

Review of VET provision in Queensland

Report to the Minister for Finance, Trade,
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Introduction

Purpose and Scope of the Report

Vocational education and training (VET) is a complex system delivering outcomes that align individual aspirations with the needs of government, industry, employers and communities. It is important that all Queenslanders have access to quality VET provision no matter where they live.

This review examines Total VET Activity (TVA) data (all government funded and non-funded VET activity) and other data provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training (DTET) to review all VET delivery across Queensland and to identify any issues that may indicate a lack of access to quality training.

A Glossary of Terms used in this report is provided at **Attachment 1**.

An analysis of data has been undertaken at the State level and at the Local Government Area (LGA) level across the following DTET regions:

- Central Queensland (CQ), including 15 LGAs (**Attachment 2**)
- Darling Downs South West (DDSW), including 14 LGAs (**Attachment 3**)
- Far North Queensland (FNQ), including 20 LGAs and the Weipa Town Area (**Attachment 4**)
- Metropolitan Region (Metro), including two LGAs (**Attachment 5**)
- North Coast (NC), including six LGAs (**Attachment 6**)
- North Queensland (NQ), including 16 LGAs (**Attachment 7**)
- South East Queensland (SEQ), including 4 LGAs (**Attachment 8**).

Specific details of LGAs included in each region are outlined in the attached Regional Snapshots.

The analysis for Queensland and each region and LGA includes:

- Number of VET Students
- Public Provider and Private Provider Students
- Student Profile
- Number of Registered Training Organisations (RTOs)
- Top five qualifications delivered
- Apprentices and trainees
- Queensland Government Funded VET
- Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) activity

Queensland Snapshot

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

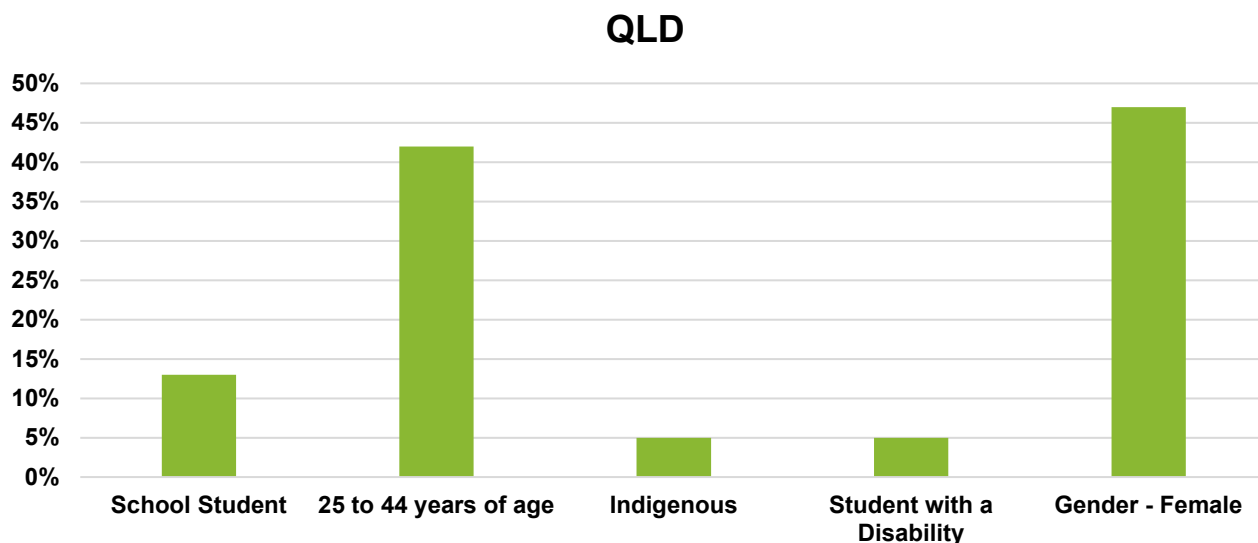
	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	897,973	867,700	980,350	991,510	1,076,828
Government funded	259,784	273,899	287,246	260,565	282,251
Fee-for-service	736,549	697,147	809,322	832,568	905,795

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee-for-Service Students
Public Providers	117,224	24,691
Private Providers	131,687	841,109

For the above data, public provider includes delivery by TAFE Queensland and CQUniversity (CQU). Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity – 2023



Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

2,197 RTOs enrolled students who resided in Queensland in 2023. 176 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	23
University	12
Community Education RTO	72
Enterprise RTO	75
School	242
Private RTO	1,773
Total	2,197

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 53,972 apprentices and 33,390 trainees in training in Queensland.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Diploma of Business
- Certificate III in Individual Support

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$284,090,666	\$323,573,642
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$249,160,623	\$293,417,228
Total	\$533,251,289	\$616,990,870

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$853,170,770 to assist 124,072 residents of Queensland secure employment, as at 30 April 2025, equating to an average of \$6,876 per participant.

Key Themes Identified

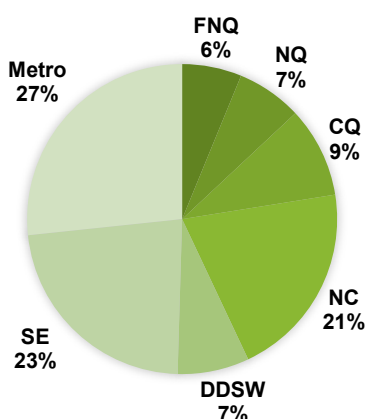
A Responsive VET System

VET is expected to meet the needs of government, industry, employers, individuals and communities. It is this characteristic of VET that makes it complex. This review confirmed every region has different needs from VET products. Furthermore, the analysis of all 77 LGAs confirmed the needs of each LGA are vastly different yet appear to be well serviced by Queensland's VET system.

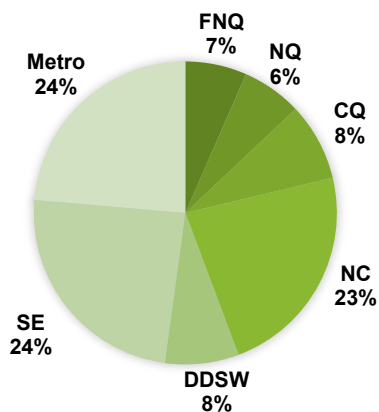
Access across Queensland

Delivery of TVA is spread across Queensland, as outlined below:

TVA STUDENTS - ALL

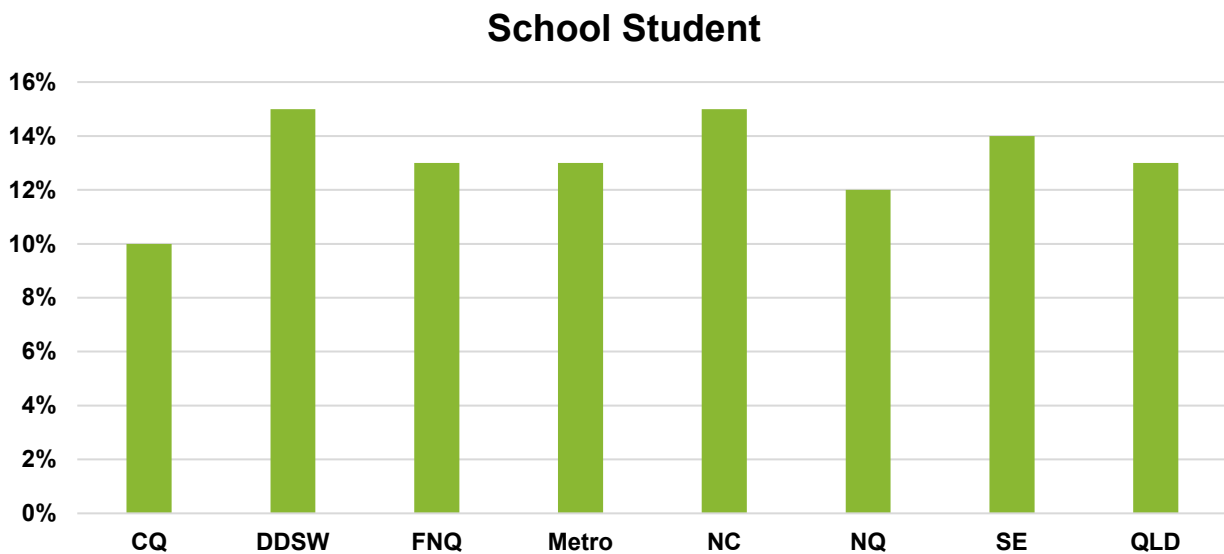


TVA STUDENTS - GOVT FUNDED



Student Profile – School Student

13% of TVA students identify as being school students. The variation across regions is outlined below:



DDSW, NC and SE are above the Qld average, whilst CQ and NQ are below the Qld average.

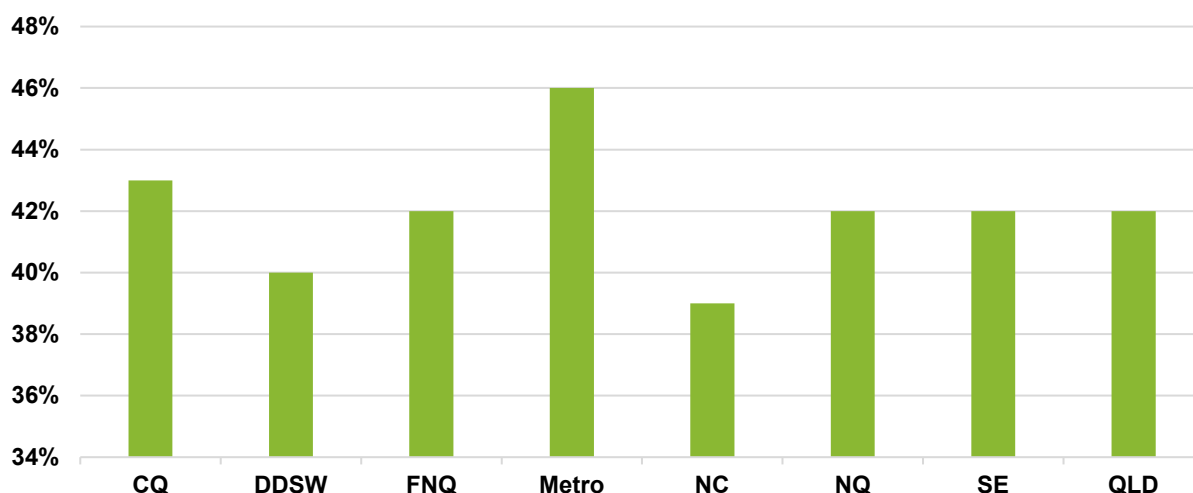
Across LGAs, the biggest variances are identified in the below table:

LGA Above	%	LGA Below	%
Napranum	34	Mapoon	1
Northern Peninsula Area	20	Burke	2
Torres, Yarrabah	18	Diamantina, Doomadgee, Mornington	5
Barcaldine, Somerset, South Burnett, Noosa	17	Bulloo, Kowanyama, Boulia, McKinlay, Richmond	6
Woorabinda, Southern Downs, Toowoomba, Hope Vale, Sunshine Coast	16	Croydon, Wujal Wujal, Carpentaria, Cloncurry	7

Student Profile – Age

42 % of TVA students identify as being between 25 and 44 years of age. The variation across regions is outlined below:

25 to 44 years of age



CQ and Metro are above the Qld average, whilst NC and DDSW are below the Qld average.

