enrolment in a qualification by funding source (1 January to 31 March 2016)

Funding source ¹	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Community service obligation (Smart and Skilled) ²	911	194	43
Other government funding excluding Smart and Skilled ²	1,163	594	314
Fee for service ²	325	106	32

¹ As a student may fall into one or more funding group this table does not include totals.

² Includes part qualifications.

Adult and Community Education programs

Subject-only enrolments by funding source

nationally approved with vocational intent (i.e. supporting employment outcomes), with no more than 20 per cent in non-accredited courses.

By commencements, continuing enrolments and completions

Table 10 Commencements, continuing enrolments and completions for subjects-only enrolments by funding source (1 January to 31 March 2016)

Funding source	Commencements	Continuing	Completions ¹
Community service obligation (Smart and Skilled)	10,335	111	3,756
Other government funding ² excluding Smart and Skilled	3,732	44	3,082
Fee for service	10,878	116	9,867
Total	24,945	271	16,705

¹ Completion is where an enrolled student either:
 - achieved competency achieved/passed
 - was granted recognition of prior learning
 - was deemed to have satisfactorily completed a non-assessable enrolment

² A subset of 'other government-funded activity' is the Tech Savvy Seniors Program which contributes to the NSW Ageing Strategy. In the

By number of students

Table 11 Number of students who commenced, continued and/or completed subject-only enrolments by funding source

Funding source ¹	Commencements	Continuing	Completions ²
Community service obligation (Smart and Skilled)	2,600	16	1,627
Other government funding ³ excluding Smart and Skilled	2,040	28	1,878
Fee for service	8,633	29	8,273

¹ As a student may fall into one or more funding group this table does not include totals.

² Completion is where an enrolled student either:
 - achieved competency achieved/passed
 - was granted recognition of prior learning
 - was deemed to have satisfactorily completed a non-assessable enrolment

³ A subset of 'other government-funded activity' is the Tech Savvy Seniors Program which contributes to the NSW Ageing Strategy. In the reported period, there were 1,933 individual students enrolled in 6,096 subject-only enrolments.

Adult and Community Education programs

Community service obligations funded enrolments in qualifications

By region

Table 12 Commencing, continuing and completed community service obligations (CSO) funded enrolments in qualifications by region

Region ¹	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Capital Region	26	6	6
Central Coast	2	11	-
Central West	6	-	-
Coffs Harbour–Grafton	113	3	2
Far West and Orana	210	-	1
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	27	8	10
Illawarra	24	-	-
Mid North Coast	49	14	-
Murray	7	2	-
New England and North West	81	7	1
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	1	1	1
Richmond–Tweed	322	-	15
Riverina	37	67	5
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	18	6	-
Sydney	124	68	-
Unknown ²	9	3	2
Total	1,056	196	43

¹ For the area a region covers see Figure 10 on page 39.

² The postcode of a student's home address was not recorded.

By disadvantaged student group

Table 13 Commencing, continuing and completed CSO-funded enrolments in qualifications by disadvantaged student group

Disadvantaged student group ¹	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders	279	15	3
Students with disabilities	285	55	8
Students living in a regional area	395	37	18
Students living in a remote area	511	84	21

¹ As a student may fall into one or more group this table does not include totals.

Adult and Community Education programs

CSO-funded students doing qualifications

By region

Table 14 Number of CSO-funded students who commenced, continued and/or completed qualifications by region

Region ¹	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Capital Region	26	6	6
Central Coast	2	11	-
Central West	6	-	-
Coffs Harbour–Grafton	86	3	2
Far West and Orana	150	-	1
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	27	8	10
Illawarra	18	-	-
Mid North Coast	49	14	-
Murray	7	2	-
New England and North West	52	7	1
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	1	1	1
Richmond–Tweed	299	-	15
Riverina	37	67	5
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	18	4	-
Sydney	124	68	-
Unknown ²	9	3	2
Total	911	194	43

¹ For the area a region covers see Figure 10 on page 39.

² The postcode of a student's home address was not recorded.

By disadvantaged student group

Table 15 Number of CSO-funded students who commenced, continued and/or completed qualifications by disadvantaged student group

Disadvantaged student group ¹	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders	187	15	3
Students with disabilities	221	54	8
Students living in a regional area	372	35	18
Students living in a remote area	395	84	21

¹ As a student may fall into one or more group this table does not include totals.

Adult and Community Education programs

CSO-funded subject-only enrolments

By region

Table 16 Commencing, continuing and completed CSO-funded enrolments for subjects only by region (1 January to 31 March 2016)

Region ¹	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Capital Region	31	1	31
Central Coast	1,024	56	314
Central West	839	43	449
Coffs Harbour–Grafton	344	-	226
Far West and Orana	564	-	150
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	344	-	127
Illawarra	484	-	93
Mid North Coast	1,004	2	586
Murray	26	-	26
New England and North West	595	-	306
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	421	-	156
Richmond–Tweed	737	6	310
Riverina	1,041	3	148
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	350	-	76
Sydney	2,466	-	714
Unknown ²	65	-	44
Total	10,335	111	3,756

¹ For the area a region covers see Figure 10 on page 39.

² The postcode of a student's home address was not recorded.

By disadvantaged student group

Table 17 Number of CSO-funded students who commenced, continued and/or completed enrolments in subjects only by disadvantaged student group (1 January to

Disadvantaged student group ¹	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders	2,066	20	582
Students with disabilities	2,419	23	697
Students living in a regional area	2,817	5	1,232
Students living in a remote area	3,755	50	1,473

¹ As a student may fall into one or more group this table does not include totals.

