TAFE NSW Statistics

Reports and statistics

TAFE NSW is the largest provider of vocational education and training in Australia, playing a vital role in building the economy of NSW by ensuring that the workforce is equipped with the required skills.

2008 students and enrolments
In 2008 TAFE NSW Institutes delivered more than 112 million hours of training to over 504,009 student enrolments. Nine per cent of the NSW working age population undertook some training at TAFE NSW. The majority of enrolments (92 per cent or 461,175) were by part-time students. Most students came to TAFE NSW as individuals although 45,281 students were apprentices and 15,320 were trainees with employers supporting their training. TAFE NSW is a major provider of workforce skills for new entrants to the NSW labour market with 27 per cent of all students aged 15-19 years.

TAFE NSW Institutes are responsive and versatile organisations which offer work related qualifications aligned with national qualifications. TAFE NSW works closely with enterprises and communities to build responsive relationships, expand locally-tailored training and implement personalised learning services. Between 2007 and 2008 TAFE NSW increased employment based delivery by 115 per cent and commercial revenue by 17 per cent.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students made up 5.8 per cent of enrolments compared with 1.6 per cent of the NSW population aged 15 years and over. Approximately 20 per cent of enrolments were by unemployed students.

2008 graduate satisfaction and employment outcomes
In 2008, 86.4 per cent of TAFE NSW graduates were in employment or further training within six months of completing their training. Ninety per cent of TAFE NSW graduates were satisfied with the overall quality of training which was higher than the national average of 89 per cent as reported by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (2008 NCVER Student Outcome Survey).

Further information