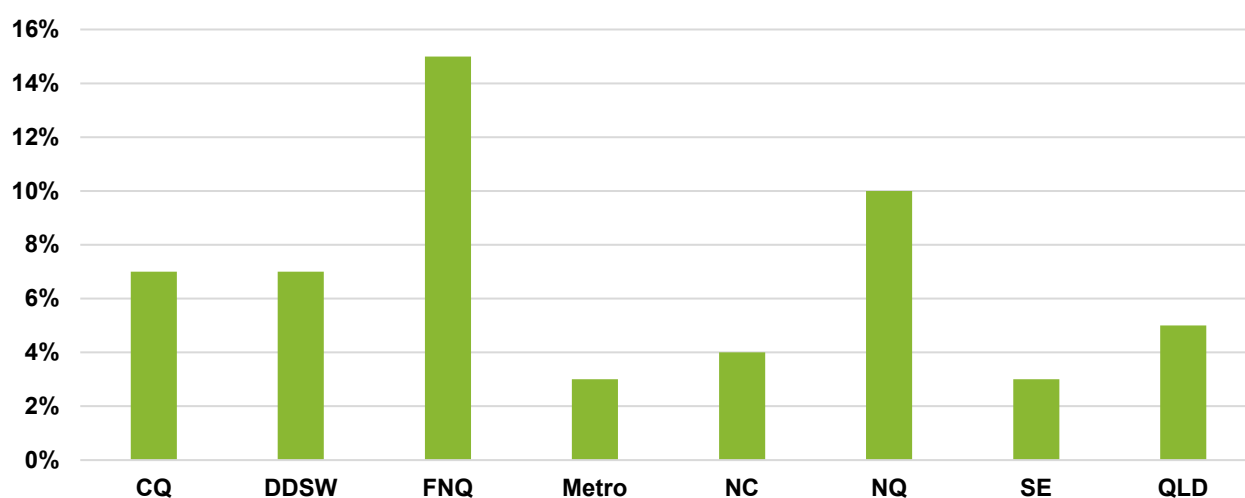
Across LGAs, the biggest variances are identified in the below table:

LGA Above	%	LGA Below	%
Doomadgee	59	Napranum	26
Mapoon	55	Diamantina	28
McKinlay	50	Barcoo	30
Mount Isa, Hope Vale, Kowanyama, Isaac	49	Hinchinbrook	31
Burke	48	Noosa	33

Student Profile – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

5 % of TVA students identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. The variation across regions is outlined below:

Indigenous



NQ, FNQ, CQ and DDSW are above the Qld average, whilst Metro, NC and SE are below the Qld average.

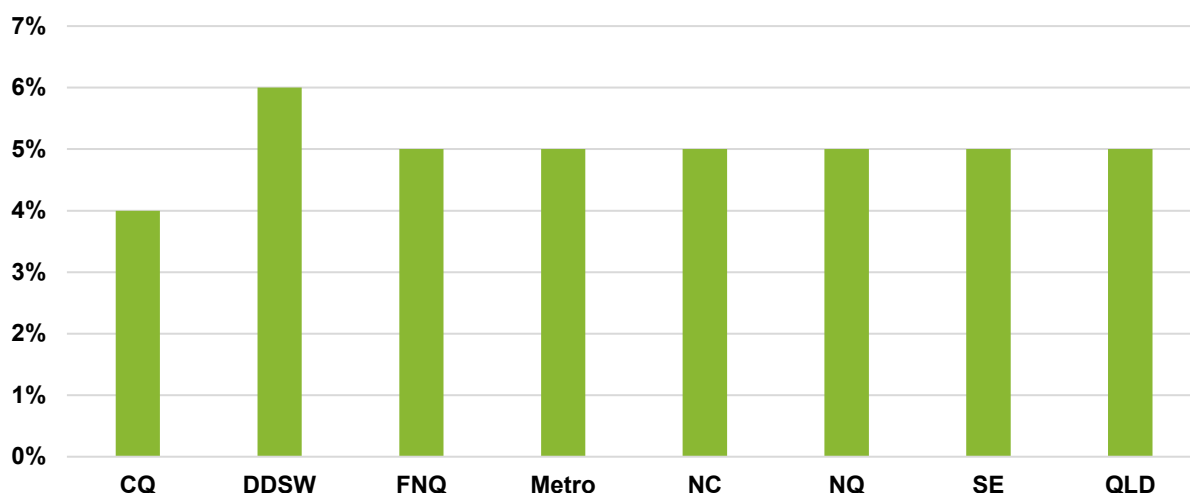
Across LGAs the biggest variances are identified in the below table:

LGA Above	%	LGA Below	%
Wujal Wujal	91	Brisbane, Noosa	2
Cherbourg	90	Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast	3
Hope Vale, Torres Strait Island, Palm Island	86	Moreton Bay, McKinlay, Redland	4
Norther Peninsula Area Woorabinda	81		
Napranum, Lockhart River	80		

Student Profile – Disability

5 % of TVA students identify as having a disability. The variation across regions is outlined below:

Student with a Disability



DDSW is above the Qld average, whilst CQ is below the Qld average.

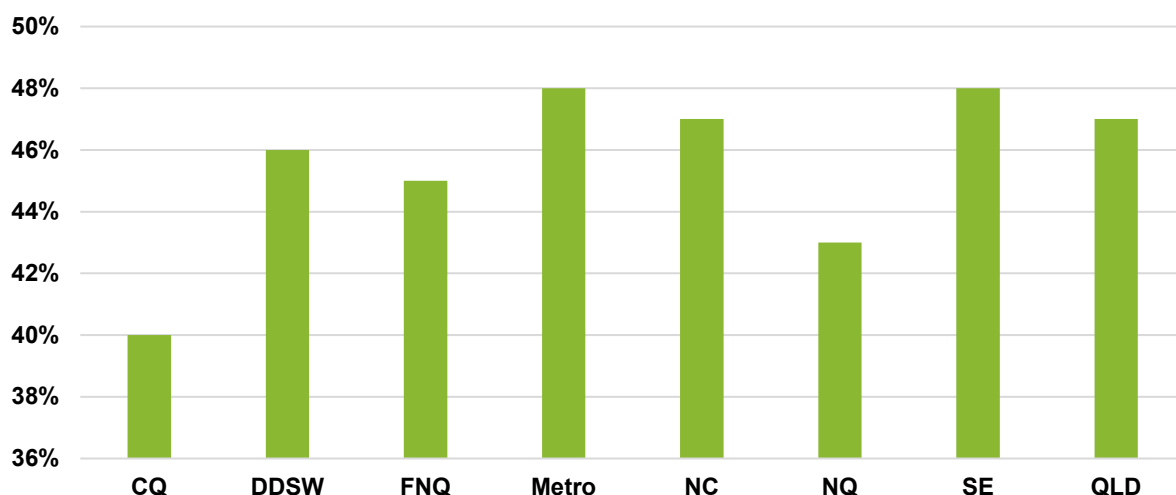
Across LGAs, the biggest variances are identified in the below table:

LGA Above	%	LGA Below	%
Cherbourg	10	Pompuraaw	1
Diamantina, Woorabinda, South Burnett, Charters Towers	8	Croydon, Hope Vale, Carpentaria, McKinlay	2
Winton, Balonne, Bulloo, Lockyer Valley, Murweh, Paroo, Kowanyama, Richmond, Wujal Wujal, Fraser Coast	7	Barcoo, Isaac, Aurukun, Northern Peninsula Arae, Torres, Weipa	3

Student Profile – Gender

47 % of TVA students identify as female. The variation across regions is outlined below:

Gender - Female



Metro and SE are above the Qld average, whilst CQ, DDSW, FNQ and NQ are below the Qld average.

Across LGAs, the biggest variances are identified in the below table:

LGA Above	%	LGA Below	%
Lockhart River	56	Wujal Wujal	31
Torres Strait Island	55	Mount Isa	34
Barcoo	54	Central Highlands, Richmond	37
Norther Peninsula Area	52	Isaac, Mackay, Burke	38
Paroo	51	Maranoa, Napranum	39

Number of Registered Training Organisations

There are a large number of RTOs (2,197 in 2023, down from 2,336 in 2018) delivering to residents in all regions of Queensland.

The number operating in each region is outlined in the attached regional snapshots.

Region	Proportion of TVA RTOs	Average TVA students per RTO	Proportion of TVA RTOs delivering to one student
Central Queensland	57%	81.8	21%
Darling Downs South West	61%	61	22%
Far North Queensland	53%	58.5	21%
Metropolitan	80%	166	14%
North Coast	78%	130.8	16%
North Queensland	54%	62.7	22%
South East	80%	141.5	16%

Top Qualifications

Whilst all regions are different in terms of their size, economic drivers and VET Student profile, it is interesting that the top five Government Funded qualifications in each region are similar. For example:

- the Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways is the top government funded qualification in six out of the seven regions (fifth funded qualification in DDSW)
- the Certificate III in Individual Support is in the top five funded qualifications across all regions
- the Certificate III in Business is in the top five funded qualifications in six out of seven regions (excluding NQ)
- the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care is in the top five funded qualifications across all regions
- the Certificate II in Engineering Pathways is in the top five funded qualifications in DDSW, NC and NQ regions.

On the other hand, fee-for-service training varies across regions, with the exception of:

- the Certificate III in Fitness is in the top five fee-for-service qualifications across all seven regions
- the Certificate III in Business is in the top five fee-for-service qualifications in five out of the seven regions.

Of particular interest are the top qualifications in CQ region. None of the top five funded qualifications relate to the resources/mining sector. However, four out of the top five fee-for-service qualifications relate to that sector. Given the importance of that industry to that region, further investigation is required to determine if funded VET in that region is targeting the right qualifications.

Government Funding

The Queensland Government invests considerable funding each year under the User Choice Program (for training apprentices and trainees), Certificate 3 Guarantee (C3G) program and Higher-Level Skills (HLS) program. In 2023/24, the Queensland Government invested over \$293 million to train apprentices and trainees under the User Choice program (up from \$180 million in 2018), and over \$323 million to train students under C3G/HLS (up from \$248 million in 2018).

The key challenge from a government perspective is whether all communities, and individuals within those communities, are able to access their fair share of government funded VET, and whether funding is targeted towards relevant qualifications.

Region	Government Funding Share 2023/24 %	User Choice Funding Share 2023/24 %	C3G/HLS Funding Share 2023/24 %
Central Queensland	10.0	13.7	6.6
Darling Downs South West	8.2	9.6	6.8
Far North Queensland	7.0	5.9	8.1
Metropolitan	24.2	23.5	24.8
North Coast	19.9	18.3	21.4
North Queensland	7.2	8.0	6.4
South East	23.1	20.5	25.5
Not identified	0.4	0.5	0.4

Over 67% of Queensland Government funding in 2023/24 was being accessed by residents of Metro, SE and NC regions of DTET.

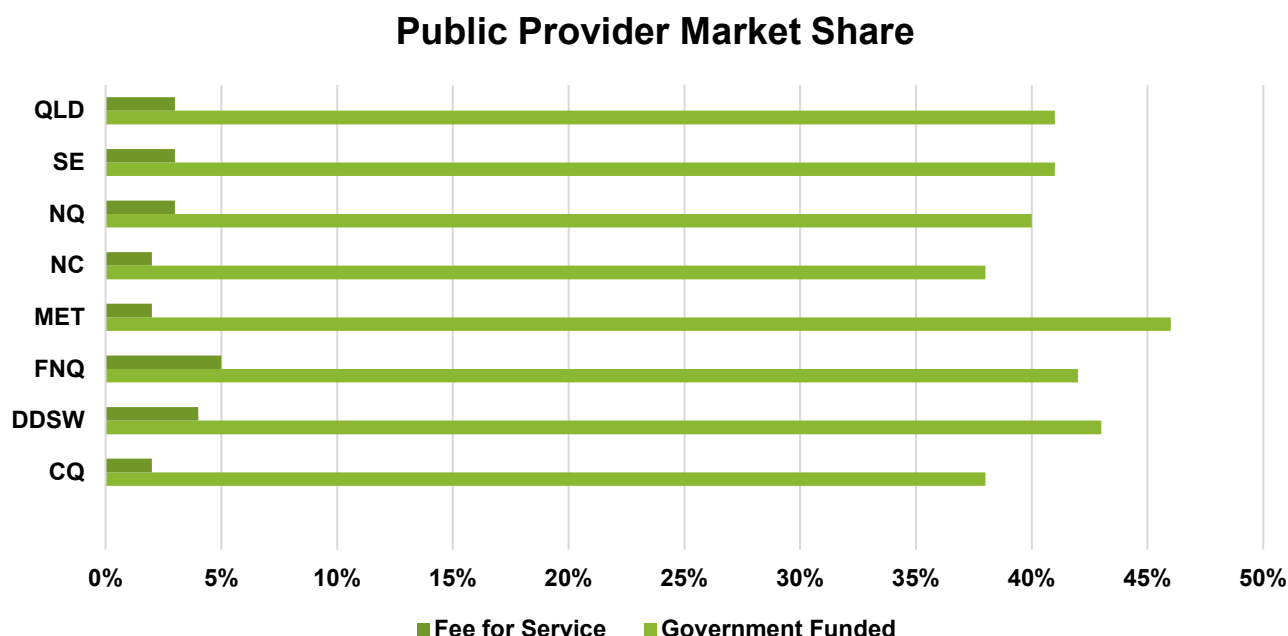
The regions outside of South East Queensland access a greater proportion of User Choice funding (apprenticeships and traineeships) than C3G/HLS funding.