Adult and Community Education programs

CSO-funded students doing subjects only

By region

Table 18 Number of CSO-funded students who commenced, continued and/or completed enrolments in subjects only by region

Region ¹	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Capital Region	23	1	23
Central Coast	117	4	63
Central West	240	8	230
Coffs Harbour–Grafton	167	-	125
Far West and Orana	183	-	84
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	67	-	43
Illawarra	82	-	47
Mid North Coast	266	1	207
Murray	8	-	8
New England and North West	281	-	176
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	67	-	50
Richmond–Tweed	320	1	224
Riverina	183	1	55
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	62	-	21
Sydney	517	-	257
Unknown ²	17	-	14
Total	2,600	16	1,627

¹ For the area a region covers see Figure 10 on page 39.

² The postcode of a student's home address was not recorded.

By disadvantaged student group

Table 19 Number of CSO-funded students who commenced, continued and/or completed enrolments in subjects only by disadvantaged student group (1 January to

Disadvantaged student group ¹	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders	588	3	262
Students with disabilities	587	5	310
Students living in a regional area	742	2	513
Students living in a remote area	1,176	10	755

¹ As a student may fall into one or more group this table does not include totals.

Apprenticeships and traineeships

Source: The NSW Department of Industry's Integrated Vocational Education and Training System (IVETS).

Training contract approvals for apprenticeships and traineeships

By training provider type

Table 20 Training contract approvals by training provider type
(YTD: 1 January to 31 March 2016; previous YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2015; and 2015 calendar year)

Training provider type	YTD	Previous YTD	2015
Private training provider	12,062	9,498	22,583
TAFE NSW	12,385	12,229	20,366
Unknown ¹	-	-	3
Total	24,447	21,727	42,952

¹ Interstate public training providers who have training contracts with NSW-based apprentices.

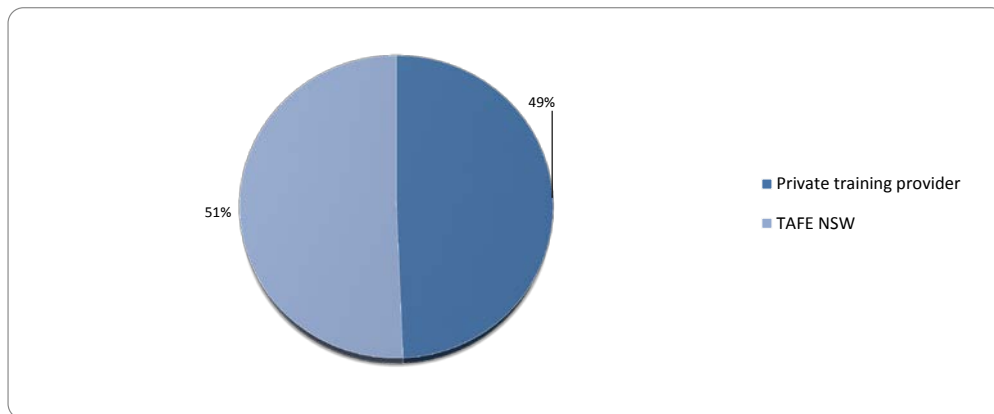


Figure 1 Training contract approval by training provider type (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

Apprenticeships and traineeships

By student type

Table 21 Training contract approvals by student type
(YTD: 1 January to 31 March 2016; previous YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2015; and 2015 calendar year)

Student type	YTD	Previous YTD	2015
Apprentice	11,937	10,913	18,614
New entrant trainee	11,873	9,566	22,011
Existing worker trainee	637	1,248	2,327
Total	24,447	21,727	42,952

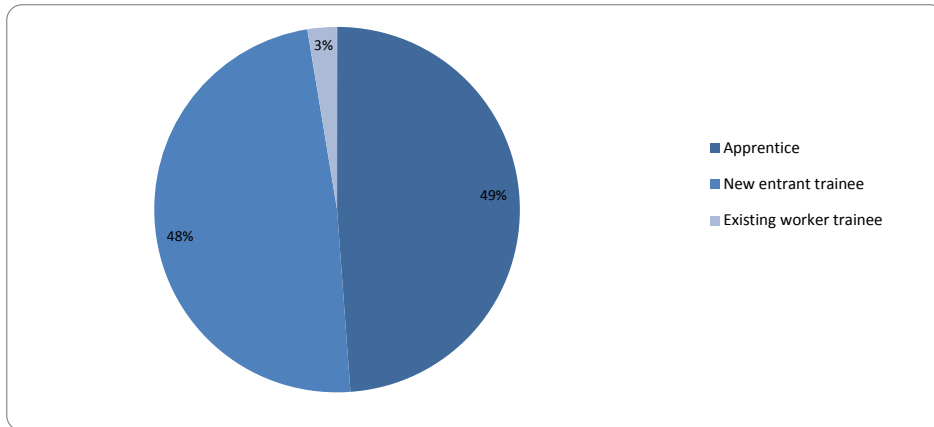


Figure 2 Training contract approvals by student type (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

By disadvantaged student group

Table 22 Training contract approvals by disadvantaged student group
(YTD: 1 January to 31 March 2016; previous YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2015; and 2015 calendar year)

Disadvantaged student group ¹	YTD	Previous YTD	2015
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders	1,352	1,457	2,731
Students with disabilities	636	491	1,035
Students living in a regional area	5,040	4,209	8,235
Students living in a remote area	4,987	4,791	8,977
Women in non-traditional trades	495	483	933

¹ As a student may fall into one or more group this table does not include totals. Also, data is not collected about individuals on a training contract who hold a humanitarian visa or are long-term unemployed.

