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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (CHAPTER 5)

- In 2008, the Australian and State and Territory governments provided \$4.1 billion of recurrent expenditure for Vocational Education and Training (VET) (p. 5.3).
- Nationally, 1.2 million people participated in training funded from government recurrent expenditure (p.5.6). The participation rate in government-funded training for 15-64 year olds was 8.0 per cent (p. 5.15). (These figures do not include all students undertaking accredited training. For example, many students undertake training not funded by government.)
- These government funded students completed over 314.1 million hours of VET programs delivered by technical and further education (TAFE) institutes, other government providers, universities, community organisations and private providers, at 12 899 locations (pp. 5.6-7).

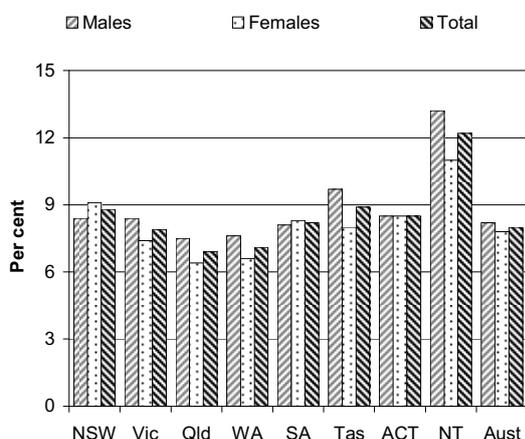
Objectives of vocational education and training

The objectives for VET, sourced from the *National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development*, are: (p. 5.12):

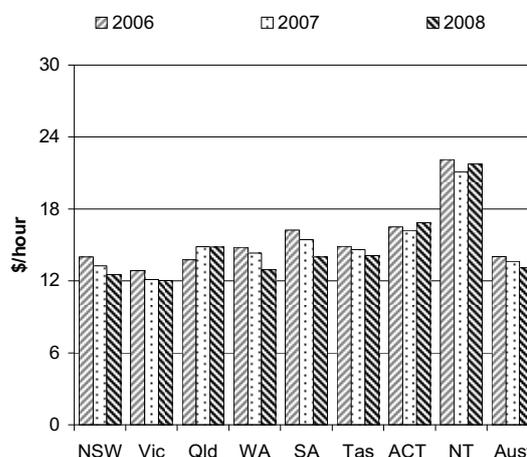
- all working aged Australians have the opportunity to develop the skills and qualifications needed, including through a responsive training system, to enable them to be effective participants in and contributors to the modern labour market
- individuals are assisted to overcome barriers to education, training and employment, and are motivated to acquire and utilise new skills
- Australian industry and businesses develop, harness and utilise the skills and abilities of the workforce.

Selection of results

VET participation rate for people aged 15–64 years, by sex, 2008^a (p. 5.15)

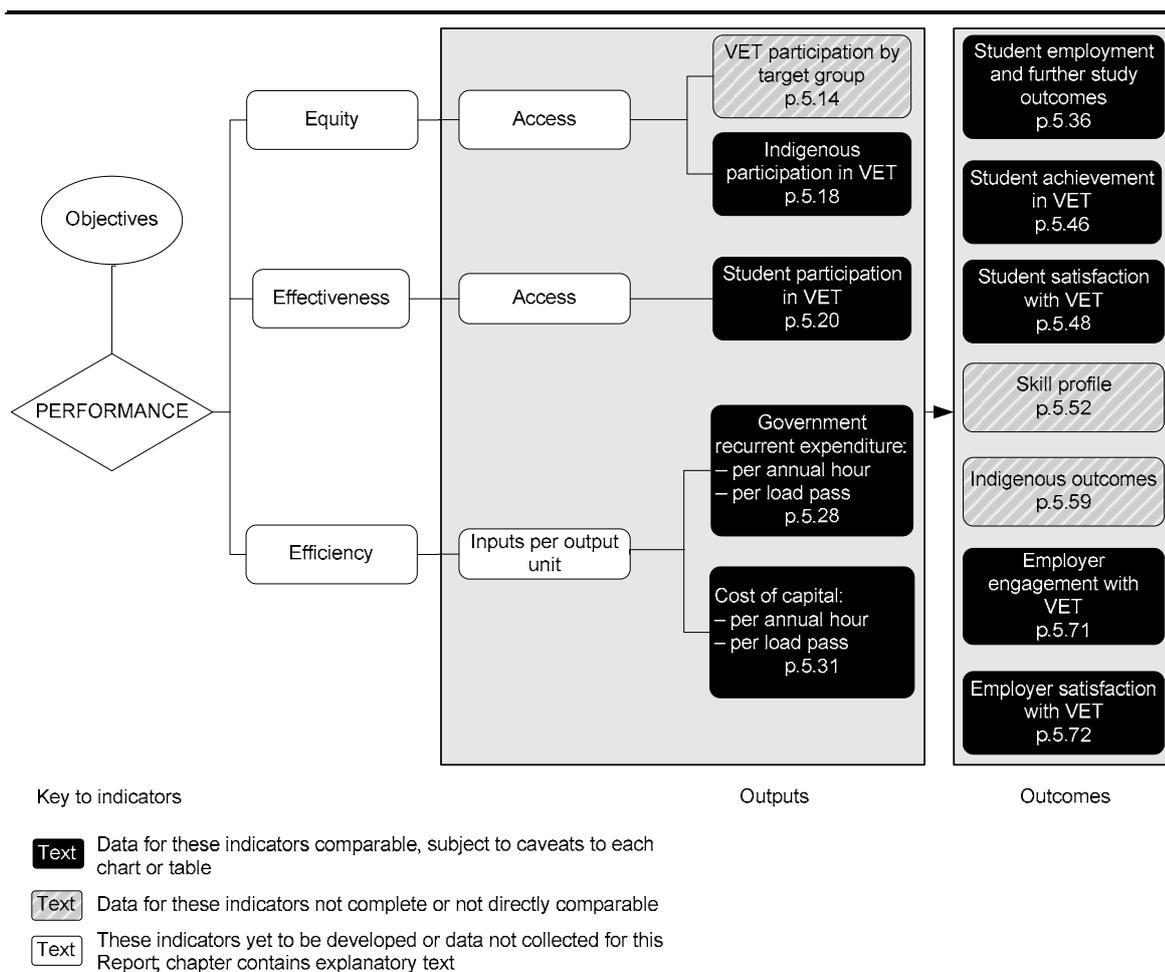


Government real recurrent expenditure per annual hour (2008 dollars)^a (p. 5.29)



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically on the CD-ROM enclosed with the Report and from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2010). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for vocational education and training (figure 5.4, p. 5.13)



Developments in reporting since the 2009 Report

- expanded reporting of VET participation in general and VET participation in certificate III level and above, to include reporting by Indigenous status (pp. 5.19, 5.21-25)
- new reporting of data for VET participation in diploma level qualifications and above, by target age groups and Indigenous status (pp. 5.25-26)
- expanded reporting of qualifications completed, to include completions by all students at certificate III level qualifications and above and at diploma level qualifications and above, by target age groups and Indigenous status (pp. 5.55-56, 5.63-64).

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