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VET National Data Asset (VNDA)

What is VNDA

The **VET National Data Asset (VNDA)** is a collaborative initiative between Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). By linking vocational education and training (VET) records with a range of government administrative datasets, VNDA provides deeper insights into the outcomes of VET students and graduates.

VNDA helps build a more complete picture of how VET contributes to employment, income, further study and economic mobility, supporting evidence-based analysis of Australia's skills and training system.

What does VNDA measure?

VNDA tracks outcomes before and after training, providing insights into:

- Employment outcomes
- Income and earnings
- Further education and training pathways
- Reliance on income support
- Occupational outcomes
- Outcomes across different learner cohorts and regions

By linking data over time, VNDA enables a richer understanding of the relationship between training and labour market outcomes.

Why is VNDA important?

VNDA provides a unique source of information on the real-world outcomes of VET study. It supports:

- Better understanding of workforce and skills needs
- Improved analysis of training pathways and outcomes
- Evidence-based policy and program development
- Insights for students, employers, training providers and researchers

Latest insights

The latest VNDA release examines outcomes for domestic, non-school VET graduates who completed a nationally recognised qualification in 2020-21.

Key findings include:

- Higher employment rates following training
- Improved earnings after qualification completion
- Participation in further study
- Reduced reliance on income support

The release also provides analysis of a range of student cohorts, including women, First Nations graduates, graduates with disability, culturally and linguistically diverse students, and learners from different socio-economic backgrounds.

How the data is created

VNDA uses the ABS Person Level Integrated Data Asset (PLIDA) to securely link VET activity data with information from multiple government data sources, including:

- National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER)
- Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
- Department of Education
- Department of Social Services
- Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

This integrated approach enables insights that are not available from individual datasets alone.

Important considerations

VNDA statistics provide valuable information into graduate outcomes but does not account for individual circumstances, preferences, capabilities or other factors that may influence outcomes.

Results should therefore be interpreted carefully, particularly when comparing different qualifications, jurisdictions or demographic groups. VNDA outcome data are derived using specific administrative data methods and may not be directly comparable with statistics from other sources.

Access VNDA data

VNDA outputs include:

- Interactive dashboards
- Graduate outcomes reports
- Detailed data tables
- Technical methodology reports

These resources support a better understanding of how VET contributes to employment, economic mobility and lifelong learning outcomes across Australia.

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