Apprenticeships and traineeships

By month (for previous 18 months)

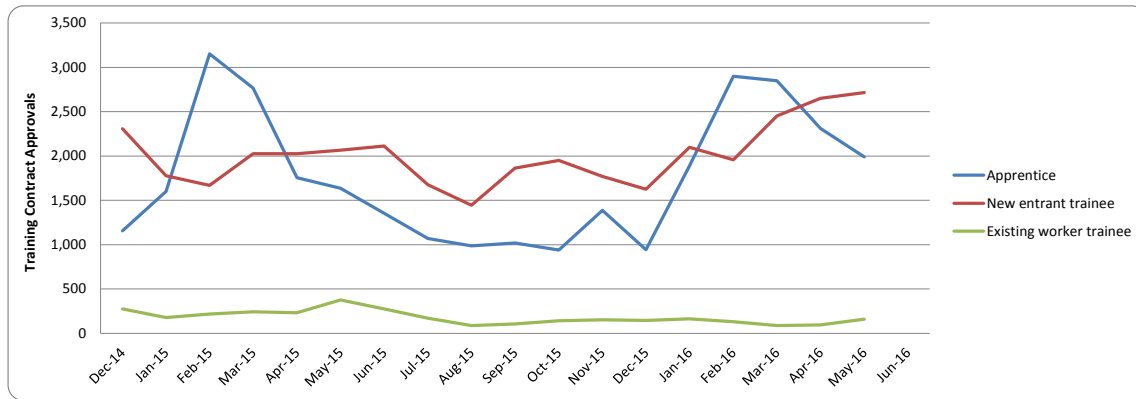


Figure 3 Training contract approvals by month (for previous 18 months)

By region

Table 23 Training contract approvals by region
(YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016; previous YTD: 1 January to 31 March 2015; and 2015 calendar year)

Region ¹	YTD	Approvals as % of a region's population (YTD)	Previous YTD	2015
Capital Region	821	0.40%	719	1,416
Central Coast	975	0.31%	696	1,612
Central West	762	0.39%	717	1,266
Coffs Harbour–Grafton	433	0.33%	409	777
Far West and Orana	457	0.40%	520	1,025
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	966	0.40%	848	1,593
Illawarra	1,030	0.37%	966	1,744
Mid North Coast	606	0.30%	683	1,246
Murray	466	0.42%	401	759
New England and North West	791	0.45%	674	1,246
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	1,432	0.42%	1,123	2,241
Richmond–Tweed	681	0.30%	636	1,239
Riverina	793	0.53%	734	1,455
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	508	0.37%	521	976
Sydney	13,413	0.31%	11,795	23,480
Unknown ²	313	N/A	285	877
Total	24,447	0.34%	21,727	42,952

¹ For the area a region covers see Figure 10 on page 39.

² Not enough data to map training location to a NSW region.

Apprenticeships and traineeships

Top five Apprenticeships and Traineeships by training contract approvals

Top five Apprenticeships for year to date

Table 24 Top five apprenticeship by qualification (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

Apprenticeship qualification	YTD
Carpentry Certificate III	1,638
Electrotechnology - Electrician Certificate III	1,636
Plumbing Certificate III	963
Automotive - Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology Certificate III	819
Hospitality - Commercial Cookery Certificate III	660

Top five Apprenticeships for previous year to date

Table 25 Top five apprenticeship by qualification (previous YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2015)

Apprenticeship qualification	Previous YTD
Electrotechnology - Electrician Certificate III	1,482
Carpentry Certificate III	1,424
Plumbing Certificate III	878
Automotive - Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology Certificate III	815
Hospitality - Commercial Cookery Certificate III	648

Top five Traineeships for year to date

Table 26 Top five traineeships by qualification (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

Traineeship qualification	YTD
Community Services - Early Childhood Education and Care Certificate III	1,521
Hospitality Certificate III	958
Retail - Retail Operations Certificate III	691
Transport and Logistics - Driving Operations Certificate III	443
Business Services - Customer Engagement Certificate III	427

Apprenticeships and traineeships

Top five traineeships for previous year to date

Table 27 Top five traineeships by qualification (previous YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2015)

Traineeship qualification	Previous YTD
Community Services - Early Childhood Education and Care Certificate III	1,093
Hospitality Certificate III	1,075
Retail - Retail Operations Certificate III	621
Transport and Logistics - Warehousing Operations Certificate III	461
Business Services - Business Administration Certificate III	412

Apprentices and trainees in training

Table 28 Number of apprentices and trainees in training (as at 31 May 2016)

Student type	Number
Apprentices	52,618
Existing worker trainees	3,920
New entrant trainees	30,500
Total	87,038

Training contract completion rates for Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Table 29 Contract completion rates for apprenticeships and traineeships (calendar years 2014 and 2015)

Contract type	2015 (%)	2014 (%)
Apprenticeship	57	57
Traineeship	64	66
Total	59.6	64.0

Apprenticeships and traineeships

Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarships

The Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarships assist apprentices in NSW who have demonstrated:

- hardship in their personal circumstances
- an aptitude for VET that will lead them to complete their trade training successfully
- a positive attitude and application in the workplace and in off-the-job training.

Source: NSW Department of Industry

Table 30 Number of students receiving a Bert Evans Scholarship (calendar years 2014 and 2015)

	2015	2014
Scholarships awarded	50	101

Smart and Skilled Program

Smart and Skilled is the NSW Government's initiative to create a successful contestable VET market in NSW, and achieve the goals of VET reform and the skill priorities of NSW.

