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VET STUDENT OUTCOMES

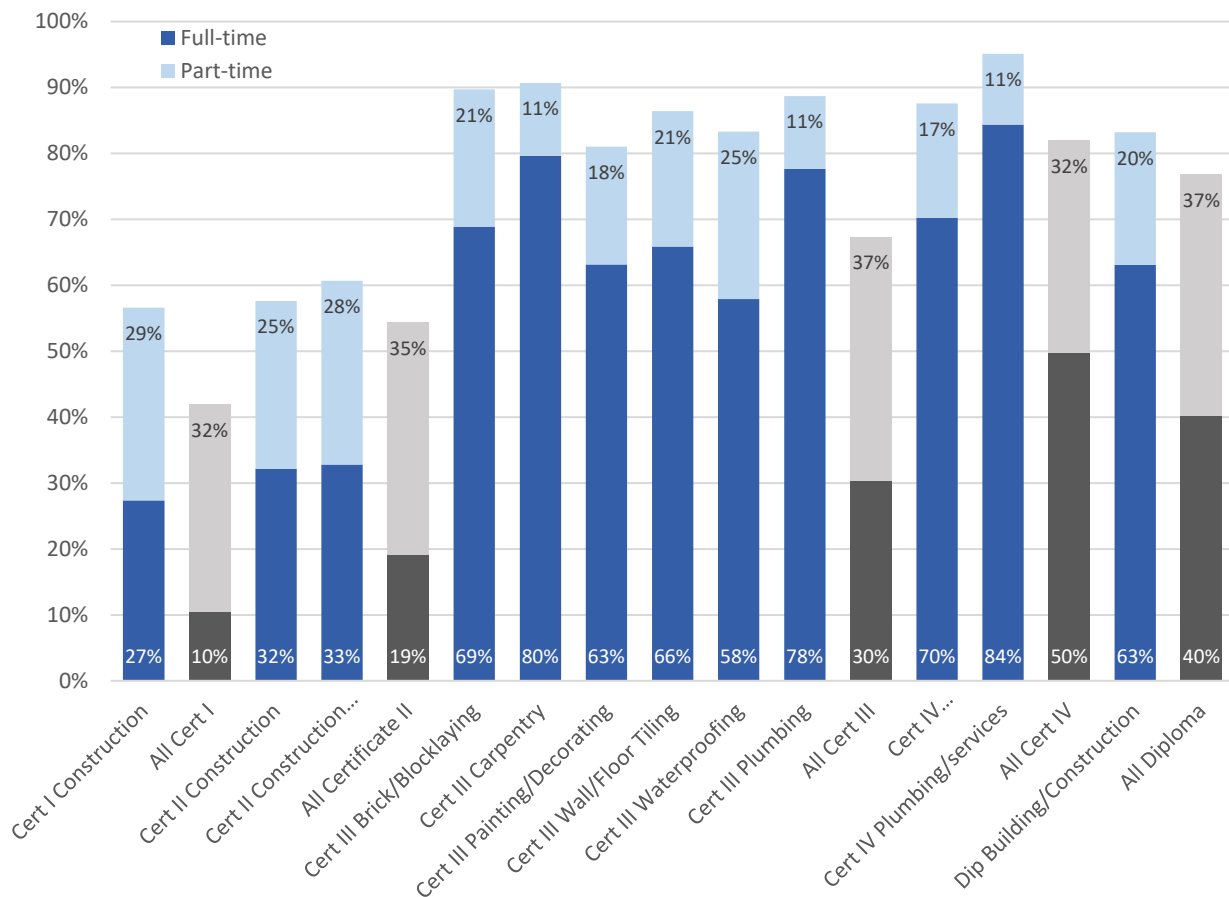
Close to 250,000 VET students that completed nationally recognised training in 2019 completed the VET student outcomes survey in mid-2020.

Construction graduates had better overall employment and full-time employment outcomes than the average graduate at their qualification level.

95% of Graduates of the Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services gained employment, with 84% in full-time employment and a further 11% in part-time employment.

The chart below shows total, full-time, and part-time employment outcomes for graduates of construction qualifications, as well as the average employment outcomes for all graduates at each qualification level.

Employment outcomes for construction graduates by qualification level



Overall outcomes for students that completed construction qualifications compared favourably to average outcomes. In addition to being more likely to be employed, their employment was more likely to be in an occupation directly linked to or at least relevant to their training.

