



International Student Enrolments* in Vocational Education and Training in 2006

Vocational Education and Training (VET) was the fastest growing sector for international students studying in Australia in 2006. There were 83,685 enrolments (up 26 per cent on 2005) and 49,809 commencements (up 30 per cent on 2005). This is the only sector that reported growth in commencements and enrolments over each of the past four years.

The three largest markets for the VET sector in 2006 were China, India and the Republic of Korea. Four of the top six markets have grown in both enrolments and commencements between 2005 and 2006. India has grown the most rapidly in recent years, with triple digit percentage increases in enrolments and commencements between 2004 and 2006. However, a small decline in enrolments was reported from Hong Kong (-0.4%) while Japan saw a decline in both commencements and enrolments in 2006.

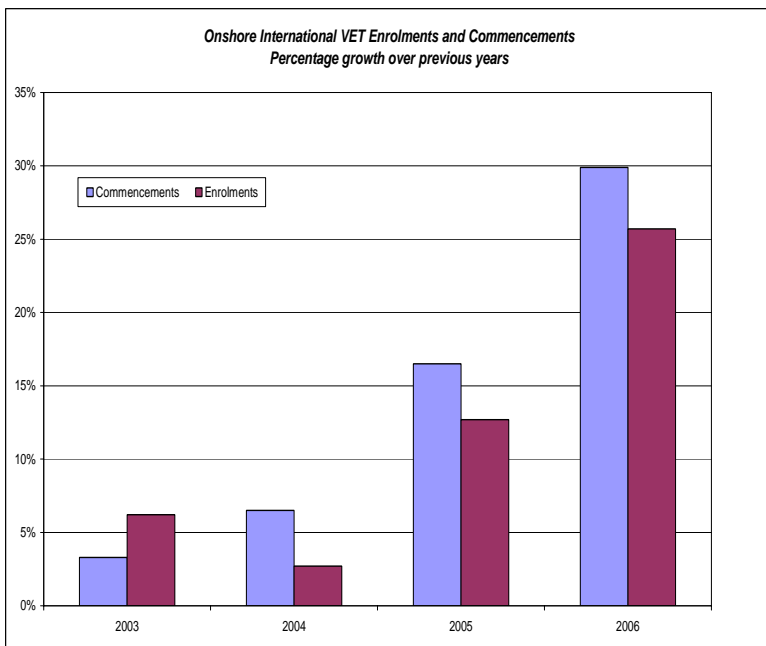
All States and Territories grew in enrolments and commencements in 2006. Three-quarters of all VET enrolments were in New South Wales and Victoria.

In 2006, 78 per cent of all VET enrolments were with non-government VET providers and 22 per cent were with government providers.

Eighty per cent of VET enrolments were at the Diploma and Advanced Diploma levels, with 20 per cent at the Certificate I to Certificate IV levels. Growth in 2006 was strongest at the Certificate I to Certificate IV levels.

The top three fields of study for VET enrolments in 2006 were 'Services, hospitality and transport' (up 72 per cent on 2005); 'Business administration and management' (up 11 per cent); and 'Computer science and information systems' (down 7 per cent).

Significant growth was also seen in the fields of study 'Health and community services' (up 35 per cent); 'Engineering and surveying' (up 53 per cent) and 'Physical sciences' (up 86 per cent), although this growth was from a considerably smaller base.



Nationality	Enrolments				Commencements			
	Growth 03/04	Growth 04/05	Growth 05/06	2006	Growth 03/04	Growth 04/05	Growth 05/06	2006
China	28%	17%	14%	14,396	29%	10%	14%	8,183
India	13%	138%	166%	10,324	64%	182%	155%	7,426
South Korea	-5%	25%	34%	6,102	30%	32%	27%	3,529
Thailand	-2%	14%	18%	5,867	-5%	22%	18%	3,295
Hong Kong	-8%	-8%	0%	5,108	-11%	-5%	5%	2,713
Japan	3%	2%	-3%	4,792	2%	0%	-8%	2,616
Sub-total	7%	17%	29%	46,589	13%	20%	31%	27,762
Other countries	-1%	8%	22%	37,096	0%	12%	28%	22,047
Total	3%	13%	26%	83,685	7%	17%	30%	49,809

State	Enrolments			Commencements	
	2006	Growth on 2005	% of 2006	2006	Growth on 2005
NSW	41,977	24%	50%	24,571	30%
VIC	23,644	43%	28%	14,532	45%
QLD	8,157	15%	10%	4,865	15%
WA	6,735	4%	8%	4,060	10%
SA	2,217	23%	3%	1,198	23%
ACT	605	5%	1%	347	9%
TAS	299	16%	0%	190	23%
NT	51	9%	0%	46	15%
Aust.	83,685	26%	100%	49,809	30%

Level Of Study ¹	Enrolments			Commencements	
	2006	Growth on 2005	% of 2006	2006	Growth on 2005
Dip, Adv Dip	66,605	25%	80%	37,485	29%
Cert I to Cert IV	17,011	30%	20%	12,260	33%
Provider					
Non Government	65,305	29%	78%	38,807	35%
Government	18,380	17%	22%	11,002	15%
Total	83,685	26%	100%	49,809	30%

¹ Excludes a small number of 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>