In particular, CQ region accesses a much larger proportion of User Choice funding than C3G/HLS funding which reflects the reliance on employment-based training for major industries located in that region. In CQ region, the top five qualifications as outlined in the LGA snapshots include the Certificate III Electrotechnology Electrician qualification (an apprenticeship).

It should also be noted that regional funding figures are impacted by regional loadings applied by DTET, which are currently being reviewed.

Market Share – Public Provider and Private Provider

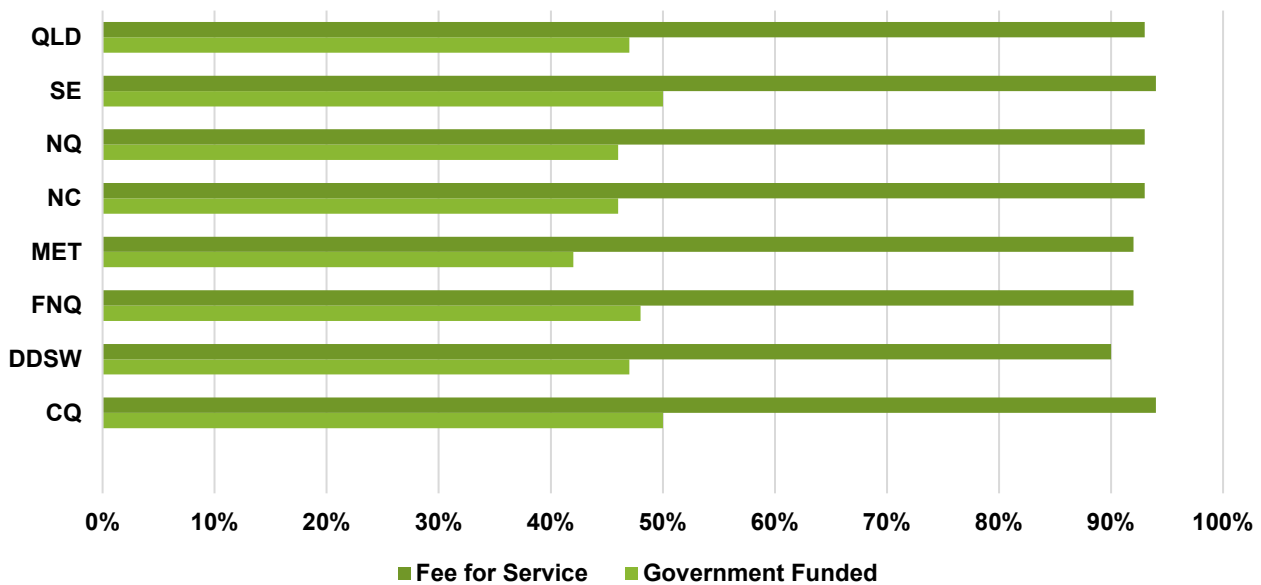
41% of government funded TVA and 3% of fee-for-service TVA was delivered by public providers (TAFE Queensland and CQUniversity) in 2023. The market share across regions varies slightly as outlined below:



It would appear there is capacity for the public provider to increase overall market share in NC and CQ regions. Additionally, overall strategies to grow the fee-for-service market share across all regions would assist with ongoing sustainability of the public providers.

47% of government funded TVA and 93% of fee-for-service TVA was delivered by private providers in 2023. The market share across regions is outlined below:

Private Provider Market Share



Interestingly, private providers have a slightly higher market share of government funded TVA but a significantly greater market share of fee-for-service activity. This may be influenced by possible restrictions on public providers to offer single competencies or skill sets requested specifically by individual students.

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Every region and LGA across Queensland, irrespective of size, is utilising the apprenticeship and traineeship system. The below table outlines the proportion of apprentices and trainees in training at 31 December 2023.

Region	Apprentices in Training 2023 %	Trainees in Training 2023 %
Central Queensland	12	10
Darling Downs South West	9	9
Far North Queensland	5	4
Metropolitan	26	30
North Coast	20	17
North Queensland	7	5
South East	21	24

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW)

SQW is a program administered by DTET that aims to ensure all Queenslanders have the ability to compete for employment opportunities by assisting individuals to gain the theoretical and practical skills required. The program is administered centrally, with notional budgets allocated to each region. Local committees determine the priorities for funding. SQW provides a suite of programs to ensure needs can be matched to local opportunities.

SQW is not designed to be a one size fits all program and it is expected the level of funding provided to local communities should vary based on the type of programs being delivered. Allocations of SQW funding to the largest LGA in each region, is outlined below:

Region	Largest LGA	Proportion of regional SQW funding %
Central Queensland	Mackay	12.91
Darling Downs South West	Toowoomba	43.43
Far North Queensland	Cairns	55.69
Metropolitan	Brisbane	65.38
North Coast	Moreton Bay	44.34
North Queensland	Townsville	68.87
South East	Gold Coast	30.31

In relation to the CQ region, Rockhampton, the second largest centre, has received 44.29% of that regions funding. It is noted the unemployment rate for Mackay is considerably lower than Rockhampton resulting in a greater demand for SQW programs in Rockhampton compared to Mackay.

Similarly, in the SE region, Logan, the second largest City, has received 48.84% of the funding for that region indicating a greater demand for SQW programs in Logan compared to the Gold Coast.

These examples highlight the targeted nature of the SQW program and the manner in which the program is managed by DTET. Notwithstanding this, there is a constant need for DTET Regional Directors to ensure all LGAs within their region are accessing an appropriate level of SQW funding.

General Issue

During the course of this review, it became evident that DTET reporting still does not match DTET regions. For example, Boulia Shire Council is reported against CQ region when the map of DTET regions (**Attachment 9**) clearly indicates it is included in the NQ region.

Recommendations

1. DTET should commit to updating the LGA snapshots on an annual basis when TVA is released.
2. DTET Regional Directors should review these snapshots and implement strategies to address any identified issues related to VET (including SQW) activity across their regions and should report annually on the effectiveness of strategies implemented.
3. DTET should review current policy parameters applying to TAFE Queensland and CQUniversity and remove any barriers or impediments to those providers growing their fee-for-service market to assist in addressing any sustainability issues.
4. DTET should implement an urgent review of reporting requirements to ensure current reporting of activity aligns with current regional boundaries.

Attachments

Attachment 1	Glossary of Terms
Attachment 2	Central Queensland Regional Snapshot
Attachment 3	Darling Downs South West Regional Snapshot
Attachment 4	Far North Queensland Regional Snapshot
Attachment 5	Metropolitan Regional Snapshot
Attachment 6	North Coast Regional Snapshot
Attachment 7	North Queensland Regional Snapshot
Attachment 8	South East Queensland Regional Snapshot
Attachment 9	Map of DTET regions

Glossary of Terms

Term	Meaning
Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)	The national regulator for the VET sector.
Certificate 3 Guarantee (C3G)	Provides a Queensland Government subsidy that supports eligible individuals to complete their first post-school certificate III level qualification and increase their skills to move into employment, re-enter the workforce or advance their career.
DTET	Queensland Government Department of Trade, Employment and Training .
Fee-for-service Training	Where individuals pay for training conducted by RTOs through sources other than Queensland Government funding.
Government funded VET	Includes funding provided to RTOs by the Queensland Government under the User Choice, Certificate 3 Guarantee and Higher-Level Skills programs, Commonwealth funded programs, plus where training is delivered by other organisations such as schools who are in receipt of government funding.
Higher-Level Skills (HLS) program	Provides a Queensland Government subsidy to support eligible individuals to access subsidised training in selected certificate IV or above qualifications, and priority skill sets.
Local Government Authority (LGA)	Institutions and processes by which towns and districts manager their own affairs to the extent permitted by the <i>Local Government Act</i> .
National Centre for Vocational Education and Research (NCVER)	The national body responsible for collecting, managing, analysing and communicating research and statistics on the Australian VET sector.
Private Providers	All RTOs that are not TAFEs, Universities, Schools, Enterprise RTOs, or Community Education providers.
Public Providers	For the purposes of this review includes TAFE Queensland and CQUniversity.
Regional Snapshots	Attachments to this report that provide a breakdown of data into seven defined regions and the various LGAs that make up the region.
Registered Training Organisation (RTO)	Organisations approved by ASQA to deliver accredited training.

Term	Meaning
Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW)	Queensland Government program that assists disadvantaged Queenslanders to gain the skills, qualifications and experience to enter and stay in a job.
Skills Assure Supplier (SAS)	An RTO approved by DTET to deliver Queensland Government subsidised training
Total VET Activity (TVA)	All VET activity, whether government funded or delivered through fee-for-service arrangements, that must be reported to NCVER.
Total VET Students	Number of students participating in Total VET Activity.
User Choice	Provides a Queensland Government subsidy for the delivery of eligible qualifications that are part of an apprenticeship or traineeship.
Weipa Town Area	Managed by the Weipa Town Authority performing the same functions as an LGA.

VET provision in Central Queensland Region

LGA Snapshot

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VET Delivery in Central Queensland Region

Local Government Areas

The Central Queensland region includes Banana Shire Council, Barcaldine Regional Council, Barcoo Shire Council, Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, Central Highlands Regional Council, Diamantina Shire Council, Gladstone Regional Council, Isaac Regional Council, Livingstone Shire Council, Longreach Regional Council, Mackay Regional Council, North Burnett Regional Council, Rockhampton Regional Council, Winton Shire Council and Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council.

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	89,119	88,053	94,601	94,328	102,766
Government funded	22,597	23,625	24,395	21,100	23,441
Fee-for-service	76,222	74,765	81,239	82,336	89,885

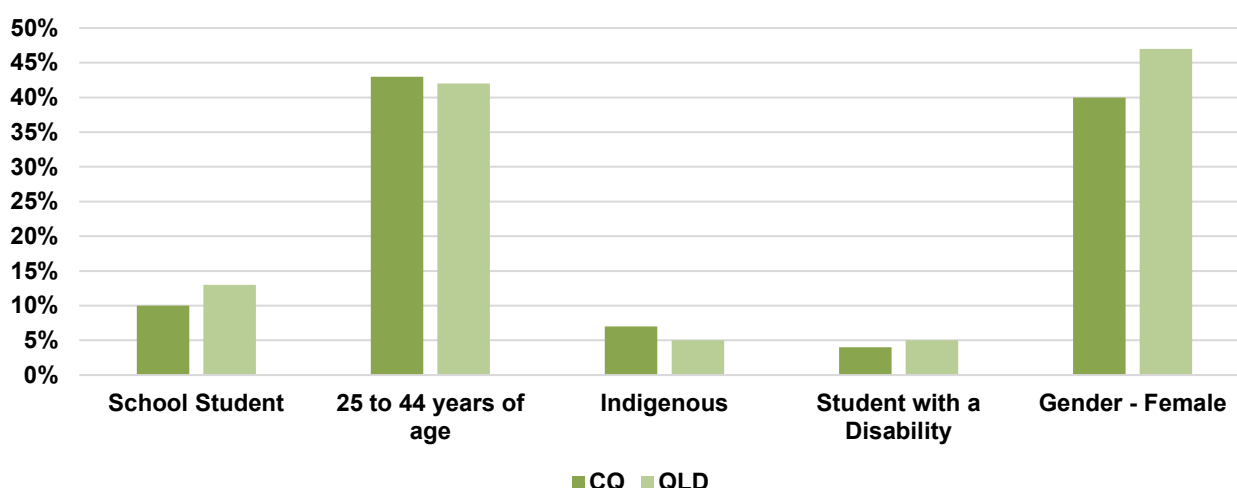
Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee-for-Service Students
Public Providers	9,012	1,934
Private Providers	11,646	84,406

