



Monthly Summary of International Student Enrolment Data¹ – Australia – YTD July 2015

As at year-to-date (YTD) July 2015, there were 543,123 enrolments by full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents a 10.6% increase on YTD July 2014 and compares with the average YTD July growth rate for enrolments of 5.5% per year over the preceding ten years.

In YTD July 2015, there were 276,087 commencements representing an 8.3% increase over the same period in 2014. This compares with the average YTD July growth rate for commencements of 6.6% per year over the preceding ten years.

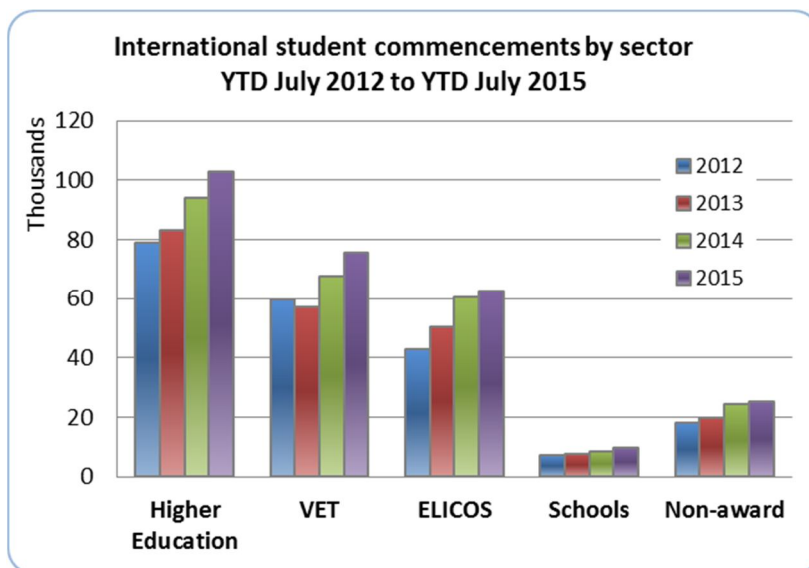
The higher education sector had the largest share of enrolments at 47.7% in the YTD July 2015. Enrolments and commencements increased by 10.1% and 9.4% over the same period in 2014. China and India accounted for 36.3% and 12.4% respectively of enrolments by students in higher education. In YTD July 2015, post-graduate research commencements declined by 4.8%, while other post-graduate commencements in higher education grew by 5.0% over the same period in 2014. Bachelor degree level commencements also increased by 19.3%.

The VET sector accounted for 24.8% of total enrolments and 27.3% of total commencements respectively. Enrolments in the sector increased by 14.5% and commencements grew by 11.7% on YTD July 2014 figures. India had the largest share of total enrolments (17.5%) in YTD July 2015. The Republic of Korea and China had the next largest shares of VET enrolments with 8.3% and 8.0% respectively.

The English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector accounted for 17.7% of total enrolments and 22.7% of total commencements in YTD July 2015. Enrolments and commencements increased by 6.6% and 3.5% respectively on the same period in 2014. China accounted for the largest cohort of enrolments and commencements in ELICOS with shares of 24.7% and 22.5% respectively. Brazil and Thailand were the next largest nationalities for ELICOS enrolments with 8.5% each, followed by Colombia with 7.0%.

In YTD July 2015, the schools sector accounted for 3.6% of total enrolments and total commencements respectively. Enrolments for the sector grew by 13.6% and commencements by 18.9% on YTD July 2014 figures. Asia contributed 83.7% of enrolments and 76.8% of commencements. By nationality, China had the largest share of enrolments in schools accounting for 49.6%, followed by Vietnam and the Republic of Korea at 8.7% and 6.4% respectively.

Enrolments and commencements in the non-award courses (such as exchange and foundation programs) increased by 9.9% and 2.7% respectively. China (26.5%), USA (15.4%) and Brazil (7.5%) accounted for more enrolments in non-award courses than any other nationality. Commencements from China and the USA increased by 27.4% and 5.4% respectively and commencements from Brazil declined by 52.2% on 2014 figures.



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Sector	Enrolments			Commencements		
	YTD July 2014	YTD July 2015	Growth on YTD July 2014	YTD July 2014	YTD July 2015	Growth on YTD July 2014
Higher Education	235,358	259,013	10.1%	94,185	103,036	9.4%
VET	117,812	134,875	14.5%	67,575	75,471	11.7%
ELICOS	90,319	96,259	6.6%	60,530	62,665	3.5%
Schools ²	17,070	19,387	13.6%	8,292	9,856	18.9%
Non-award	30,563	33,589	9.9%	24,395	25,059	2.7%
Total in Australia	491,122	543,123	10.6%	254,977	276,087	8.3%

The Top 5 nationalities contributed 51.4% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors					Double-digit increases in markets with over 7,000 enrolments (outside top 5)			
Nationality	YTD July 2014	YTD July 2015	Growth on YTD July 2014	Share of all nationalities	Nationality	YTD July 2015	Growth on YTD July 2014	Rank
China	129,572	147,219	13.6%	27.1%	Nepal	16,865	13.2%	8
India	50,604	61,201	20.9%	11.3%	Pakistan	13,739	14.3%	10
Vietnam	25,285	25,648	1.4%	4.7%	Hong Kong	13,501	10.8%	11
Republic of Korea	22,975	23,369	1.7%	4.3%	Taiwan	10,285	32.9%	12
Malaysia	19,947	21,528	7.9%	4.0%	Italy	7,250	31.4%	19
<i>Other nationalities</i>	<i>242,739</i>	<i>264,158</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>48.6%</i>				
All nationalities	491,122	543,123	10.6%	100.0%				

¹ The Department of Education and Training data on enrolments and commencements (including the data in this update) relate only to international students in Australia on a student visa.

² Commencements in schools for the current reference period are not strictly comparable to earlier years due to recent changes to secondary school level courses at a single large provider.