Smart and Skilled divides subsidised training into two broad categories known as 'program streams'— these are Entitlement and Targeted Priorities.

The Entitlement program stream encourages individuals to gain a post-school qualification at the Certificate I, II or III level and includes apprenticeships and traineeships (which may be at the Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level). The Targeted Priorities program stream encourages individuals to gain a post-school qualification at the Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level.

Each program stream contains several 'programs'. The Entitlement program stream contains the:

- Entitlement Foundation Skills Program
- Entitlement Full Qualifications Program
- Entitlement Apprenticeships and Traineeships Program.

The Targeted Priorities program stream contains the:

- Targeted Priorities Full Qualifications Program
- Targeted Priorities Prevocational and Part Qualification Program.

A student may participate in more than one Smart and Skilled program, training provider or region.

Smart and Skilled commenced on 1 January 2015. Please consider this when comparing 2015 YTD and 2016 YTD data.

Source: IVETS

Enrolments

By Smart and Skilled program

Table 31 Commencing, continuing and completed enrolments by Smart and Skilled program (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016; previous YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2015; and 2015 calendar year)

Smart and Skilled program	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Entitlement – Apprenticeships	10,589	11,186	164
Entitlement – Traineeships	8,808	5,721	2,048
Entitlement Foundation Skills	6,755	710	323
Entitlement Full Qualifications	34,312	10,690	4,641
Other (Full Qualifications) ¹	8	-	-
Targeted Priorities (TP) Full Qualifications	5,268	979	524
TP Prevocational and Part Qualifications –Pre-apprenticeship ²	390	49	17
TP Prevocational and Part Qualifications –Pre-traineeship ³	1,488	243	357
TP Prevocational and Part Qualifications – Prevocational ³	290	13	42
TP Prevocational and Part Qualifications – Targeted Skills ⁴	9,482	958	1,496
Total	77,390	30,549	9,612

¹The training falls under an existing Smart and Skilled program but could not be processed with the standard method.

²Part qualifications that assist individuals to gain an apprenticeship or traineeship.

³Part or full qualifications that assist individuals to gain employment or enrol in further education.

⁴Part qualifications for priority groups and industries to assist individuals to upgrade their training and/or learn new skills for employment.

Smart and Skilled Program

By disadvantaged student group

Table 32 Commencing, continuing and completed enrolments by disadvantaged student group (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

Disadvantaged student group ¹	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders	7,990	3,323	813
Students with disabilities	6,528	1,888	692
Humanitarian visa holders	234	47	18
Long-term unemployed	3,973	1,338	658
Students living in a regional area	16,267	6,871	1,974
Students living in a remote area	17,515	6,904	1,877

¹As a student may fall into one or more group this table does not include totals.

By region

Table 33 Commencing, continuing and completed enrolments by region (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

Region ¹	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Capital Region	1,912	675	410
Central Coast	3,460	1,541	527
Central West	4,291	1,093	422
Coffs Harbour–Grafton	2,144	1,102	198
Far West and Orana	2,233	658	200
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	3,449	1,664	404
Illawarra	3,665	1,208	627
Mid North Coast	2,996	1,459	320
Murray	855	288	63
New England and North West	3,270	1,490	275
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	5,777	2,616	629
Richmond–Tweed	3,803	1,528	312
Riverina	2,484	941	291
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	1,298	647	205
Sydney	35,753	13,639	4,729
Total	77,390	30,549	9,612

¹For the area a region covers see Figure 10 on page 39.

Smart and Skilled Program

By training provider type

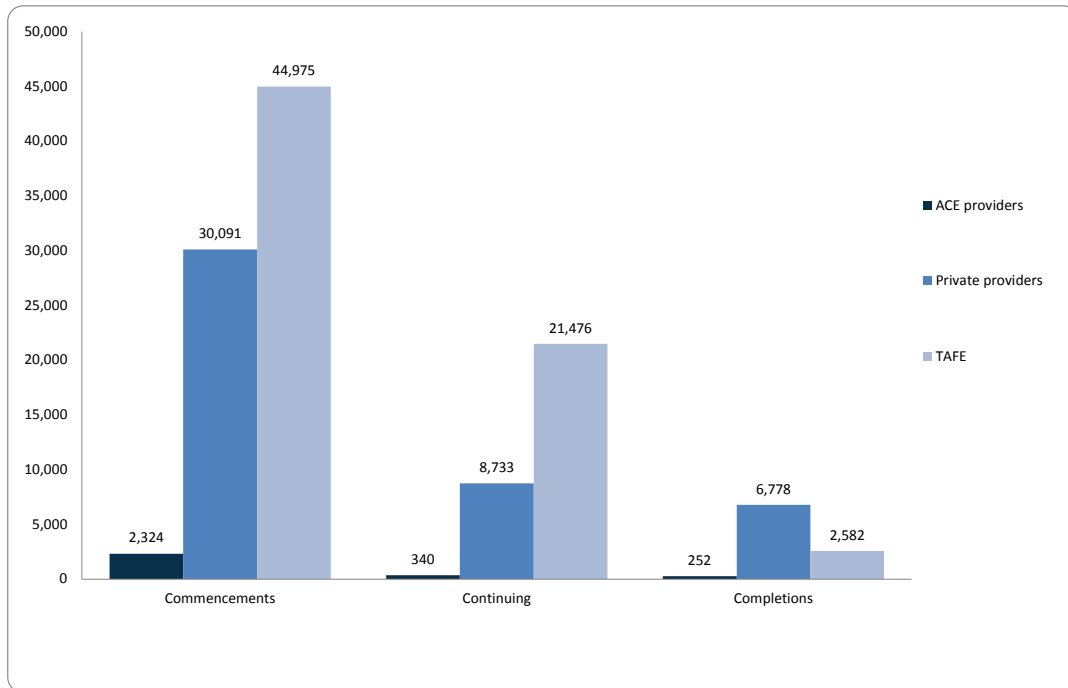


Figure 4 Commencing, continuing and completed enrolments by training provider type (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

Smart and Skilled Program

Students

A student may participate in more than one Smart and Skilled program, training provider or region.