For the above data, public provider includes delivery by TAFE Queensland and CQUniversity (CQU). Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

CQ Student Profile



Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,257 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Central Queensland Region in 2023. 257 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	15
University	8
Community Education RTO	37
Enterprise RTO	37
School	95
Private RTO	1,065
Total	1,257

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 6,394 apprentices and 3,466 trainees in training in the Central Queensland Region.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Business.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation
- Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations
- Certificate II in Surface Extraction Operations
- Surface Coal Mine Safety Skill Set
- Certificate III in Fitness.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$17,836,556	\$21,202,274
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$31,395,676	\$40,307,270
Total	\$49,232,232	\$61,509,544

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$77,669,200 to assist 10,190 residents of the Central Queensland region secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 9.1% of all SQW expenditure during that period and equates to an average of \$7,622 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Banana Shire Council

The Banana Shire Council has a population of 14,513. The major industries in the shire are electricity production, coal and coal seam gas production, ammonium Nitrate production, livestock grazing and processing, cereal cotton and fodder cultivation, gold mining, horticulture and herbs. Towns within the shire are Banana, Baralaba, Biloela, Cracow, Dululu, Goovigen, Jambin, Moura, Rannes, Taroom, Thangool, Theodore and Wowan. (Source: Banana Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	2,926	2,987	3,339	3,719	3,872
Government funded	842	928	1,004	1,015	1,010
Fee-for-service	2,404	2,429	2,792	3,072	3,243

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	313	94
Private Providers	481	3,063

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	13	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	43	43	42
Indigenous	5	7	5
Student with a disability	4	4	5
Gender - Female	40	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

357 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Banana Shire in 2023. 116 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	4
University	3
Community Education RTO	3
Enterprise RTO	15
School	13

RTO Type	Number
Private RTO	319
Total	357

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 209 apprentices and 220 trainees in training in the Banana Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Meat Processing (Abattoirs)
- Certificate III in Surface Extraction (Operations)
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Certificate III in Individual Support.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations
- Surface Coal Mine Safety Skill Set
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Enterprise Trainer and Assessor Skill Set.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$447,975	\$466,013
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$1,479,863	\$2,070,688
Total	\$1,927,838	\$2,536,701

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$1,225,500 to assist 141 residents of Banana secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 1.58% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$8,691 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Barcaldine Regional Council

Barcaldine Regional Council has a population of approximately 2,900. Sheep and cattle grazing have traditionally been the mainstay of the local economy supported by small business and public services. Tourism has developed into a major industry and the renewable energy sector is an emerging industry. Alpha, Jericho, Barcaldine, Aramac and Muttaborra are main towns in the region. (Source: Barcaldine Regional Council Annual Report 2023-24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	649	648	688	627	694
Government funded	149	139	149	130	162
Fee-for-service	570	587	625	555	610

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	46	9
Private Providers	84	483

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	17	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	36	43	42
Indigenous	9	7	5
Student with a disability	5	4	5
Gender - Female	49	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

141 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Barcaldine Region in 2023. 71 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	2
University	2
Community Education RTO	2
Enterprise RTO	7
School	6
Private RTO	122

RTO Type	Number
Total	141

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 27 apprentices and 16 trainees in training in the Barcaldine Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Kitchen Operations
- Certificate I in Agrifood Operations
- Certificate II in Rural Operations
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Agriculture.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Public Safety (SES)
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Aerodrome Reporting Officer Skill Set.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$96,116	\$113,131
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$155,446	\$260,387
Total	\$251,562	\$373,518

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$407,500 to assist 29 residents of Barcaldine secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.52% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,052 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Barcoo Shire Council

Barcoo Shire Council has a population of approximately 308. The Shire's main economic output is beef production, and to a lesser extent wool production, opal mining, earthmoving works and tourism and hospitality. The Shire includes the towns of Stonehenge, Jundah and Windorah. (Source: Barcoo Shire Council Annual Report 2023/2024)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	86	117	98	105	105
Government funded	15	17	24	29	31
Fee-for-service	79	111	82	87	90

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	10	3
Private Providers	18	77

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	10	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	30	43	42
Indigenous	10	7	5
Student with a disability	3	4	5
Gender - Female	54	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

43 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Barcoo Shire in 2023. 24 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	1
Community Education RTO	1
Enterprise RTO	2
School	3
Private RTO	35

RTO Type	Number
Total	43

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were two apprentices and nine trainees in training in the Barcoo Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Water Industry Operations
- Certificate IV in Agriculture
- Certificate II in Animal Care
- Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Public Safety (SES)
- Certificate III in Public Safety (SES Rescue)
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Public Safety (Firefighting and Emergency Operations).

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$37,166	\$37,795
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$182,596	\$89,868
Total	\$219,762	\$127,663

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$175,000 to assist 12 residents of Barcoo secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.23% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,583 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council has a population of approximately 2,100. The region has an extensive history in cattle, sheep and wool production, with cypress pine sawmilling and tourism being other key industries. The two towns in the region are Blackall and Tambo. (Source: btrc.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	350	373	338	339	406
Government funded	94	102	82	66	61
Fee-for-service	301	319	292	304	380

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	23	6
Private Providers	30	362

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	13	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	42	43	42
Indigenous	7	7	5
Student with a disability	6	4	5
Gender - Female	50	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

115 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Blackall-Tambo Region in 2023. 61 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	2
University	2
Community Education RTO	0
Enterprise RTO	6
School	8
Private RTO	97
Total	115

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 13 apprentices and four trainees in training in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Kitchen Operations
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Rural Operations
- Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Course in First Aid Management of Anaphylaxis
- Course in the Management of Asthma Risks and Emergencies in the Workplace
- Certificate II in Public Safety (SES)
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$79,088	\$53,124
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$71,113	\$78,016
Total	\$150,201	\$131,140

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$320,000 to assist 23 residents of Blackall-Tambo secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.41% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$13,913 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Central Highlands Regional Council

Central Highlands Regional Council has a population of approximately 29,000. The area is rich in minerals and agriculture and is part of a major freight route. The region comprises 13 communities of Arcadia Valley, Bauhinia, Blackwater, Bluff, Capella, Comet, Dingo, Duaringa, Emerald, Rolleston, Sapphire Gemfields, Springsure and Tieri. (Source: Central Highlands Regional Council Annual Report 2023-2024)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	7,242	7,507	7,895	7,544	8,385
Government funded	1,791	1,919	2,066	1,494	1,640
Fee-for-service	6,213	6,455	6,767	6,720	7,417

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	497	165
Private Providers	826	7,171

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	11	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	45	43	42
Indigenous	6	7	5
Student with a disability	4	4	5
Gender - Female	37	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

550 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Central Highlands Region in 2023. 198 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	6
University	4
Community Education RTO	12
Enterprise RTO	17
School	25
Private RTO	486

RTO Type	Number
Total	550

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 629 apprentices and 306 trainees in training in the Central Highlands Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Surface Extraction Operations
- Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Enterprise Trainer and Assessor Skill Set
- Certificate II in Underground Coal Mining.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$859,527	\$1,013,279
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$2,648,486	\$3,370,679
Total	\$3,508,013	\$4,383,958

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$3,473,200 to assist 654 residents of Central Highlands secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 4.47% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$5,311 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Diamantina Shire Council

Diamantina Shire is the second largest local government area in Queensland with the second smallest population of approximately 200. Beef production and tourism are the lifeblood of the shire. The three towns of the Shire are Birdsville, Bedourie and Betoota. (Source: Diamantina Annual Report 2022-23)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	118	108	110	121	136
Government funded	28	16	25	25	14
Fee-for-service	111	104	106	115	129

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	1	0
Private Providers	13	116

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	5	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	28	43	42
Indigenous	21	7	5
Student with a disability	8	4	5
Gender - Female	46	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

30 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Diamantina Shire in 2023. 12 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	1
Enterprise RTO	2
School	0
Private RTO	26
Total	30

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were nine apprentices and 14 trainees in training in the Diamantina Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Certificate IV in Agriculture.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate IV in Disability.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$26,220	\$13,073
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$36,746	\$212,208
Total	\$62,966	\$225,281

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$225,000 to assist 16 residents of Diamantina secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.29% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,063 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Gladstone Regional Council

Gladstone Regional Council has a population of 68,065. The region includes two of the world's largest alumina refineries, Queensland's largest multi commodity port and other main industries including manufacturing, LNG, renewables tourism and primary production. The Council services the urban centre of Gladstone and Tannum Sands/Boyne Island, plus the smaller towns of Agnes Water, Ambrose, Baffle Creek, Benaraby, Bororen, Builyan, Calliope, Lowmead, Miriam Vale, Mount Larcom, Many Peaks, Nagoorin, Raglan, Rosedale, Seventeen Seventy, Turkey Beach, Ubobo and Yarwun, and surrounding areas and islands. (Source: remplan.com.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	15,468	14,632	15,695	15,917	17,436
Government funded	4,031	3,991	3,952	3,340	3,897
Fee-for-service	13,213	12,413	13,487	14,053	15,289

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	1,749	406
Private Providers	1,760	14,514

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	9	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	43	43	42
Indigenous	6	7	5
Student with a disability	5	4	5
Gender - Female	40	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

739 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Gladstone Regional Council in 2023. 240 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	9
University	6
Community Education RTO	16
Enterprise RTO	28

RTO Type	Number
School	37
Private RTO	643
Total	739

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 923 apprentices and 430 trainees in training in the Gladstone Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Workplace Skills
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Process Plant Operations.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$3,026,487	\$4,276,775
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$3,916,343	\$5,620,347
Total	\$6,942,830	\$9,897,122

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$20,086,880 to assist 2,096 residents of Gladstone secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 25.86% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$9,583 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Isaac Regional Council

Isaac Regional Council has a population of 33,566. Mining is the largest employer in the region generating over 13,000 jobs, followed by agriculture. Renewable energy projects are increasing in the region. The Council services the communities of Carmila, Clairview, Clarke Creek, Clermont, Coppabella, Dysart, Flaggy Rock, Glenden, Greenhill, Ilbilbie, Kilcummin, Mackenzie River, Middelmount, Mistake Creek, Moranbah, Nebo, St Lawrence, and Valkyrie. (Source: Isaac Region Annual Report 2023-2024)

Number of Students– Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	5,665	5,719	5,838	5,609	6,148
Government funded	1,067	1,205	1,230	955	1,048
Fee-for-service	5,068	5,002	5,177	5,109	5,576

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	414	87
Private Providers	536	5,404

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	8	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	49	43	42
Indigenous	7	7	5
Student with a disability	3	4	5
Gender - Female	38	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

449 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Isaac Regional Council in 2023. 152 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	7
University	4
Community Education RTO	7
Enterprise RTO	11
School	23

RTO Type	Number
Private RTO	397
Total	449

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 578 apprentices and 798 trainees in training in the Isaac Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations
- Certificate III in Business.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations
- Certificate II in Surface Extraction Operations
- Certificate III in Emergency Response and Rescue
- Surface Coal Mine Safety Skill Set
- Certificate IV in Surface Coal Mining (Open Cut Examiner).

