

## **Senior Secondary Certificate Statistical Information 2019**

Section 5: Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)

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## Section 5

### Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning

There were 25,154 enrolments in VCAL certificates in 2019. Students were enrolled with 469 providers. About 60.1% of VCAL certificate enrolments were students enrolled in Government schools.

**Table 5.1: Numbers of Schools Providing VCAL and VCAL Certificate Enrolments by Sector, 2019**

Home Sector	Schools	VCAL Certificate Enrolments
Government	293	15,119
Catholic	86	3,955
Independent	52	2,555
Adult	37	3,513
Other Providers	1	12
Total	469	25,154

With respect to the level of certificates studied (see Table 5.2) 27.5% of VCAL students were enrolled in Foundation and 42.9% in Intermediate level certificates. Senior and Senior Extension enrolments comprised 29.6% of enrolments.

**Table 5.2: VCAL Enrolments by Certificate, Gender and Level, 2019**

Level	Title	Gender			All
		Female	Male	Gender X	
Foundation	VCAL (Foundation)	2,450	4,449	18	6,917
Intermediate	VCAL (Intermediate)	4,116	6,645	19	10,780
Senior	Senior Extension (Folio Enhancement)	58	15	0	73
Senior	VCAL (Senior)	3,043	4,331	10	7,384
All	Total	9,667	15,440	47	25,154

### Gender

About three in five VCAL student enrolments in 2019 were male (61.4%).

### Unit Completions

In 2019 there were a total of 116,703 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 (28.3%) and VCAL Work Related Skills units (25.8%) accounted for the majority of enrolments in VCAL units.

Overall 76.3% of VCAL units were satisfactorily completed. The overall completion rates for each major unit were as follows: Literacy Skills (74.9%); Numeracy Skills (74.1%); Personal Development Skills (77.6%) and Work Related Skills (77.5%).

**Table 5.3: VCAL Unit Completions by Level, 2019**

Description	Unit Enrolments	Unit Completions	
		Completed	% Completed
Advanced Numeracy Skills (S)	277	230	83.0
Advanced Study Skills (SE)	38	34	89.5
Folio Enhancement and Presentation (SE)	73	72	98.6
Literacy Skills (F) Oral Communication	5,109	3,040	59.5
Literacy Skills (F) Reading and Writing	5,217	2,887	55.3
Literacy Skills (I) Oral Communication	9,047	6,972	77.1
Literacy Skills (I) Reading and Writing	9,320	6,957	74.6
Literacy Skills (S) Oral Communication	6,807	5,922	87.0
Literacy Skills (S) Reading and Writing	7,124	6,168	86.6
Numeracy Skills (F)	5,076	2,738	53.9
Numeracy Skills (I)	85	59	69.4
Numeracy Skills (I) - Unit 1	8,033	6,062	75.5
Numeracy Skills (I) - Unit 2	4,537	3,250	71.6
Numeracy Skills (S)	12	8	66.7
Numeracy Skills (S) - Unit 1	5,628	4,824	85.7
Numeracy Skills (S) - Unit 2	3,183	2,701	84.9
Pathways Planning (SE)	73	72	98.6
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (F)	5,339	3,502	65.6
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (I)	9,872	7,770	78.7
Personal Development Skills Unit 1 (S)	7,056	6,190	87.7
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (F)	4,993	3,082	61.7
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (I)	9,459	7,323	77.4
Personal Development Skills Unit 2 (S)	6,578	5,747	87.4
Skills for Further Study (S)	556	457	82.2
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (F)	5,224	3,474	66.5
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (I)	8,671	6,831	78.8
Work Related Skills Unit 1 (S)	6,005	5,212	86.8
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (F)	4,676	2,919	62.4
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (I)	8,823	6,864	77.8
Work Related Skills Unit 2 (S)	6,149	5,336	86.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>153,040</b>	<b>116,703</b>	<b>76.3</b>

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 14,061 VCAL certificate completions out of 18,703 enrolments which were eligible to complete in 2019. This is a completion rate of 75.2% (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, 2019**

Level	Eligible Enrolments	Completed	% Completed
Foundation	3,298	1,941	58.9
Intermediate	8,566	6,174	72.1
Senior and Senior Extension	6,839	5,946	86.9
Total	18,703	14,061	75.2

Of those students who completed a VCAL certificate, 61.5% were male and 38.4% were female. This is a reflection of the enrolment pattern.

**Table 5.5: Percentage of VCAL Certificate Completions by Gender, 2019**

Level	% Gender
<b>Female</b>	
Foundation	35.9
Intermediate	36.3
Senior and Senior Extension	41.4
Total	38.4
<b>Male</b>	
Foundation	64.0
Intermediate	63.5
Senior and Senior Extension	58.5
Total	61.5
<b>Gender X</b>	
Foundation	0.1
Intermediate	0.1
Senior and Senior Extension	0.1
Total	0.1