



Offshore delivery of Australian VET courses in 2018

This snapshot provides an overview of vocational education and training (VET) delivered offshore by Australian training providers in 2018. This information is sourced from national data reported to the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) by Australian training providers¹.

Offshore location

Australian training providers delivering VET programs to offshore students reported 21,845 students and 22,420 program enrolments in over 40 offshore locations in 2018². The majority (87%) of VET program enrolments offshore were with public providers. The total number of Australian training providers delivering VET programs offshore increased from 68 in 2017 to 75 in 2018.

China was the top offshore location for public training providers and New Zealand was the top offshore location for private training providers. Hong Kong was one of the top five offshore locations for both public and private training providers, but otherwise offshore delivery locations varied between public and private providers (Table 1).

In 2018, the total number of program enrolments in VET training offshore declined by 23 per cent from 29,190 in 2017³. As shown in figure 1, this decline was primarily related to decline in offshore program enrolments in China by 46 per cent (from 20,945 in 2017). VET enrolments across all other offshore locations grew by 34 per cent (from 8,245 in 2017).

State

Nearly half (49%) of VET program enrolments offshore were with providers in Victoria followed by providers in New South Wales (22%). The enrolments with providers in Victoria and Western Australia declined by almost half (46% and 45% respectively) in 2018 than those in 2017.

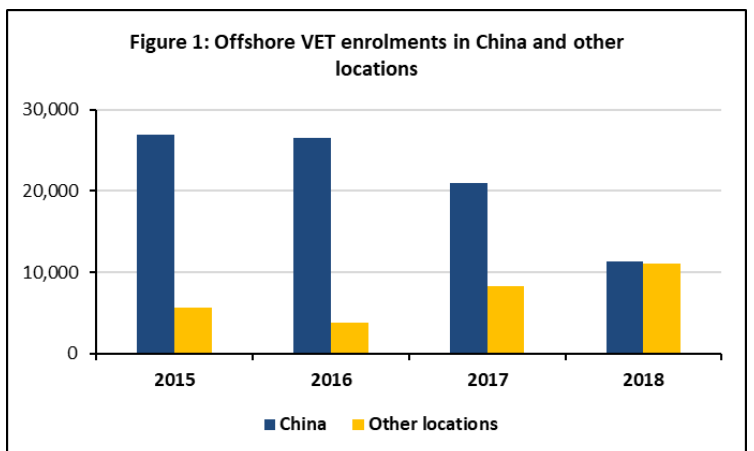
Level of study and Field of education

In 2018, over half (54%) of the offshore program enrolments were in Diploma or above study levels. Management & Commerce was the top broad field of education for offshore VET students (49% of all enrolments) followed by Engineering & Related Technologies (15% of enrolments). Although, the offshore enrolments in most fields did not grow in 2018, however, the offshore enrolments grew in the fields of Society and Culture (by 47%) and Health (by 29%).

Table 1 Top 5 offshore locations by training provider type (2018)

Total Public (TAFE+University)		Total Private (Private, Enterprise and Community education providers)	
Offshore location	Enrolments	Offshore location	Enrolments
China	11,295	New Zealand	990
Mauritius	985	Vietnam	570
Hong Kong	880	Hong Kong	320
Fiji	665	Papua New Guinea	125
Mongolia	480	Philippines	110
Other	5,585	Other	760
Total	19,890	Total	2,875

Note: The sum will not add to the total due to enrolments with multiple provider types



¹ NCVER 2019, Australian vocational education and training statistics: Total VET students and courses 2018 — data slicer, NCVER, Adelaide.

² A student may have enrolled with more than one training provider in the same collection period and can be counted more than once for enrolments.

³ In 2018, the decreased numbers in previous years are due to [change in scope](#) under which NCVER reported the TVA data for accredited training only. Note that the program enrolments are shown with duplicate training activity removed. More information on duplicated/de-duplicated student counts is available at: https://www.ncver.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0029/58079/FACT-SHEET-De-duplication-of-training-activity-and-student-counts-in-total-VET-activity.pdf