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$706,189	\$916,363
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$4,353,931	\$4,506,990
Total	\$5,060,120	\$5,423,353

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$1,259,700 to assist 93 residents of Isaac secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 1.62% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$13,545 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Livingstone Shire Council

The Livingstone Shire has a population of approximately 42,849. Major industries include tourism and the agriculture sector. The region is also home to the large defence force training facility at Shoalwater Bay. The major centres include the coastal towns of Yeppoon and Emu Park, together with the smaller settlements of Byfield, Farnborough, Cawarral, Keppel Sands, Glenlee, Glendale, The Caves, Yaamba, Marlborough, Stanage Bay and Ogmoo. (Source: www.livingstone.qld.gov.au and remplan.com.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	8,039	8,255	8,862	8,978	9,887
Government funded	1,907	2,010	1,957	1,746	1,981
Fee-for-service	7,034	7,234	7,833	7,995	8,768

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	768	185
Private Providers	998	8,178

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	12	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	39	43	42
Indigenous	6	7	5
Student with a disability	4	4	5
Gender - Female	42	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

612 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Livingstone Shire in 2023. 193 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	9
University	5
Community Education RTO	15
Enterprise RTO	26
School	19

RTO Type	Number
Private RTO	538
Total	612

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 331 apprentices and 154 trainees in training in the Livingstone Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Carpentry.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations
- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Certificate II in Surface Extraction Operations.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$1,740,492	\$2,253,575
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$1,467,926	\$1,753,925
Total	\$3,208,418	\$4,007,500

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$3,566,900 to assist 482 residents of Livingstone secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 4.59% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$7,400 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Longreach Regional Council

Longreach Regional Council has a population of approximately 3,758. The main industries are cattle and sheep production and tourism. It encompasses the townships of Longreach, Ilfracombe, Isisford and Yarka. (Source: www.longreach.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	863	768	825	833	863
Government funded	259	250	221	195	186
Fee-for-service	708	619	706	727	759

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	71	16
Private Providers	87	681

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	12	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	38	43	42
Indigenous	7	7	5
Student with a disability	5	4	5
Gender - Female	46	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

176 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Longreach Regional Council in 2023. 83 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	5
University	3
Community Education RTO	2
Enterprise RTO	8
School	3
Private RTO	155

RTO Type	Number
Total	176

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 44 apprentices and 22 trainees in training in the Longreach Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Applied Digital Technologies
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate II in Kitchen Operations
- Certificate I in Agrifood Operations.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate II in Public Safety (SES)
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Work Zone Traffic Control – Road Labourer Skill Set
- Agricultural Chemical Skill Set.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$100,905	\$211,398
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$338,374	\$401,604
Total	\$439,279	\$613,002

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$719,600 to assist 125 residents of Longreach secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.93% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$5,757 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Mackay Regional Council

Mackay Regional Council has a population of approximately 128,361 and is spread across a diverse economic base including healthcare and social assistance, retail, logistics, manufacturing, construction, and tourism. The Council covers Mackay City, the towns of Mirani and Sarina, and many other towns, villages, localities and islands in the local area. (Source: www.mackay.qld.gov.au and remplan.com.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	29,162	28,866	31,880	31,274	33,505
Government funded	7,122	7,559	8,234	7,047	7,664
Fee-for-service	24,935	24,471	27,413	27,346	29,516

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	3,029	546
Private Providers	3,863	27,861

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	9	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	44	43	42
Indigenous	7	7	5
Student with a disability	4	4	5
Gender - Female	38	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

853 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Mackay Regional Council in 2023. 215 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	13
University	7
Community Education RTO	19
Enterprise RTO	28
School	32

RTO Type	Number
Private RTO	754
Total	853

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 2,413 apprentices and 777 trainees in training in the Mackay Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Surface Coal Mine Safety Skill Set
- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation
- Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations
- Certificate II in Surface Extraction Operations
- Certificate III in Emergency Response and Rescue.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$5,411,218	\$6,259,325
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$10,638,876	\$14,287,874
Total	\$16,050,094	\$20,547,199

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$10,027,910 to assist 1,652 residents of Mackay secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 12.91% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$6,070 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in North Burnett Regional Council

North Burnett Regional Council has a population of approximately 10,068. Main industries include agriculture and tourism. Townships within the council include Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Monto, Mt Perry, Mundubbera and 25 additional villages and farm catchments. (Source: North Burnett Regional Council Annual Report 2023-2024)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	1,871	1,823	1,907	1,818	1,896
Government funded	427	563	464	371	402
Fee-for-service	1,615	1,523	1,633	1,582	1,645

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	170	32
Private Providers	180	1,509

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	12	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	36	43	42
Indigenous	7	7	5
Student with a disability	6	4	5
Gender - Female	48	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

324 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the North Burnett Regional Council in 2023. 145 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	5
University	3
Community Education RTO	9
Enterprise RTO	8
School	18
Private RTO	281

RTO Type	Number
Total	324

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 80 apprentices and 97 trainees in training in the North Burnett Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Meat Processing (Abattoirs)
- Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations
- Surface Coal Mine Safety Skill Set
- Certificate II in Horticulture
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$232,262	\$261,294
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$427,712	\$561,995
Total	\$659,974	\$823,289

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$841,500 to assist 124 residents of North Burnett secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 1.08% of all SQW expenditure in CQ and equates to an average of \$6,786 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Rockhampton Regional Council

Rockhampton Regional Council has a population of 84,517 and services the communities of Rockhampton, Gracemere, Mount Morgan and surrounding areas. The largest industry sector is Healthcare and social assistance with other key sectors including retail, education and training, construction, transport and warehousing, manufacturing, beef production and tourism. (Source: Rockhampton Regional Council Annual Report 2023/2024)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	16,991	16,633	17,611	17,841	20,035
Government funded	4,691	4,808	4,886	4,519	5,202
Fee-for-service	14,235	13,769	14,714	15,007	16,961

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	1,936	381
Private Providers	2,690	15,438

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	11	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	44	43	42
Indigenous	10	7	5
Student with a disability	5	4	5
Gender - Female	42	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

752 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Rockhampton Regional Council in 2023. 217 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	8
University	6
Community Education RTO	22
Enterprise RTO	26
School	33

RTO Type	Number
Private RTO	657
Total	752

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 1,124 apprentices and 615 trainees in training in the Rockhampton Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Meat Processing (Abattoirs)
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Business.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Driving Operations
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$4,670,884	\$5,190,714
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$5,562,884	\$6,998,534
Total	\$10,233,768	\$12,189,248

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$34,401,610 to assist 4,693 residents of the Rockhampton region secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 44.29% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$7,330 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Winton Shire Council

Winton Shire has a population of approximately 1200. The main industries are beef production, opal mining, and tourism. Communities within the shire are Winton, Corfield, Middleton and Opalton.
(Source: Winton Shire Council Annual Report 2023-2024)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	309	296	280	338	272
Government funded	84	90	75	99	62
Fee-for-service	278	269	251	286	256

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	35	5
Private Providers	28	216

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	10	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	38	43	42
Indigenous	9	7	5
Student with a disability	7	4	5
Gender - Female	48	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

71 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Winton Shire in 2023. 34 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	2
Community Education RTO	2
Enterprise RTO	3
School	3
Private RTO	60
Total	71

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 11 apprentices and four trainees in training in the Winton Shire Council area.

Qualifications

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Kitchen Operations
- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate I in Agrifood Operations.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Work Zone Traffic Control – Road Labourer Skill Set
- Certificate III in Driving Operations
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$67,396	\$52,721
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$107,639	\$88,071
Total	\$175,035	\$140,792

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$375,000 to assist 26 residents of Winton secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.48% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,423 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council

Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council is located 170kms south-west of Rockhampton and has a population of approximately 1,059. The main industry relates to the provision of government services, with other industries including hospitality and agriculture. (Source: www.woorabinda.qld.gov.au and remplan.com.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	150	123	117	179	194
Government funded	106	50	43	93	94
Fee-for-service	82	94	93	130	137

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	17	3
Private Providers	55	129

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	CQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	16	10	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	45	43	42
Indigenous	81	7	5
Student with a disability	8	4	5
Gender - Female	44	40	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

47 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Woorabinda Shire in 2023. 21 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	1
Community Education RTO	3
Enterprise RTO	1
School	5
Private RTO	36

RTO Type	Number
Total	47

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there was one apprentice in training in the Woorabinda Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure
- Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate II in Horticulture
- Certificate II in Visual Arts
- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate IV in Mental Health.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$334,631	\$83,694
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$7,741	\$6,084
Total	\$342,372	\$89,778

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$563,900 to assist 24 residents of Woorabinda secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.73% of all SQW expenditure in CQ during that period and equates to an average of \$23,496 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET provision in Darling Downs South West Region

LGA Snapshot

August 2025

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VET Delivery in Darling Downs South West Region

Local Government Areas

The Darling Downs South West Region includes Balonne Shire Council, Bulloo Shire Council, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, Goondiwindi Regional Council, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Maranoa Regional Council, Murweh Shire Council, Paroo Shire Council, Quilpie Shire Council, Somerset Regional Council, South Burnett Regional Council, Southern Downs Regional Council, Toowoomba Regional Council, Western Downs Regional Council.

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	71,093	66,949	74,282	75,678	81,352
Government funded	21,670	22,333	23,282	21,113	22,280
Fee-for-service	57,665	52,723	60,387	63,118	68,194

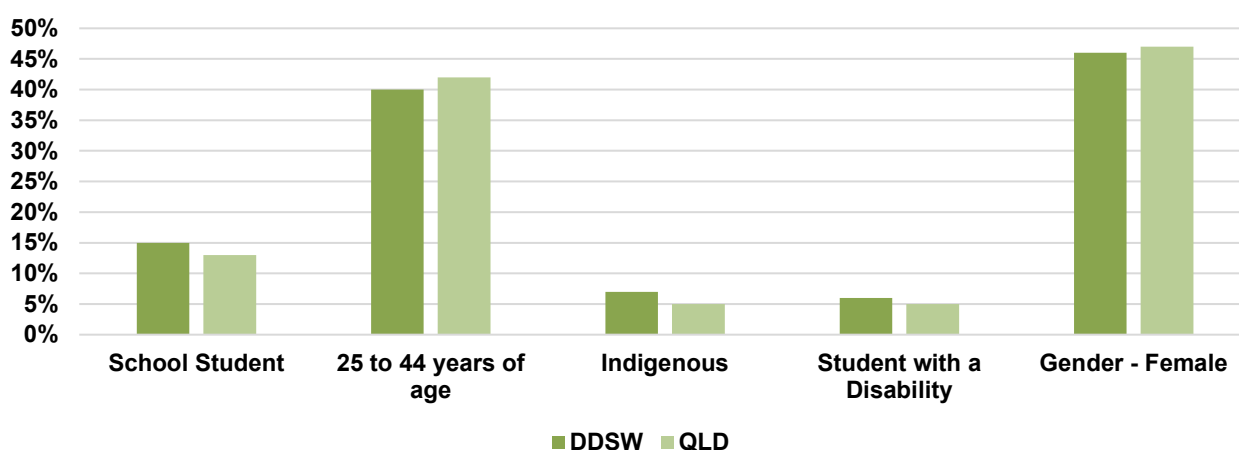
Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	9,484	2,516
Private Providers	10,581	61,489

For the above data, public provider includes delivery by TAFE Queensland and CQUniversity (CQU). Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

DDSW Student Profile



Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,333 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Darling Downs South West Region in 2023. 286 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	14
University	8
Community Education RTO	42
Enterprise RTO	46
School	100
Private RTO	1,123
Total	1,333

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 4,678 apprentices and 2,940 trainees in training in the Darling Downs South West Region.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- CPR Skill Set.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$20,109,231	\$22,204,512
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$23,508,673	\$28,217,999
Total	\$43,617,904	\$50,422,511

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$69,833,970 to assist 9,382 residents of Darling Downs South West region to secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 8.19% of all SQW expenditure during that period and equates to an average of \$7,443 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Balonne Shire Council

The Balonne Shire Council has a population of 4,345. The major industries in the shire are agriculture, tourism and horticulture. Towns within the shire are Bollon, Dirranbandi, Hebel, Nindigully, Mungindi, Thallon and St George. (Source: Balonne Shire Council Annual Report 2023-24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	753	719	826	770	913
Government funded	283	212	215	198	200
Fee-for-service	542	598	686	649	821

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	86	29
Private Providers	91	726

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	14	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	37	40	42
Indigenous	21	7	5
Student with a disability	7	6	5
Gender - Female	47	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

192 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Balonne Shire in 2023. 103 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	3
University	2
Community Education RTO	2
Enterprise RTO	10
School	8
Private RTO	167
Total	192

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 46 apprentices and 17 trainees in training in the Balonne Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Carpentry
- Certificate II in Rural Operations
- Certificate III in Agricultural Mechanical Technology.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for firearms licensing in Queensland)
- Responsible Service of Alcohol
- Swimming and Water Safety Teacher Skill Set
- Diploma of Business

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$153,566	\$207,798
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$172,296	\$357,093
Total	\$325,862	\$564,891

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$703,000 to assist 34 residents of Balonne Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 1.01% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$20,676 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Bulloo Shire Council

