



## 2005 International Student Data\* in Vocational and Technical Education

Vocational and Technical Education (VTE) was the fastest growing sector for international students studying in Australia in 2005. There were 66,086 enrolments (up 14% on 2004) and 38,260 commencements (up 18% on 2004). This is the third straight year that commencements have increased.

The three largest markets for VTE sector enrolments in 2005 were China, Hong Kong and Thailand, while the three largest markets for VTE sector commencements were China, India and Japan. The top six markets have all grown in both enrolments and commencements

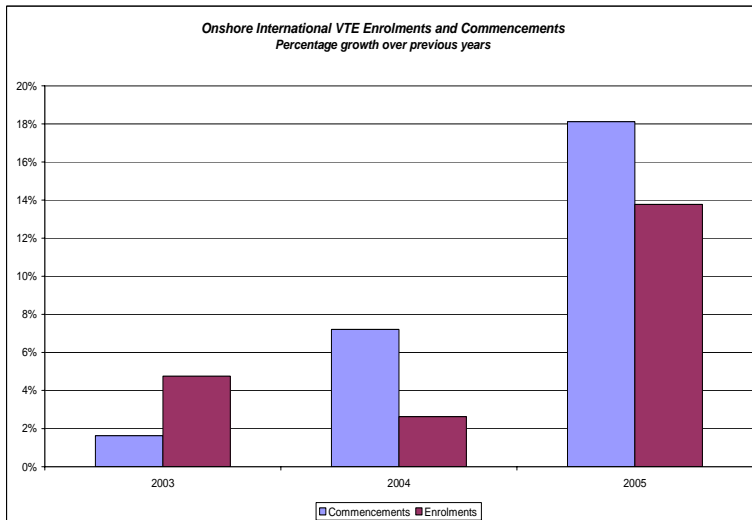
between 2004 and 2005, except for Hong Kong, which has declined in commencements since 2002 and in enrolments since 2004. India has grown the most rapidly in recent years, with triple digit percentage increases in enrolments and commencements between 2004 and 2005.

Over three-quarters of all VTE enrolments were in New South Wales and Victoria, with both States growing strongly in enrolments and commencements. All other States and Territories also grew in enrolments and commencements, with the exception of Tasmania.

In 2005, 76% of all VTE enrolments were with non-government VTE providers and 24% of enrolments were with government VTE providers (TAFEs).

Eighty percent of VTE enrolments were at the Diploma and

Advanced Diploma levels, with 20% at the Certificate I through Certificate IV levels.



Nationality	Enrolments				Commencements			
	Growth 02-03	Growth 03-04	Growth 04-05	2005	Growth 02-03	Growth 03-04	Growth 04-05	2005
China	36%	29%	23%	12,223	13%	37%	16%	7,053
Hong Kong	4%	-7%	-9%	5,158	-5%	-11%	-7%	2,600
Thailand	20%	-1%	14%	4,944	9%	-4%	23%	2,783
Japan	18%	3%	2%	4,932	17%	2%	1%	2,862
South Korea	-20%	-5%	26%	4,556	-27%	29%	33%	2,793
India	-36%	12%	143%	3,876	-28%	67%	188%	2,925
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>35,689</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>21,016</b>
Other countries	2%	-1%	8%	30,397	2%	0%	13%	17,244
<b>Total</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>66,086</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>38,260</b>

The top three fields of study for VTE enrolments in 2005 were *business administration and management* (up 9% on 2004 enrolments); *services, hospitality and transport* (up 60% on 2004); and *computer science and information systems* (down 21% on 2004).

State	Enrolments			Commencements	
	2005	Growth on 2004	% of 2005	2005	Growth on 2004
NSW	33,395	13%	51%	18,819	17%
VIC	16,556	24%	25%	10,062	34%
QLD	7,042	9%	11%	4,222	11%
WA	6,398	3%	10%	3,660	2%
SA	1,812	13%	3%	982	11%
ACT	578	5%	1%	320	5%
TAS	258	-2%	0%	155	-11%
NT	47	4%	0%	40	5%
<b>Aust</b>	<b>66,086</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>38,260</b>	<b>18%</b>

Level Of Study	Enrolments			Commencements	
	2005	Growth on 2004	% of 2005	2005	Growth on 2004
Dip, Adv Dip	52,541	15%	80%	28,697	21%
Cert I to Cert IV	13,523	9%	20%	9,541	9%
Other <sup>1</sup>	22	340%	0%	22	450%
<b>Provider</b>					
Non Government	50,001	14%	76%	28,384	19%
Government	16,085	12%	24%	9,876	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,086</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>38,260</b>	<b>18%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Vocational graduate certificates and vocational graduate diplomas.

\* AEI data on enrolments and commencements (including the data in this Snapshot) relate only to international students in Australia on a student visa. More information is available at: <http://aei.dest.gov.au/AEI/MIP/Statistics/Default.htm>