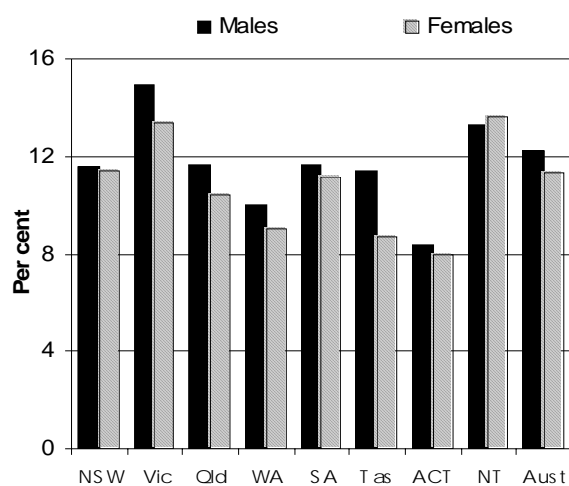


**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (CHAPTER 4)**

- The focus of the vocational education and training (VET) chapter is the provision of VET in publicly owned technical and further education (TAFE) institutes and universities with TAFE divisions, other government and community institutions, and publicly funded activity by private registered training organisations.
- There were approximately 1.65 million<sup>1</sup> people participating in VET programs which were publicly funded or delivered on a fee-for-service basis by public providers in 2002. These programs were delivered in 85 public training institutions and associated major campuses, 894 training centres by community education providers and in a further 5402 locations by other registered providers (p. 4.3).
- Government recurrent expenditure on VET totalled \$3.7 billion in 2002 — a real increase of 4.2 per cent from 2001 (p. 4.3).
- Indigenous students reported load pass rates lower than the national average in 2002 (63.8 per cent for Indigenous students, compared with 77.3 per cent for all students) (p.4.14).
- Forty five per cent of TAFE institute graduates who were unemployed prior to their course, and took the course for vocational reasons, indicated that they were employed in 2002 (p. 4.23).

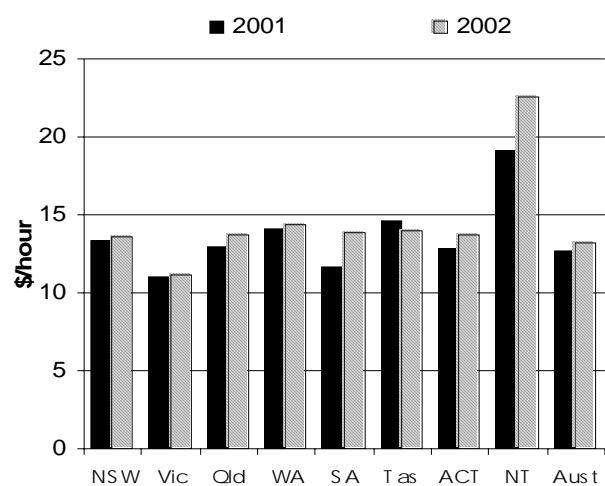
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VET participation rates for people aged 15-64 years, 2002 (p. 4.11)



See over for data and footnotes.

Government real recurrent expenditure per adjusted annual hour of curriculum (p. 4.18)



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<sup>1</sup> VET student numbers exclude schools collections and have been adjusted for recognition of prior learning, credit transfer and students that enrolled but did not participate.

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	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
VET participation rates for people aged 15–64 years, 2002									
Male Students	11.5	15.0	11.7	10.0	11.7	11.4	8.4	13.3	12.2
Female Students	11.4	13.4	10.4	9.0	11.1	8.7	8.0	13.7	11.4
Government real recurrent expenditure per adjusted annual hour of curriculum, 2002 dollars <sup>a, b</sup>									
2001	13.35	11.02	12.96	14.07	11.65	14.67	12.77	19.12	12.68
2002	13.57	11.16	13.77	14.31	13.89	14.00	13.69	22.59	13.14

<sup>a</sup> The ACT is the only jurisdiction not to levy payroll tax on its VET employees. A payroll tax estimate, based on the ACT payroll tax rate has been included in the expenditure data presented. <sup>b</sup> The non-farm gross domestic product price deflator has been used to adjust for inflation.

Sources: tables 4A.8 and 4A.18.

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