The Bulloo Shire Council has a population of 337 (2021 census). The major industries in the shire are beef, wool, opal, beekeeping, tourism and oil/gas. Towns within the shire are Cameron Corner, Hungerford, Noccundra and Thargomindah. (Source: Bulloo Shire Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	81	81	117	112	119
Government funded	37	22	31	67	29
Fee-for-service	59	70	106	74	108

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	12	5
Private Providers	16	104

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	6	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	45	40	42
Indigenous	18	7	5
Student with a disability	7	6	5
Gender - Female	41	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

39 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Bulloo Shire in 2023. 24 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	1
Enterprise RTO	3
School	3
Private RTO	31
Total	39

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 33 apprentices and 41 trainees in training in the Bulloo Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Certificate III in Water Industry Operations
- Diploma of Project Management
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for firearms licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Certificate IV in Civil Construction
- Pool Lifeguard
- Certificate III in Mobile Plant Technology.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$6,116	\$16,692
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$216,200	\$214,123
Total	\$222,316	\$230,815

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$187,500 to assist 13 residents of Bulloo Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.27% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$14,423 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

The Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council has a population of 1,194. Health Care and Social Assistance is the largest employer, making up 45.7% of total employment. (Source: Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24 and RDA Wide Bay Burnett Region economic profile)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	257	189	207	192	208
Government funded	195	110	141	124	118
Fee-for-service	125	109	145	100	129

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	48	15
Private Providers	67	105

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	13	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	45	40	42
Indigenous	90	7	5
Student with a disability	10	6	5
Gender - Female	48	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

59 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire in 2023. 32 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	1
Community Education RTO	3
Enterprise RTO	1
School	5
Private RTO	48
Total	59

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were six apprentices and 35 trainees in training in the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate I in Construction
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Skills for Education, Training and Employment Pathways
- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation
- Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Licence to Operate a Forklift Truck Skill Set
- Surface Coal Mine Safety Skill Set
- General Construction Induction Training (GCIT) Skill Set
- Certificate II in Hospitality.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$155,912	\$221,548
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$119,968	\$144,781
Total	\$275,880	\$366,329

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$5,825,700 to assist 334 residents of Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 8.34% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$17,442 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Goondiwindi Regional Council

The Goondiwindi Regional Council has a population of approximately 10,452. The major industries in the shire are agriculture, healthcare and social assistance, retail, education and training and construction. Towns within the shire are Bungunya, Goondiwindi, Inglewood, Toobeah, Talwood, Texas and Yelarbon. (Source: Goondiwindi Regional Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	2,158	2,144	1,974	1,971	2,218
Government funded	724	696	572	515	537
Fee-for-service	1,670	1,699	1,620	1,671	1,878

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	212	51
Private Providers	255	1,675

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	11	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	40	40	42
Indigenous	9	7	5
Student with a disability	5	6	5
Gender - Female	47	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

322 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Goondiwindi Region in 2023. 146 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	5
University	4
Community Education RTO	7
Enterprise RTO	15
School	14
Private RTO	277

RTO Type	Number
Total	322

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 152 apprentices and 76 trainees in training in the Goondiwindi Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Carpentry
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for firearms licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate II in Public Safety (SES)
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Certificate III in Civil Construction.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$298,249	\$336,946
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$858,656	\$885,936
Total	\$1,156,905	\$1,222,882

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$5,169,100 to assist 1,526 residents of Goondiwindi Regional Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 7.4% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$3,387 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Lockyer Valley Regional Council

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council has a population of approximately 44,000. The major industry in the region, affectionately known as Australia's Salad Bowl, is agriculture, forestry and fishing. Towns and localities within the shire are Adare, Ballard, Black Duck Creek, Blanchview, Blenheim, Brightview, Buaraba South, Caffey, Carpendale, Churchable, College View, Crowley Vale, Derrymore, East Haldon, Egypt, Fifteen Mile, Flagstone Creek, Fordsdale, Forest Hill, Gatton, Glen Cairn, Glenore Grove, Grantham, Hatton Vale, Helidon, Helidon Spa, Ingoldsby, Iredale, Junction View, Kensington Grove, Kentville, Laidley, Laidley Creek West, Laidley Heights, Laidley North, Laidley South, Lake Clarendon, Lawes, Lefthand Branch, Lilydale, Lockrose, Lockyer, Lockyer Waters, Lower Tenthill, Lynford, Ma Ma Creek, Morton Vale, Mount Berryman, Mount Sylvia, Mount Whitestone, Mulgowie, Murphys Creek, Placid Hills, Plainland, Postmans Ridge, Preston (part), Regency Downs, Ringwood, Rockmount, Rockside, Ropeley, Seventeen Mile, Silver Ridge, Spring Creek, Stockyard, Summerholm, Thornton, Townson, Upper Flagstone, Upper Lockyer, Upper Tenthill, Veradilla, Vinegar Hill, West Haldon, White Mountain, Winwill, Withcott, Woodbine and Woodlands. (Source: Lockyer Valley Regional Council Annual Report 2023/24 and Lockyer Valley Regional Council community and economic profiles)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	7,911	7,098	7,834	8,193	9,072
Government funded	2,604	2,577	2,428	2,281	2,504
Fee-for-service	6,215	5,335	6,327	6,758	7,457

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	891	165
Private Providers	1,229	6,836

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	14	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	42	40	42
Indigenous	7	7	5
Student with a disability	7	6	5
Gender - Female	49	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

728 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Lockyer Valley Region in 2023. 232 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	8
University	4
Community Education RTO	18
Enterprise RTO	22
School	36
Private RTO	640
Total	728

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 262 apprentices and 141 trainees in training in the Lockyer Valley Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Supply Chain Operations
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Certificate III in Individual Support.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$2,351,027	\$2,490,042
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$1,319,347	\$1,607,494
Total	\$3,670,374	\$4,097,536

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$2,729,900 to assist 245 residents of Lockyer Valley Regional Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 3.91% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$11,142 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Maranoa Regional Council

The Maranoa Regional Council has a population of approximately 13,255. The major industries in the regional are agriculture, resources, tourism and is a major transport hub. Towns within the shire are Amby, Begonia, Bymont, Dunkeld, Eumamurrin, Hodgson, Injune, Jackson, Mitchell, Muckadilla, Mungallala, Noonga, Roma, Surat, Teelba, Wallumbilla, Wycombe and Yuleba. (Source: Maranoa Regional Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	2,763	2,709	2,788	2,863	3,138
Government funded	651	700	745	620	681
Fee-for-service	2,410	2,314	2,370	2,524	2,771

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	360	222
Private Providers	322	2,392

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	12	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	42	40	42
Indigenous	9	7	5
Student with a disability	4	6	5
Gender - Female	39	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity

351 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Maranoa Region in 2023. 149 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	4
University	3
Community Education RTO	7
Enterprise RTO	10
School	10
Private RTO	317

RTO Type	Number
Total	351

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 363 apprentices and 141 trainees in training in the Maranoa Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Carpentry
- Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Medical Service First Response
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- First Aid and CPR Skill Set
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for firearms licensing in Queensland)
- CPR Skill Set.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$558,618	\$564,195
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$1,811,707	\$2,065,927
Total	\$2,370,325	\$2,630,122

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$1,594,400 to assist 114 residents of Maranoa Regional Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 2.28% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$13,986 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Murweh Shire Council

The Murweh Shire Council has a population of over 4,000. The major industries in the shire are agriculture, forestry and fishing, including cattle and sheep production. Towns within the shire are Augathella, Charleville, Cooladdi and Morven. *(Source: Murweh Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24)*

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	956	817	943	931	925
Government funded	330	276	295	203	218
Fee-for-service	768	664	777	819	794

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	78	74
Private Providers	83	691

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	15	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	41	40	42
Indigenous	13	7	5
Student with a disability	7	6	5
Gender - Female	47	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

174 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Murweh Shire in 2023. 82 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	5
University	2
Community Education RTO	4
Enterprise RTO	8
School	9
Private RTO	146
Total	174

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 33 apprentices and 11 trainees in training in the Murweh Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate I in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Active volunteering
- Certificate III in Individual Support.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- CPR Skill Set
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for firearms licensing in Queensland)
- First Aid and CPR Skill Set
- Certificate III in Meat Processing (Slaughtering)
- Certificate III in Meat Processing (Quality Assurance).

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$169,930	\$131,626
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$175,089	\$209,316
Total	\$345,019	\$340,942

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$733,900 to assist 45 residents of Murweh Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 1.05% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$16,309 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Paroo Shire Council

The Paroo Shire Council has a population of 1,679. The major industries in the shire are agriculture, public administration, health care and social assistance and education and training. Towns within the shire are Eulo, Cunnamulla, Wyandra and Yowah. (Source: Paroo Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	314	278	307	349	304
Government funded	80	86	87	88	63
Fee-for-service	270	226	261	300	271

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	31	22
Private Providers	23	234

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	12	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	36	40	42
Indigenous	32	7	5
Student with a disability	7	6	5
Gender - Female	51	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

95 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Paroo Shire in 2023. 58 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	2
University	1
Community Education RTO	2
Enterprise RTO	3
School	8
Private RTO	79
Total	95

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were nine apprentices and five trainees in training in the Paroo Shire Council area.

Qualifications

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Meat Processing (Retail Butcher).

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for firearms licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) First Aid and CPR Skill Set
- Certificate I in Basic Financial Literacy
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DESBT approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$49,476	\$37,737
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$25,257	\$45,103
Total	\$74,733	\$82,840

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$360,400 to assist 21 residents of Paroo Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.52% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$17,162 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Quilpie Shire Council

The Quilpie Shire Council has a population of 709. The major industries in the shire are agriculture and opal mining. Towns within the shire are Adavale, Cheepie, Eromanga, Quilpie and Toompine.
(Source: Quilpie Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	179	208	189	213	203
Government funded	18	64	40	37	34
Fee-for-service	171	177	167	190	190

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	15	4
Private Providers	17	185

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	9	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	36	40	42
Indigenous	9	7	5
Student with a disability	5	6	5
Gender - Female	44	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

76 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Quilpie Shire in 2023. 39 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	0
Enterprise RTO	4
School	5
Private RTO	66
Total	76

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were seven apprentices and four trainees in training in the Quilpie Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate I in Agrifood Operations
- Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate II in Rural Operations
- Certificate III in Engineering – Fixed and Mobile Plant Mechanic.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for firearms licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Course in Civil Construction Pathway
- Certificate II in Medical Service First Response
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$25,647	\$41,811
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$38,270	\$53,168
Total	\$63,917	\$94,979

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$140,000 to assist 10 residents of Quilpie Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.2% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$14,000 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Somerset Regional Council

The Somerset Regional Council has a population of 25,057. Towns within the region are Esk, Fernvale, Kilcoy, Lowood and Toogoolawah. Both Somerset and Wivenhoe dams are located in the region (Source: Somerset Regional Council Annual Report 2023/24). Please note this LGA is serviced by DTET Metropolitan, Darling Downs South West and North Coast regions, but has been included in Darling Downs South West for the purposes of this review.

