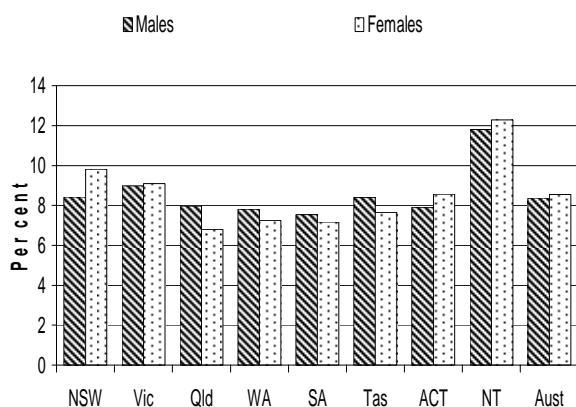


VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (CHAPTER 4)

- The focus of the vocational education and training (VET) chapter is the provision of VET in government owned technical and further education (TAFE) institutes and universities with TAFE divisions, other government and community institutions, and government funded activity by private registered training organisations (p.4.1).
- Over 1.7 million people participated in VET programs in 2003. Of these, 1.2 million VET students were government funded. Government funded VET students completed over 278.1 million adjusted curriculum hours of VET programs, which were delivered in 1250 TAFE and other government provider locations, and at 7080 community education and other registered training provider locations (p. 4.3).
- Government recurrent expenditure on VET totalled \$3.8 billion in 2003 — a real increase of 0.9 per cent from 2002 (excluding specific purpose government funding) (p. 4.3).
- Indigenous students reported higher VET participation rates (9.8 per cent of Indigenous people compared with 6.0 per cent of all Australians) but lower load pass rates than the national average (63.7 per cent for Indigenous students compared with 77.1 per cent for all students) in 2003 (pp. 4.14 and 4.17).
- Among TAFE institute graduates who were unemployed prior to their course, and took the course for vocational reasons, 44.8 per cent indicated they were employed after their course in 2003 (p. 4.27).

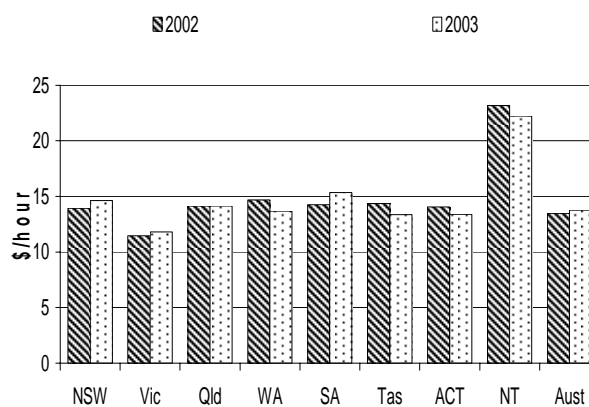
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VET participation rates for people aged 15-64 years, 2003 (p. 4.12)



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Government real recurrent expenditure per adjusted annual hour of curriculum (2003 dollars)^{a, b} (p. 4.22)



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	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
VET participation rates for people aged 15–64 years, 2003									
Male Students	8.4	9.0	8.0	7.8	7.5	8.4	7.9	11.8	8.4
Female Students	9.8	9.1	6.8	7.2	7.2	7.6	8.6	12.3	8.6
Government real recurrent expenditure per adjusted annual hour of curriculum, (in 2003 dollars) ^{a, b}									
2003	14.63	11.79	14.13	13.67	15.34	13.34	13.38	22.22	13.76
2002	13.92	11.45	14.13	14.68	14.25	14.37	14.05	23.18	13.48

^a 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. ^b 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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