By Smart and Skilled program

Table 34 Number of students who commenced, continued and/or completed a qualification or accredited course under a Smart and Skilled program (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

Smart and Skilled program	Commencements	Continuing	Completions
Entitlement – Apprenticeships	10,575	11,153	164
Entitlement – Traineeships	8,787	5,701	2,048
Entitlement Foundation Skills	6,579	698	323
Entitlement Full Qualifications	33,363	10,540	4,598
Other (Full Qualifications) 1	8	-	-
Targeted Priorities (TP) Full Qualifications	5,177	978	516
TP Prevocational and Part Qualifications – Part Qualifications Pre-apprenticeship ²	389	49	17
TP Prevocational and Part Qualifications – Part Qualifications Pre-traineeship ²	1,464	243	347
TP Prevocational and Part Qualifications – Part Qualifications Prevocational ³	270	13	42
TP Prevocational and Part Qualifications – Targeted Skills ⁴	8,798	903	1,427
Overall unique student number⁵	73,892	30,157	9,364

¹The training falls under an existing Smart and Skilled program but could not be processed with the standard method.

²Part qualifications that assist individuals to gain an apprenticeship or traineeship.

³Part or full qualifications that assist individuals to gain employment or enrol in further education.

⁴Part qualifications for priority groups and industries to assist individuals to upgrade their training and/or learn new skills for employment.

⁵The overall unique student number is not a total.

By region

Table 35 Number of students who commenced, continued and/or completed a qualification or accredited course under a Smart and Skilled program by region (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

Region ¹	Commencements	Commence-ments as % of a region's population	Continuing	Completions
Capital Region	1,814	0.87%	673	400
Central Coast	3,396	1.09%	1,527	523
Central West	3,958	2.01%	1,087	411
Coffs Harbour–Grafton	2,081	1.59%	1,080	198
Far West and Orana	2,100	1.85%	644	198
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	3,322	1.37%	1,629	392
Illawarra	3,459	1.25%	1,203	607
Mid North Coast	2,832	1.41%	1,432	320
Murray	838	0.76%	287	60
New England and North West	3,065	1.74%	1,471	272

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Region ¹	Commencements	Commence-ments as % of a region's population	Continuing	Completions
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	5,582	1.63%	2,586	607
Richmond–Tweed	3,440	1.51%	1,492	312
Riverina	2,430	1.62%	937	281
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	1,260	0.92%	639	205
Sydney	34,800	0.79%	13,555	4,624

¹For the area a region covers see Figure 10 on page 39.
²The overall unique student number is not the same as a total.

By training provider type

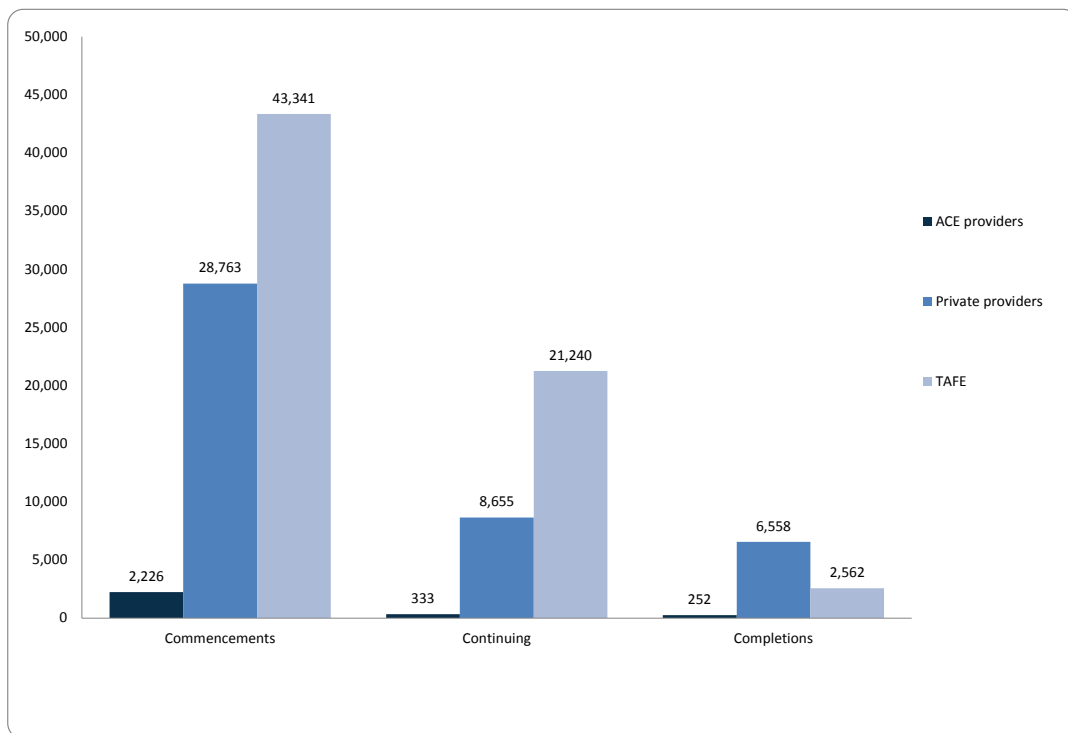


Figure 5 Number of students who commenced, continued and/or completed a qualification or accredited course by training provider type (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

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Smart and Skilled training providers

A 'Smart and Skilled training provider' means a registered training organisation the NSW Department of Industry has contracted to offer government-subsidised training under Smart and Skilled.