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	4,293	4,135	4,640	4,642	5,164
Government funded	1,505	1,552	1,477	1,323	1,458
Fee-for-service	3,341	3,123	3,709	3,795	4,230

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	517	100
Private Providers	690	3,795

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	17	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	38	40	42
Indigenous	5	7	5
Student with a disability	6	6	5
Gender - Female	48	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

597 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Somerset Region in 2023. 207 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	9
University	4
Community Education RTO	14
Enterprise RTO	20
School	31

RTO Type	Number
Private RTO	519
Total	597

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 135 apprentices and 67 trainees in training in the Somerset Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$1,328,299	\$1,733,571
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$634,066	\$716,957
Total	\$1,962,365	\$2,450,528

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$2,233,400 to assist 204 residents of Somerset secure employment, as at 30 April 2025, from DDSW region. This represents 3.2% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$10,948 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in South Burnett Regional Council

The South Burnett Regional Council has a population of 34,290. The major industries in the region are agriculture, manufacturing, mining, renewable energy, tourism, health and education. Towns within the shire are Blackbutt, Kingaroy, Murgon, Nanango, Proston and Wondai. (Source: South Burnett Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	5,460	5,128	5,845	5,893	6,361
Government funded	1,727	1,705	1,768	1,754	1,829
Fee-for-service	4,367	4,043	4,814	4,855	5,274

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	914	177
Private Providers	763	4,932

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	17	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	37	40	42
Indigenous	7	7	5
Student with a disability	8	6	5
Gender - Female	45	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

547 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the South Burnett Region in 2023. 210 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	7
University	5
Community Education RTO	13
Enterprise RTO	18
School	25
Private RTO	479

RTO Type	Number
Total	547

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 304 apprentices and 207 trainees in training in the South Burnett Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate I in Workplace Skills.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for firearms licensing in Queensland)
- Surface Coal Mine Safety Skill Set
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$1,834,740	\$2,305,367
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$1,593,956	\$1,950,312
Total	\$3,428,696	\$4,255,679

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$4,703,720 to assist 475 residents of South Burnett Region secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 6.74% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$9,903 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Southern Downs Regional Council

The Southern Downs Regional Council has a population of 37,444. The major industries in the region are agriculture, manufacturing, food processing, health and aged care, tourism and transport. Towns within the shire are Allora, Killarney, Stanthorpe and the Granite Belt, Warwick and western villages including Karara, Leyburn and Pratten. (Source: Southern Downs Regional Council Annual Report 2023/24 and srdc.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	5,632	5,215	6,150	6,640	7,138
Government funded	1,840	1,840	2,003	1,885	2,026
Fee-for-service	4,376	3,986	4,928	5,455	5,891

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	642	231
Private Providers	1,126	5,348

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	16	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	35	40	42
Indigenous	6	7	5
Student with a disability	6	6	5
Gender - Female	49	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

575 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Southern Downs Region in 2023. 212 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	10
University	6
Community Education RTO	15
Enterprise RTO	23
School	20
Private RTO	501

RTO Type	Number
Total	575

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 419 apprentices and 284 trainees in training in the Southern Downs Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate II in Active Volunteering
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Business
- Licence to Operate a Forklift Truck Skill Set
- Responsible Service of Alcohol.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$1,660,288	\$1,600,803
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$1,953,520	\$2,755,412
Total	\$3,613,808	\$4,356,215

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$8,505,500 to assist 1,165 residents of Southern Downs secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 12.18% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$7,301 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Toowoomba Regional Council

The Toowoomba Regional Council has a population of 173,204. The major industries in the region are healthcare, education, construction, agriculture and mining. Towns within the shire are Cabarlah, Cambooya, Cecil Plains, Clifton, Cooyar, Crows Nest, Goombungee, Greenmount, Hampton, Highfields, MacLagan, Millmerran, Oakey, Pittsworth, Quinalow, Ravensbourne, Toowoomba and Yarraman. (Source: tr.qld.gov.au and remplan.com.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	33,572	31,502	35,136	35,548	37,820
Government funded	9,803	10,423	11,320	10,093	10,644
Fee-for-service	27,506	24,734	28,197	29,501	31,532

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	4,997	941
Private Providers	4,848	28,334

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	16	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	41	40	42
Indigenous	5	7	5
Student with a disability	6	6	5
Gender - Female	46	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,042 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Toowoomba Region in 2023. 247 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	13
University	6
Community Education RTO	31
Enterprise RTO	36
School	48

RTO Type	Number
Private RTO	908
Total	1,042

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 2,355 apprentices and 1,563 trainees in training in the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Meat Processing (Food Services)
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$9,843,795	\$11,072,944
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$11,615,615	\$13,951,436
Total	\$21,459,410	\$25,024,380

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$30,331,400 to assist 4,733 residents of Toowoomba Regional Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 43.43% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$6,408 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Western Downs Regional Council

The Western Downs Regional Council has a population of 35,000. The major industries in the region are agriculture, Manufacturing and energy industries. Towns within the shire are Chinchilla, Dalby, Jandowae, Miles, Tara and Wandoan. (Source: Western Downs Regional Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	7,293	7,140	7,799	7,830	8,293
Government funded	1,914	2,091	2,178	1,949	1,962
Fee-for-service	6,247	5,924	6,620	6,775	7,241

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	693	482
Private Providers	1,059	6,414

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	DDSW Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	13	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	41	40	42
Indigenous	8	7	5
Student with a disability	6	6	5
Gender - Female	42	46	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

571 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Western Downs Region in 2023. 189 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	5
University	4
Community Education RTO	16
Enterprise RTO	21
School	20
Private RTO	505
Total	571

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 554 apprentices and 348 trainees in training in the Western Downs Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- CPR Skill Set
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- First Aid and CPR Skill Set.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$1,673,568	\$1,443,432
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$2,974,726	\$3,260,941
Total	\$4,648,294	\$4,704,373

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$6,616,050 to assist 463 residents of Western Downs secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 9.47% of all SQW expenditure in DDSW during that period and equates to an average of \$14,290 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET provision in Far North Queensland Region

LGA Snapshot

August 2025

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VET Delivery in Far North Queensland Region

Local Government Areas

The Far North Queensland Region includes Aurukun Shire Council, Cairns Regional Council, Cassowary Coast Regional Council, Cook Shire Council, Croydon Shire Council, Douglas Shire Council, Etheridge Shire Council, Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council, Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council, Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council, Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council, Mareeba Shire Council, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council, Norther Peninsula Area Regional Council, Pompuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council, Tablelands Regional Council, Torres Shire Council, Torres Strait Island Regional Council, Weipa Town Area, Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.

Number of Students- Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	59,091	56,450	61,501	62,218	67,581
Government funded	16,363	18,013	19,255	17,295	18,526
Fee-for-service	49,577	46,292	50,881	52,047	56,885

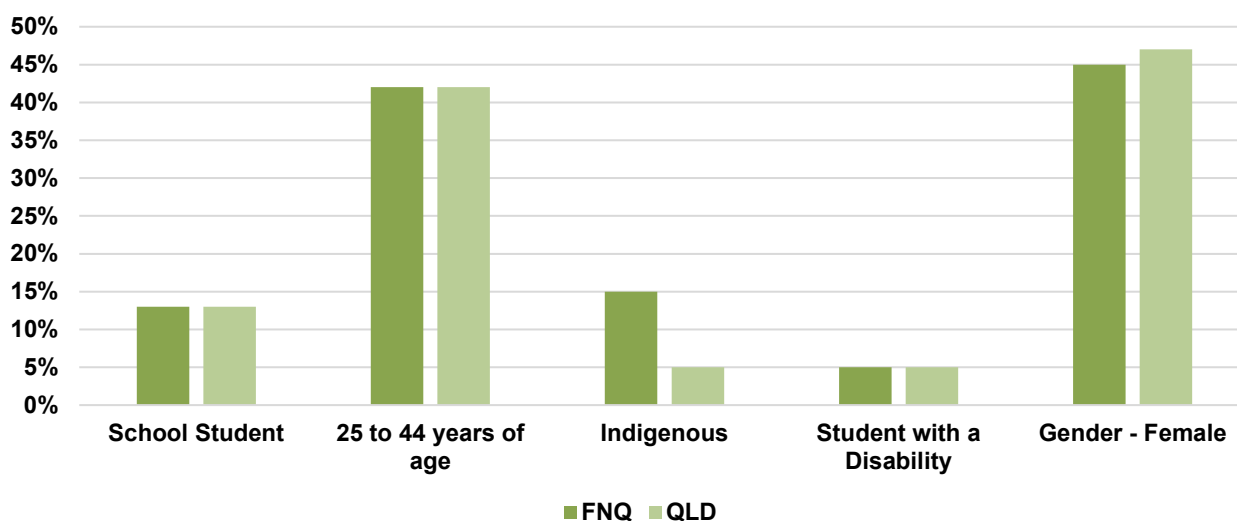
Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	7,866	2,715
Private Providers	8,957	52,344

For the above data, public provider includes delivery by TAFE Queensland and CQUniversity (CQU). Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

FNQ Student Profile



Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,155 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Far North Queensland Region in 2023. 243 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	14
University	8
Community Education RTO	34
Enterprise RTO	33
School	66
Private RTO	1,000
Total	1,155

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 2,912 apprentices and 1,424 trainees in training in the Far North Queensland Region.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Security Operations.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- CPR Skill Set
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate III in Individual Support.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$24,123,489	\$26,030,606
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$14,971,066	\$17,393,685
Total	\$39,094,555	\$43,424,291

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$62,952,600 to assist 8,626 residents of Far North Queensland secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 7.38% of all SQW expenditure during that period and equates to an average of \$7,298 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Aurukun Shire Council

The Aurukun Shire Council has a population of approximately 1200. The community of Aurukun is located on the north-west coast of the Cape York Peninsula. 99.6% of the population lives within the township. (Source: Aurukun Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

Aurukun (S)	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	138	82	124	101	146
Government funded	52	39	48	51	26
Fee-for-service	102	55	90	69	131

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	7	0
Private Providers	16	112

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	9	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	40	42	42
Indigenous	49	15	5
Student with a disability	3	5	5
Gender - Female	45	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

38 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Aurukun Shire in 2023. 21 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	1
Enterprise RTO	3
School	3

RTO Type	Number
Private RTO	30
Total	38

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were zero apprentices and one trainee in training in the Aurukun Shire Council area.

Qualifications

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate I in Construction
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Swimming Pool and Spa Service
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Active Volunteering
- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$19,818	\$35,908
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$17,840	\$63,317
Total	\$37,658	\$99,225

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$278,100 to assist 22 residents of Aurukun secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.44% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$12,641 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Cairns Regional Council

The Cairns Regional Council has a population of 178,104 (ERP 2024). The major industries in the region are health care and social assistance, education and training, accommodation and food services, retail trade and construction. The Cairns Regional Council area includes the localities of Aeroglen, Alooomba, Babinda, Barron, Barron Gorge, Bartle Frere, Bayview Heights, Bellenden Ker, Bentley Park, Bramston Beach, Brinsmead, Bungalow, Cairns City, Cairns North, Caravonica, Clifton Beach, Deeral, Earlville, East Russell, East Trinity, Edge Hill, Edmonton, Ellis Beach, Eubenangee (part), Fishery Falls, Fitzroy Island, Freshwater, Glen Boughton, Goldsborough, Gordonvale, Green Hill, Green Island, Holloways Beach, Kamerunga, Kanimbla, Kewarra Beach, Lamb Range, Little Mulgrave, Macalister Range, Machans Beach, Manoora, Manunda, Mirriwinni, Mooroobool, Mount Peter, Mount Sheridan, Ngatjan (part), Packers Camp, Palm Cove, Parramatta Park, Portsmouth, Redlynch, Smithfield, Stratford, Trinity Beach, Trinity Park, Waugh Pocket, Westcourt, White Rock, Whitfield, Woopen Creek, Wooroonooran (part), Woree, Wrights Creek and Yorkeys Knob. *(Source: cairns.qld.gov.au)*

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	35,716	34,283	37,216	38,581	42,013
Government funded	9,717	10,996	11,759	10,878	11,492
Fee-for-service	30,043	28,055	30,635	32,045	35,187

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	4,973	1,556
Private Providers	5,528	32,567

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	12	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	43	42	42
Indigenous	11	15	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	45	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,008 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Cairns Region in 2023. 252 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	14
University	7
Community Education RTO	29
Enterprise RTO	28
School	36
Private RTO	894
Total	1,008

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 1,846 apprentices and 854 trainees in training in the Cairns Regional Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Hospitality.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- CPR Skill Set
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate II in Active Volunteering
- Certificate III in Individual Support.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$14,005,466	\$15,216,751
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$9,320,500	\$10,596,707
Total	\$23,325,966	\$25,813,458

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$35,055,900 to assist 5,674 residents of Cairns Region secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 55.69% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$6,178 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Cassowary Coast Regional Council

The Cassowary Coast Regional Council has a population of approximately 30,000. The major industries tourism and primary industries. Towns within the shire are Cardwell, Innisfail, Mission Beach and Tully. (Source: Cassowary Coast Regional Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	5,553	5,427	5,808	5,786	6,406
Government funded	1,534	1,506	1,635	1,574	1,704
Fee-for-service	4,608	4,622	4,835	4,877	5,442

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	711	221
Private Providers	673	5,146

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	15	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	37	42	42
Indigenous	14	15	5
Student with a disability	5	5	5
Gender - Female	47	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

492 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Cassowary Coast Region in 2023. 194 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	7
University	4
Community Education RTO	10
Enterprise RTO	16
School	20
Private RTO	435
Total	492

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 289 apprentices and 99 trainees in training in the Cassowary Coast Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Retail Services
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Kitchen Operations.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- General Construction Induction Training (GCIT) Skill Set
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- CPR Skill Set.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$1,701,383	\$1,930,840
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$1,258,672	\$1,368,978
Total	\$2,960,055	\$3,299,818

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$3,752,300 to assist 618 residents of Cassowary Coast secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 5.96% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$6,072 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Cook Shire Council

The Cook Shire Council has a population of 4,761. The major industries in the shire are mining, accommodation and food services, and agriculture, forestry and fishing. Towns within the shire are Ayton, Bloomfield, Coen, Cooktown, Lakeland, Laura, Portland Roads, Port Stewart, Rossville and Helenvale. (Source: Cook Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24 and www.cook.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	919	808	965	1,027	997
Government funded	213	253	284	242	257
Fee-for-service	815	677	828	874	848

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	121	41
Private Providers	129	735

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	11	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	43	42	42
Indigenous	25	15	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	45	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

178 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Cook Shire in 2023. 88 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	2
University	2
Community Education RTO	5
Enterprise RTO	5
School	7
Private RTO	157

RTO Type	Number
Total	178

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 32 apprentices and 20 trainees in training in the Cook Shire Council area.

