



Offshore delivery of Australian VET courses in 2019

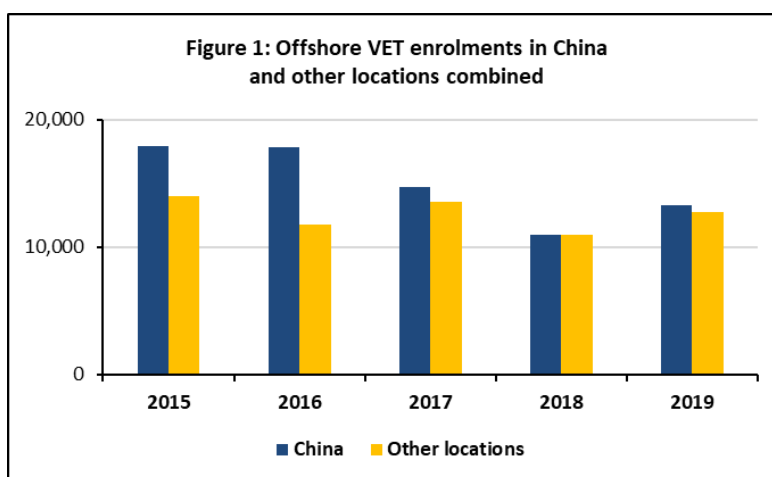
This snapshot provides an overview of vocational education and training (VET) delivered offshore by Australian training providers in 2019. This information is sourced from data reported to the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) by Australian training providers¹.

Offshore location

Australian training providers delivering VET programs to offshore students reported 25,050 students and 26,035 program enrolments from 37 known offshore locations in 2019².

China was the top location for VET delivery offshore with more than half (51%) of program enrolments, followed by Vietnam (9%) and Fiji (4%).

In 2019, the total number of program enrolments in VET offshore grew by 19 per cent (from 21,875 in 2018)³. As shown in Figure 1, this growth was primarily driven by a 21 per cent increase in offshore program enrolments in China (from 10,935 in 2018). VET enrolments across all other offshore locations also grew by 17 per cent (from 10,940 in 2018).



Providers⁴

There were 60 Australian training providers delivering VET programs offshore in 2019. The majority (76%) of VET program enrolments offshore were with public providers. In contrast, the majority of international VET student enrolments (94%) onshore were with private providers in 2019. Almost 60 per cent of VET program enrolments offshore were with providers located in Victoria followed by those in New South Wales (21%). Enrolments with Victorian providers grew by 47 per cent in 2019. Enrolments with providers located in Western Australia and Queensland declined in 2019 by 46 per cent and 12 per cent respectively.

Level of study and broad field of education

In 2019, over half (56%) of offshore VET program enrolments were in diploma or higher levels of study. *Management and commerce* was the top broad field of education for offshore VET students (39% of all program enrolments) followed by *Engineering and related technologies* (22%) (see Table 1). In 2019, offshore enrolments in *Engineering and related technologies* grew by 85 per cent and by 75 per cent in *Food, hospitality and personal services*.

Table 1. VET offshore program enrolments by broad field of education

Broad field of education	2018	2019
Natural and physical sciences	160	190
Information technology	975	1,390
Engineering and related technologies	3,075	5,700
Architecture and building	1,300	1,170
Health	390	320
Education	1,290	1,705
Management and commerce	10,855	10,220
Society and culture	2,285	2,520
Creative arts	215	255
Food, hospitality and personal services	1,030	1,805
Mixed field programmes	170	95
Not known	75	635
Totals	21,820	26,005

¹ NCVER 2020, Australian vocational education and training statistics: [Total VET students and courses 2019](#), 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 2019, 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. Refer to the [TVA Fact Sheet](#) for more information on duplicated/de-duplicated student counts.

⁴ Some training providers deliver VET in more than one state or territory and/or report data under more than one training provider type. Therefore, the training providers are counted in each state/territory category and provider type category but are only counted once in the total.