By Smart and Skilled programs with regional approvals

Table 36 Number of Smart and Skilled training providers with regional training delivery approvals by Smart and Skilled program (as at 31 May 2016)

Region ¹	No. of training providers approved for the Entitlement Full Qualifications Program	No. of training providers approved for the Targeted Priorities Full Qualification Program
Capital Region	49	42
Central Coast	56	52
Central West	47	31
Coffs Harbour–Grafton	38	22
Far West and Orana	37	21
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	52	43
Illawarra	65	53
Mid North Coast	40	27
Murray	24	13
New England and North West	53	35
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	81	59
Richmond–Tweed	50	38
Riverina	42	35
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	46	32
Sydney	267	258

¹For the area a region covers see Figure 10 on page 39.

By Smart and Skilled programs with state wide approvals

Table 37 Number of Smart and Skilled training providers with state wide training delivery approvals by Smart and Skilled program (as at 31 May 2016)

Smart and Skilled program	Training providers
Entitlement Apprenticeships and Traineeships	408
Entitlement Foundation Skills	44

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Top 10 qualifications

By commencements

Table 38 Top 10 qualifications by commencements (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

Qualification	Commencements
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	4,157
Certificate III in Individual Support	3,701
Certificate III in Business Administration	2,994
Certificate III in Hospitality	1,970
Certificate III in Carpentry	1,679
Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	1,381
Certificate III in Retail Operations	1,203
Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology	1,085
Certificate II in Business	989
Certificate III in Commercial Cookery	979

By continuing enrolments

Table 39 Top 10 qualifications by continuing enrolments (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

Qualification	Continuing
Certificate III in Carpentry	1,717
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	1,682
Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	1,496
Certificate III in Hospitality	1,054
Certificate III in Commercial Cookery	1,041
Certificate III in Plumbing	907
Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology	852
Certificate III in Hairdressing	637
Certificate III in Retail Operations	597
Certificate III in Aged Care	556

By completions

Table 40 Top 10 qualifications by completions (YTD: 1 January to 31 May 2016)

Qualification	Completions
Certificate III in Hospitality	713
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	605
Certificate III in Business Administration	306
Certificate II in Retail Services	298
Certificate III in Aged Care	290
Certificate III in Retail Operations	243
Certificate III in Warehousing Operations	231
Certificate II in Warehousing Operations	172
Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations	170
Certificate II in Driving Operations	154

¹ This qualification (code BSB30415) supersedes and is equivalent to the Certificate III in Business (code BSB30412).

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Fee-Free Scholarships

Fee-Free Scholarships are part of the NSW Government's commitment under the Reskilling NSW strategy. The strategy provides \$48 million over four years for 200,000 Smart and Skilled concession-eligible 15 to 30 year olds. Fee-Free Scholarships are available to eligible students who undertake study with an approved Smart and Skilled training provider for a qualification from certificate level I to IV that is on the NSW Skills List, with priority giving to eligible social housing residents. Fee-Free Scholarships have been available since 1 July 2015.

By region and training provider type

Table 41 Number of Fee-Free Scholarships by region and training provider type (1 July 2015 to 31 May 2016)

Region ¹	Fee-Free Scholarships	Training provider type	
		TAFE NSW	Private training provider
Capital Region	456	328	128
Central Coast	1,066	796	270
Central West	890	812	78
Coffs Harbour–Grafton	786	707	79
Far West and Orana	304	260	44
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	813	544	269
Illawarra	1,143	849	294
Mid North Coast	1,153	1,030	123
Murray	264	199	65
New England and North West	621	559	62
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	1,486	1,160	326
Richmond–Tweed	1,077	913	164
Riverina	566	441	125
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	358	255	103
Sydney	9,270	7,432	1,838
Total	20,253	16,285	3,968

¹For the area a region covers see Figure 10 on page 39.

By region and selected student characteristics

Table 42 Number of Fee-Free Scholarships by region and selected student characteristics (1 July 2015 to 31 May 2016)

Region ¹	Male	Female	Living in	
			social housing	humanitarian visa
Capital Region	152	304	48	1
Central Coast	337	729	93	-
Central West	290	599	74	1
Coffs Harbour–Grafton	322	464	38	12
Far West and Orana	130	174	18	-
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	277	535	60	2
Illawarra	511	632	157	9
Mid North Coast	414	739	34	-
Murray	88	176	38	11
New England and North West	195	426	47	-
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	639	846	167	8
Richmond–Tweed	458	619	31	-
Riverina	154	412	55	-
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	127	231	48	-
Sydney	3,723	5,545	1,076	136
Total	7,817	12,431	1,984	180

¹For the area a region covers see Figure 10 on page 39.

