

Senior Secondary Statistical Information 2023

Section 7: Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)

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Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning

VCAL's accreditation period ended in 2023. Students were only able to be enrolled in and receive the Intermediate VCAL certificate in 2023.

Foundation and Senior VCAL unit completions from 2023 are included in VPC and VCE VM data.

There were 1,480 enrolments in VCAL Intermediate in 2023. Students were enrolled with 202 providers. About 65.5% of VCAL certificate enrolments were students enrolled in Government schools.

Table 7.1: Numbers of Schools Providing VCAL and VCAL Certificate Enrolments by Sector, 2023

Home Sector	Schools	VCAL Certificate Enrolments
Government	135	970
Catholic	40	238
Independent	21	235
Adult	6	37
Total	202	1,480

Table 7.2: VCAL Enrolments by Certificate, Gender and Level, 2023

Level	Title	Gender			All
		Female	Male	Gender X	
Intermediate	VCAL (Intermediate)	637	821	22	1,480

Gender

About two in five VCAL student enrolments in 2023 were male (55.5%).

Unit Completions

In 2023 there were a total of 7,027 VCAL unit completions (See table 7.3). VCAL units are not the full range of curriculum that contributed towards the attainment of a VCAL. Students enrolled in a 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 VET certificates and VCE units.

VCAL Personal Development units (27.6%) and VCAL Work Related Skills units (25%) accounted for the majority of enrolments in VCAL units.

Overall 83.1% of VCAL units were satisfactorily completed. The overall completion rates for each major unit were as follows: Literacy Skills (83.8%); Numeracy Skills (84%); Personal Development Skills (82.4%) and Work Related Skills (82.4%).

Table 7.3: VCAL Intermediate Unit Completions by Level, 2023

Description	Unit Enrolments	Unit Completions	
		Completed	% Completed
Advanced Numeracy Skills (Senior)	1	1	100.0
Literacy Skills (Intermediate) Oral Communication	1,014	861	84.9
Literacy Skills (Intermediate) Reading And Writing	1,101	921	83.7
Literacy Skills (Senior) Oral Communication	110	87	79.1
Literacy Skills (Senior) Reading And Writing	114	91	79.8
Numeracy Skills (Intermediate) Unit 1	935	790	84.5
Numeracy Skills (Intermediate) Unit 2	574	483	84.1
Numeracy Skills (Senior) Unit 1	111	90	81.1
Numeracy Skills (Senior) Unit 2	49	39	79.6
Personal Development Skills (Intermediate) Unit 1	1,063	893	84.0
Personal Development Skills (Intermediate) Unit 2	1,022	823	80.5
Personal Development Skills (Senior) Unit 1	136	118	86.8
Personal Development Skills (Senior) Unit 2	114	89	78.1
Work Related Skills (Intermediate) Unit 1	940	776	82.6
Work Related Skills (Intermediate) Unit 2	911	749	82.2
Work Related Skills (Senior) Unit 1	141	117	83.0
Work Related Skills (Senior) Unit 2	121	99	81.8
Total	8,458	7,027	83.1

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

Certificate Completions

There were 1,098 VCAL Intermediate completions out of 1,339 enrolments which were eligible to complete in 2023. This is a completion rate of 82% (See Table 7.4). A VCAL Intermediate student is eligible to complete 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 competency.

Table 7.4: VCAL Certificate Completions by Level, 2023

Level	Eligible Enrolments	Completed	% Completed
Intermediate	1,339	1,098	82

Of those students who completed VCAL Intermediate, 56.6% were male and 42.1% were female. This is a reflection of the enrolment pattern.

Table 7.5: Percentage of VCAL Certificate Completions by Gender, 2023

Level	Gender	Completed	% Completed
Intermediate	Female	462	42.1
Intermediate	Male	622	56.6
Intermediate	Gender X	14	1.3