

Senior Secondary Certificate Statistical Information 2022

Section 5: Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)

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Section 5

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning

There were 27,361 enrolments in VCAL certificates in 2022. Students were enrolled with 480 providers. About 63.5% of VCAL certificate enrolments were students enrolled in Government schools.

Table 5.1: Numbers of Schools Providing VCAL and VCAL Certificate Enrolments by Sector, 2022

Home Sector	Schools	VCAL Certificate Enrolments
Government	306	17,382
Catholic	85	4,436
Independent	70	3,691
Adult	19	1,852
Total	480	27,361

With respect to the level of certificates studied (see Table 5.2) 22.8% of VCAL students were enrolled in Foundation and 48.9% in Intermediate level certificates. Senior and Senior Extension enrolments comprised 28.3% of enrolments.

Table 5.2: VCAL Enrolments by Certificate, Gender and Level, 2022

Level	Title	Gender			All
		Female	Male	Gender X	
Foundation	VCAL (Foundation)	2,255	3,931	56	6,242
Intermediate	VCAL (Intermediate)	5,280	8,005	101	13,386
Senior	VCAL (Senior)	3,197	4,487	49	7,733
All	Total	10,732	16,423	206	27,361

Gender

About three in five VCAL student enrolments in 2022 were male (60%).

Unit Completions

In 2022 there were a total of 131,507 VCAL unit completions (See table 5.3). VCAL units are not the full range of curriculum that contributed towards the attainment of a VCAL. Students enrolled in any VCAL certificate can also gain credit from VET and VCE studies towards their VCAL qualification. VCAL students enrolled in VET and VCE units are included in the participation and completion reports for those units and certificates.

VCAL Personal Development units (27.4%) and VCAL Work Related Skills units (25.3%) accounted for the majority of enrolments in VCAL units.

Overall 77.3% of VCAL units were satisfactorily completed. The overall completion rates for each major unit were as follows: Literacy Skills (76.8%); Numeracy Skills (76.4%); Personal Development Skills (79.1%) and Work Related Skills (76.5%).

Table 5.3: VCAL Unit Completions by Level, 2022

Description	Unit Enrolments	Unit Completions	
		Completed	% Completed
Advanced Numeracy Skills (S)	247	229	92.7
Literacy Skills (F) Oral Communication	5,115	3,017	59.0
Literacy Skills (F) Reading and Writing	5,213	2,924	56.1
Literacy Skills (I) Oral Communication	11,831	9,239	78.1
Literacy Skills (I) Reading and Writing	11,721	8,976	76.6
Literacy Skills (S) Oral Communication	7,170	6,393	89.2
Literacy Skills (S) Reading and Writing	7,534	6,765	89.8
Numeracy Skills (F)	4,888	2,675	54.7
Numeracy Skills (I) - Unit 1	10,319	7,936	76.9
Numeracy Skills (I) - Unit 2	6,253	4,756	76.1
Numeracy Skills (S) - Unit 1	5,976	5,278	88.3
Numeracy Skills (S) - Unit 2	3,225	2,736	84.8
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (F)	5,048	3,400	67.4
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (I)	12,271	9,903	80.7
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (S)	7,495	6,751	90.1
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (F)	4,382	2,515	57.4
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (I)	11,128	8,745	78.6
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (S)	6,289	5,542	88.1
Portfolio Enhancement and Presentation (SE)	45	45	100.0
Skills for Further Study (S)	830	727	87.6
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (F)	4,652	2,769	59.5
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (I)	11,654	9,141	78.4
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (S)	6,450	5,701	88.4
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (F)	4,058	2,261	55.7
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (I)	10,454	8,090	77.4
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (S)	5,833	4,993	85.6
Total	170,081	131,507	77.3

Note: F=Foundation, I=Intermediate, S=Senior and SE=Senior Extension

Where a student has formally withdrawn from the Unit, these have been excluded from the above table.

Certificate Completions

There were 15,319 VCAL certificate completions out of 20,681 enrolments which were eligible to complete in 2022. This is a completion rate of 74.1% (See Table 5.4). A student is eligible to complete a qualification if they have completed sufficient units or modules, or are enrolled in sufficient units or modules that, if completed satisfactorily, would meet the requirements for satisfactory completion of the qualification. Students may also gain credit towards their VCAL from VCE units and VET units of competence.

Table 5.4: VCAL Certificate Completions by Level, 2022

Level	Eligible Enrolments	Completed	% Completed
Foundation	2,878	1,573	54.7
Intermediate	10,579	7,338	69.4
Senior and Senior Extension	7,224	6,408	88.7
Total	20,681	15,319	74.1

Of those students who completed a VCAL certificate, 60.7% were male and 38.8% were female. This is a reflection of the enrolment pattern.

Table 5.5: Percentage of VCAL Certificate Completions by Gender, 2022

Level	% Gender
Female	
Foundation	34.2
Intermediate	37.8
Senior and Senior Extension	41.1
Total	38.8
Male	
Foundation	65.3
Intermediate	61.8
Senior and Senior Extension	58.4
Total	60.7
Gender X	
Foundation	0.5
Intermediate	0.5
Senior and Senior Extension	0.5
Total	0.5