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Table 43 Number of Fee-Free Scholarships by region and age cohort (1 July 2015 to 31 May 2016)

Region ¹	15–19 years	20–24 years	25–30 years
Capital Region	199	166	91
Central Coast	484	351	231
Central West	347	298	245
Coffs Harbour–Grafton	341	247	197
Far West and Orana	120	117	67
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	324	312	177
Illawarra	453	448	241
Mid North Coast	522	375	256
Murray	110	88	66
New England and North West	243	219	159
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	611	512	361
Richmond–Tweed	465	362	250
Riverina	220	205	141
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	138	140	80
Sydney	3,325	3,233	2,706
Total	7,902	7,073	5,268

¹For the area a region covers see Figure 10 on page 39.

Glossary

ACE	Adult and Community Education
Accredited vocational training	Education approved by the Australian Skills Quality Authority.
Active provider	A Smart and Skilled contracted training provider who has delivered training under their Smart and Skilled contract.
Adult and Community Education	A not-for profit, community-owned organisation with a primary focus on adult education. The ACE sector delivers courses relating to leisure, personal and community development, employment skills, preparation for VET and nationally recognised programs of study.
AEDO	Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer Program
Apprentice	An employee who is party to an apprenticeship to learn a trade on-the-job under a qualified tradesperson and off-the-job with a registered training organisation.
Approval (training contract)	The official confirmation by Training Services NSW that an apprenticeship or traineeship has commenced with an employer.
Approved (training provider)	A training provider has been offered and has accepted a Smart and Skilled contract.
Approved qualification	A qualification that a training provider is approved to deliver under Smart and Skilled.
AQF	Australian Quality Framework
ASDB	The NSW Department of Industry's Aboriginal Services Database.
ATSI	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
Australian Quality Framework	Defines the levels and types of qualifications for the non-school educational sector nationally.
Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarships	<p>These scholarships assist apprentices in NSW who have demonstrated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hardship in their personal circumstances • an aptitude for VET that will lead them to complete their trade training successfully • a positive attitude and application in the workplace and in off-the-job training. <p>A maximum of 50 scholarships are awarded annually, including 10 NSW Country Apprentice Scholarships.</p>
Commencement	Occurs when a student begins to participate in training for a qualification or accredited course; or, for a subject-only enrolment, begins to participate in a module or unit of competency that is scheduled to be completed in the current year.
Commitment	Represents a commitment by government to subsidise a training provider for the cost of training an approved prospective student in an approved qualification, accredited course or subject-only enrolment.
Community service obligation (CSO)	A service with an identifiable community or social benefit that cannot be supplied under commercial costs and conditions, and that government subsidises.
Continuing	A student who is continuing training for a qualification or accredited course in a subsequent year to the commencement year and who is still training at the time of this report; or, for a subject-only enrolment, an enrolment in a module or unit of competency that is scheduled to be completed in a future year.
Completion	A student who has successfully completed a qualification or accredited course; or, for a subject-only enrolment, has completed a module or unit of competency.
Completion Rate	
CSO	Community service obligation
Disadvantaged student group	A student who falls into one or more equity categories of: being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, being disabled, being a humanitarian visa holder, being long-term unemployed, or living in a regional or remote area.
Enrolment	The engagement and participation of a student in an approved qualification, accredited course or subject-only training.

Existing worker trainee	A long-term employee (greater than three months full time or 12 months part time) who is party to a traineeship to learn a recognised vocation on-the-job under supervision and off-the-job with a training provider.
Fee for service	A VET qualification or accredited course that is not subsidised by government (a student or their employer pays the full fee for the training).
Fee-Free Scholarships	Part of the NSW Government's commitment under the Reskilling NSW strategy. It provides \$48 million over four years for 200,000 Smart and Skilled concession-eligible 15 to 30 year olds. Scholarships are available to eligible students who undertake study with an approved Smart and Skilled training provider for a qualification from Certificate level I to IV that is on the NSW Skills List, with priority giving to eligible social housing residents.
FY	Financial year
Jobs of Tomorrow Scholarships	Part of the NSW Government's commitment under the Reskilling NSW strategy which provides \$25 million over four years for 25,000 scholarships for students to undertake selected VET qualifications in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). In each calendar year, the first 6,250 eligible students who apply and have their enrolment confirmed will be offered a scholarship.
IVETS	The NSW Department of Industry's Integrated Vocational Education and Training Services database.
NCAP	New Careers for Aboriginal People Program
NCVER	National Centre for Vocational Education Research
New entrant trainee	An employee who is party to a traineeship to learn a recognised vocation on-the-job under supervision and off-the-job with a training provider.
Non-accredited vocational training	Education with a vocational intent that is non-assessable and not recognised under the AQF.
NSW Ageing Strategy	NSW Government commitment to support seniors in the community with a range of programs and initiatives.
OLiV	The NSW Department of Industry's On Line Validation System.
Private training provider	A non-TAFE training provider that is registered with the Australian Skills Quality Authority, and can deliver nationally recognised courses and award AQF VET qualifications.
Qualification	A nationally recognised qualification under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).
Recognition of prior learning	An individual has shown evidence to a training provider that they have acquired a skill or knowledge through their work experience or prior formal training and the training provider has awarded them a part or full qualification without the need for further study.
Region	There are 15 training regions (which are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics SA4 level). See Figure 6 on page 32.
Regional	A classification of a student's residence using the Australian Bureau of Statistics Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia.
Registered training organisation (RTO)	An training provider that is registered with the Australian Skills Quality Authority – which allows them to deliver nationally courses and award AQF VET qualifications.
Remote	A classification of a student's residence using the Australian Bureau of Statistics Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia.
Reskilling NSW strategy	An NSW Government initiative to help individuals get a job by giving them access to VET.
Returned (contract)	A training provider that has chosen to withdraw from its Smart and Skilled contract.
Smart and Skilled	The NSW Government's initiative to create a successful contestable VET market in NSW, and achieve the goals of VET reform and the skill priorities of NSW.
Smart and Skilled program	A subset of Smart and Skilled government-subsidised training with specific characteristics.
Status (training provider)	Indicates whether a Smart and Skilled training provider's contract has been approved, suspended, returned or terminated.
Subject-only enrolment	An enrolment in a module or unit of competency that is not intended to lead to the issue of a qualification or accredited course.