Construction graduates were also more satisfied with their training, assessment, trainers and facilities, and more likely to recommend their training provider than average.

STUDENT OUTCOMES	CONSTRUCTION	ALL
EMPLOYED AFTER TRAINING	77.8%	68.6%
EMPLOYED IN THE SAME OCCUPATION AS TRAINING	34.6%	25.4%
EMPLOYED IN A DIFFERENT OCCUPATION, BUT TRAINING RELEVANT	28.1%	25.0%
IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT STATUS AFTER TRAINING	67.7%	56.0%
SATISFIED: OVERALL QUALITY OF THE TRAINING	91.3%	88.4%
SATISFACTION: ASSESSMENT	91.2%	89.1%
SATISFACTION: TRAINERS	90.0%	87.1%
SATISFACTION: FACILITIES	87.3%	85.2%
RECOMMEND TRAINING PROVIDER	88.1%	84.3%

STARTING SALARIES

Students that gained full time employment after completing a construction qualification had slightly higher than average starting wages, \$60,900 compared to average of \$60,000. For those who started their first full-time job after training, construction graduates earned \$52,100, significantly more than the average of \$46,900.

Average starting wages and first full-time job starting wages for all construction graduates at the Certificate III level and above were higher than the of all qualification at the same level.

Graduates of the Diploma of Building and Construction had the highest post-qualification starting wages of all construction graduates at \$79,200, followed by the Certificate IV in Building and Construction (\$75,000) and the Certificate III in Waterproofing (\$74,700).

Interestingly for three Certificate III level qualifications – Carpentry, Painting and Waterproofing – graduates commencing their first full-time job had higher starting wages than the average of all graduates of the same qualification.

GRADUATE STARTING WAGES	STARTING WAGE 1 ST FULL-TIME JOB	STARTING WAGE ALL
CERTIFICATE II IN CONSTRUCTION	\$30 500	\$30 500
CERTIFICATE II IN CONSTRUCTION PATHWAYS	\$30 600	\$31 300
<i>AVERAGE ALL VET CERTIFICATE II</i>	<i>\$35 400</i>	<i>\$44 400</i>
CERTIFICATE III IN BRICKLAYING/BLOCKLAYING	\$53 800	\$55 100
CERTIFICATE III IN CARPENTRY	\$57 400	\$54 700
CERTIFICATE III IN PAINTING AND DECORATING	\$59 900	\$56 900
CERTIFICATE III IN WALL AND FLOOR TILING	\$55 900	\$56 700
CERTIFICATE III IN CONSTRUCTION WATERPROOFING	\$79 200	\$74 700
CERTIFICATE III IN PLUMBING	\$50 200	\$52 000
<i>AVERAGE ALL VET CERTIFICATE III</i>	<i>\$46 900</i>	<i>\$52 200</i>
CERTIFICATE IV IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (BUILDING)	\$59 100	\$75 000
CERTIFICATE IV IN PLUMBING AND SERVICES	Not published	\$72 800
<i>AVERAGE ALL VET CERTIFICATE IV</i>	<i>\$57 200</i>	<i>\$73 400</i>
DIPLOMA OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (BUILDING)	\$76 500	\$79 200
<i>AVERAGE ALL VET DIPLOMA & ADVANCED DIPLOMA</i>	<i>52 100</i>	<i>67 100</i>

COVID IMPACTS

Of the students were in employment after completing their construction qualification:

- 33.7% experienced reduced hours since COVID (average 35.3%)
- 11.4% experienced increased hours since COVID (average 13.3%)
- 3.7% were temporarily stood down due to COVID (average 7.1%)

26.5% of construction qualification completers that were not employed at the time of the survey reported they had lost their job due to COVID (average 20.6%).

ENROLLED IN FURTHER STUDY

Graduates of construction qualification were less likely to be enrolled in further study than average (26.5% compared to 33.1%).

Looking at individual construction qualifications, Certificate III in Plumbing graduates were the most likely (43.8%) to be enrolled in further study, presumably in the Cert IV in Plumbing and Services.

Diploma graduates enrolled in further study were the most likely to be studying at a Bachelor or above level. The next graduate cohort most likely to be enrolled in higher education was Certificate II graduates, reflecting that VET in Schools is typically at the Certificate II level.

Construction graduates enrolled in further study by qualification and level of further study