Suspended (training provider)	A training provider's Smart and Skilled contract has been temporarily suspended for one or more breaches of contract conditions.
TAFE NSW	The NSW Government's public training provider of VET in NSW.
Tech Savvy Seniors Program	A joint NSW Government and Telstra initiative that provides grants to ACE providers to deliver training in the use of smart technologies to people over 60 years of age.
Terminated (training provider)	A training provider's Smart and Skilled contract has been terminated for one or more breaches of contract conditions.
Total VET activity	All accredited VET activity from all training providers (unless granted an exemption) in accordance with the National VET Provider Collection Data Requirements Policy.
Trade	The occupation to which an apprenticeship leads.
Training contract	The mutual agreement between an employer and apprentice or trainee.
Training contract type	A training contract can be either an apprenticeship, an existing worker traineeship or a new entrant traineeship.
Training provider	A training provider that is registered with the Australian Skills Quality Authority, and can deliver nationally recognised courses and award AQF VET qualifications.
VET	Vocational education and training
VET FEE-HELP	An Australian Government income-contingent loan scheme for VET students. A loan covers a student's fees. The student is only required to pay back the loan when their income reaches a set level.
Vocation	The occupation to which a traineeship leads.
Vocational Training Assistance	Provided through the Vocational Training Assistance Scheme (VTAS) – a program that provides eligible apprentices and trainees with monetary assistance to attend off-the-job training during the term of their apprenticeship or traineeship. Existing worker trainees are ineligible to claim vocational training assistance. Current rates for travel are 12 cents per kilometre and \$28 per night for accommodation, and a one-off payment of up to \$2,000 for a student who has to relocate.
VTAS	Vocational Training Assistance Scheme
Woman in non-traditional trades	Currently, 167 out of a total 1,211 trades are considered to be non traditional trades for women. Examples include Certificate III in Aeroskills (Mechatronics) and Certificate III in Solid Plastering.
YTD	Year to date

NSW training regions

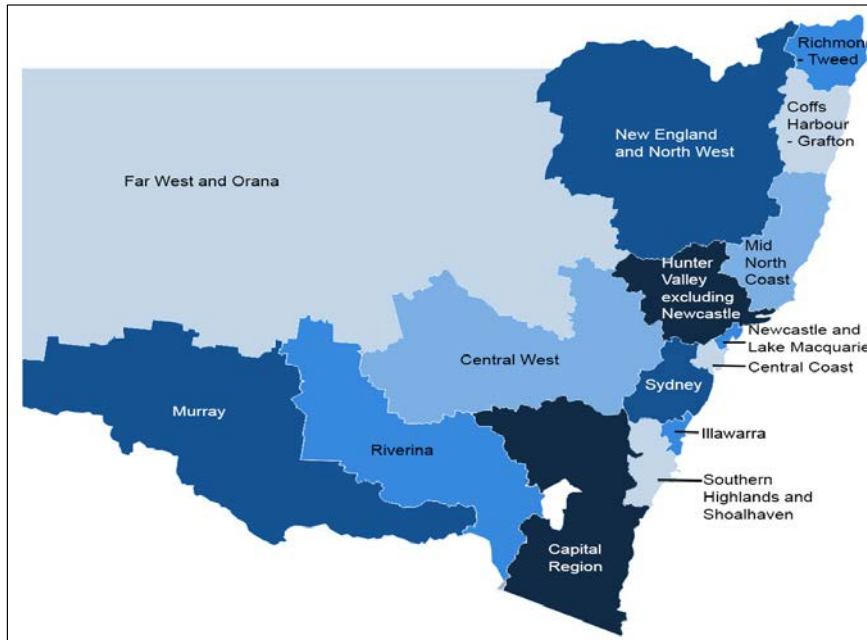


Figure 6 Training regions in NSW

Table 44 Major towns or areas for each region

This region...	Includes...
Capital Region	Goulburn, Yass, Queanbeyan, the Snowy Mountains and the South Coast
Central Coast	Brooklyn, Davistown, Terrigal, The Entrance, Wyong and Gosford
Central West	Bathurst, Lachlan Valley, Lithgow, Mudgee and Orange
Coffs Harbour–Grafton	Coffs Harbour and the Clarence Valley
Far West and Orana	Bourke, Cobar, Coonamble, Broken Hill and Dubbo
Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle	Lower and Upper Hunter, Maitland and Port Stephens
Illawarra	Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama
Mid North Coast	Great Lakes, Kempsey, Nambucca, Lord Howe Island, Port Macquarie, Taree and Gloucester
Murray	Upper and Lower Murray, and Albury
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	Newcastle and Lake Macquarie
New England and North West	Armidale, Inverell, Moree, Inverell, Tenterfield, Moree, Narrabri, Tamworth and Gunnedah
Richmond–Tweed	Richmond Valley and Tweed Valley
Riverina	Griffith, Tumut and Wagga Wagga
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	Mittagong, Bowral, Nowra and Ulladulla
Sydney	Sydney and the Blue Mountains