Qualifications

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Carpentry.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Licence to Operate a Forklift Truck Skill Set
- Certificate IV in Civil Construction
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$377,661	\$327,467
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$205,547	\$294,635
Total	\$583,208	\$622,102

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$1,835,900 to assist 73 residents of Cook Shire Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 2.92% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$25,149 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Croydon Shire Council

The Croydon Shire Council has a population of approximately 270. The major industries in the shire are pastoral and service industries, together with a growing tourism industry. (Source: Croydon Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	87	66	69	72	84
Government funded	10	11	13	14	22
Fee-for-service	82	62	62	63	67

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	5	1
Private Providers	17	65

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	7	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	43	42	42
Indigenous	21	15	5
Student with a disability	2	5	5
Gender - Female	43	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

36 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Croydon Shire in 2023. 21 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	1
Enterprise RTO	3
School	0
Private RTO	31
Total	36

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there was one apprentice and one trainee in training in the Croydon Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Certificate III in Engineering – Fixed and Mobile Plant Mechanic
- Certificate III in Water Industry Operations.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety
- Certificate II in Automotive Air Conditioning Technology
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$35,202	\$10,763
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$24,557	\$14,277
Total	\$59,759	\$25,040

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$235,000 to assist 16 residents of Croydon Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.37% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,688 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Douglas Shire Council

The Douglas Shire Council has a population of over 12,000. The major industry in the shire is tourism. Major centres within the shire include Cooya Beach, Mossman, Newell Beach, Port Douglas and Wonga Beach. (Source: www.douglas.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	2,959	2,554	2,808	2,782	2,978
Government funded	546	688	726	610	515
Fee-for-service	2,634	2,207	2,449	2,375	2,700

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	234	100
Private Providers	257	2,550

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	8	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	43	42	42
Indigenous	10	15	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	46	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

352 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Douglas Shire in 2023. 176 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	4
University	5
Community Education RTO	9
Enterprise RTO	9
School	9
Private RTO	316
Total	352

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 131 apprentices and 66 trainees in training in the Douglas Shire Council area.

Qualifications

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Carpentry
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (approved for firearms licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate II in Horticulture
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Food Safety Supervision Skill Set
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$997,982	\$826,611
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$740,285	\$922,301
Total	\$1,738,267	\$1,748,912

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$1,748,400 to assist 257 residents of Douglas Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 2.78% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$6,803 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Etheridge Shire Council

The Etheridge Shire Council has a population of 724. The major industries in the shire are agriculture, mining, tourism and renewable energy. Towns within the shire are Einasleigh, Forsayth, Georgetown, Kidston and Mount Surprise. (Source: Etheridge Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	114	174	155	135	154
Government funded	33	36	29	25	36
Fee-for-service	94	162	141	122	136

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	9	4
Private Providers	23	120

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	8	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	46	42	42
Indigenous	5	15	5
Student with a disability	5	5	5
Gender - Female	44	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

59 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Etheridge Shire in 2023. 32 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	1
Community Education RTO	0
Enterprise RTO	3
School	2
Private RTO	52
Total	59

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 10 apprentices and seven trainees in training in the Etheridge Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Certificate III in Water Industry Operations
- Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways
- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate I in Construction.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting Operations)
- Swimming and Water Safety Teacher
- Certificate I in Skills for Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Workplace Skills.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$12,053	\$15,536
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$73,046	\$98,050
Total	\$85,099	\$113,586

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$230,000 to assist 16 residents of Etheridge Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.37% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,375 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council

The Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council has a population of 1,026. The five key pillars in their economic development strategy are, training, employment and education, business development, tourism, agriculture, environment and sustainability, and a happy township. (Source: Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24 and www.hopevale.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	155	139	175	174	194
Government funded	58	61	96	56	74
Fee-for-service	114	91	132	137	142

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	18	7
Private Providers	42	129

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	16	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	49	42	42
Indigenous	86	15	5
Student with a disability	2	5	5
Gender - Female	48	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

56 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire in 2023. 33 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	2
University	0
Community Education RTO	4
Enterprise RTO	2
School	5
Private RTO	43

RTO Type	Number
Total	56

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were zero apprentices and one trainee in training in the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts
- Certificate I in Construction
- Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation
- Certificate II in Visual Arts
- Certificate II in Automotive Electrical Technology.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- CPR Skill Set
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- Pool Lifeguard
- Certificate I in Active Volunteering.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$159,372	\$61,851
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$2,444	\$4,175
Total	\$161,816	\$66,026

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$280,000 to assist 20 residents of Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.44% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,000 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

The Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council has a population of approximately 1,200 and is one of the largest communities on the Cape York Peninsula. (Source: Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	141	97	132	109	100
Government funded	59	58	83	53	11
Fee-for-service	98	46	75	78	94

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	6	4
Private Providers	2	91

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	6	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	49	42	42
Indigenous	74	15	5
Student with a disability	7	5	5
Gender - Female	48	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

24 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire in 2023. 13 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	2
Enterprise RTO	1
School	1
Private RTO	19
Total	24

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there was one apprentice and zero trainees in training in the Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Advanced Diploma of Community Sector Management
- Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- Certificate III in Plumbing.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Swimming and Water Safety Teacher
- Food Safety Supervision
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Enterprise Trainer and Assessor Skill Set
- Certificate I in Construction.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$153,151	\$11,384
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$16,265	\$3,337
Total	\$169,416	\$14,721

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$305,000 to assist 21 residents of Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.48% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,524 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council

The Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council has a population of approximately 700. The Shire Council is the main employer. (Source: www.lockhart.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	60	41	79	63	93
Government funded	22	30	51	42	47
Fee-for-service	44	14	39	34	60

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	12	0
Private Providers	39	47

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	13	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	38	42	42
Indigenous	80	15	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	56	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

23 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire in 2023. 12 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	0
Enterprise RTO	2
School	1
Private RTO	19
Total	23

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were two apprentices and two trainees in training in the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Supply Chain Operations
- Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate II in Public Safety (SES)
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate III in Public Safety (Firefighting Operations).

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$20,708	\$72,880
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$14,075	\$3,476
Total	\$34,783	\$76,356

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$630,900 to assist 35 residents of Lockhart River secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 1% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$18,026 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council

The Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council has a population of 338. The major employing industry in the shire is public administration and safety. (Source: DTET Supporting Indigenous Communities Fact Sheet)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	63	41	44	61	67
Government funded	28	23	22	25	16
Fee-for-service	50	20	30	52	60

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	3	0
Private Providers	13	34

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	1	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	55	42	42
Indigenous	79	15	5
Student with a disability	6	5	5
Gender - Female	42	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

20 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Mapoon Aboriginal Shire in 2023. Eight of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	0
Enterprise RTO	3
School	0
Private RTO	16
Total	20

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were two apprentices and zero trainees in training in the Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate III in Aviation (Remote Pilot)
- Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal)
- Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- Certificate III in Civil Construction.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate I in Tourism (Australian Indigenous Culture)
- Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal)
- Diploma of Local Government
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate IV in Leadership and Management.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$18,836	\$48,676
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$32,452	\$21,220
Total	\$51,288	\$69,896

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$155,000 to assist 11 residents of Mapoon Aboriginal Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.25% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,091 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Mareeba Shire Council

The Mareeba Shire Council has a population of 23,174. The major industries in the shire are agriculture, horticulture, mining and the emerging renewable energy sector. Towns within the shire are Almaden, Bibohra, Chillagoe, Dimbulah, Irvinebank, Julatten, Koah, Kuranda, Mareeba, Mt Carbine, Mt Molloy, Mutchilba, Speewah and Watsonville. (Source: www.msc.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	4,645	4,457	4,777	4,597	4,997
Government funded	1,279	1,340	1,327	1,090	1,236
Fee-for-service	3,879	3,664	4,020	3,960	4,324

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	519	284
Private Providers	699	3,891

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	9	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	42	42	42
Indigenous	17	15	5
Student with a disability	5	5	5
Gender - Female	40	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

448 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Mareeba Shire in 2023. 176 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	6
University	4
Community Education RTO	7
Enterprise RTO	18
School	18
Private RTO	395

RTO Type	Number
Total	448

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 198 apprentices and 132 trainees in training in the Mareeba Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation
- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Introduction to Cleaning Operations
- Certificate II in Rural Operations
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$1,750,657	\$2,033,862
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$890,691	\$1,227,575
Total	\$2,641,348	\$3,261,437

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$4,518,900 to assist 799 residents of Mareeba Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 7.18% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$5,656 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council

The Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council has a population of 883. The main employment sector is local government administration with a number of residents also employed by Rio Tinto. (Source: Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	116	164	149	128	148
Government funded	63	102	82	70	76
Fee-for-service	74	92	92	95	98

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	8	1
Private Providers	41	76

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	34	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	26	42	42
Indigenous	80	15	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	39	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

36 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Napranum Aboriginal Shire in 2023. 17 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	0
Enterprise RTO	1
School	4
Private RTO	30
Total	36

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were two apprentices and four trainees in training in the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Visual Arts
- Certificate II in Tourism
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate II in Hospitality.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Active Volunteering.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$86,969	\$136,616
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$66,326	\$9,729
Total	\$153,295	\$146,345

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$225,000 to assist 16 residents of Napranum Aboriginal Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.36% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,063 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

The Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council has a population of 2,781. Communities within the region include Bamaga, Injinoo, New Mapoon, Seisa and Umagico. (Source: Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council Annual Report 2021/22)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	625	412	540	446	575
Government funded	265	211	197	158	251
Fee-for-service	511	256	455	340	421

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	115	50
Private Providers	73	320

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	20	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	43	42	42
Indigenous	81	15	5
Student with a disability	3	5	5
Gender - Female	52	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

93 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Northern Peninsula Area Region in 2023. 43 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	2
University	2
Community Education RTO	4
Enterprise RTO	3
School	10
Private RTO	72
Total	93

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were eight apprentices and seven trainees in training in the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Workplace Skills
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Hospitality.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate I in Construction
- CPR Skill Set
- Certificate II in Active Volunteering
- Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) First Aid and CPR Skill set
- Diploma of Local Government.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$333,988	\$562,305
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$61,263	\$65,743
Total	\$395,251	\$628,048

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$1,625,800 to assist 126 residents of Northern Peninsula Area secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 2.58% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$12,903 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council

The Pompuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council has a population of 644, with an unemployment rate of 43.8%. (Source: Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	102	80	101	119	136
Government funded	36	37	30	45	24
Fee-for-service	85	50	79	94	122

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	5	2
Private Providers	20	120

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	10	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	46	42	42
Indigenous	63	15	5
Student with a disability	1	5	5
Gender - Female	45	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

18 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire in 2023. Three of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	1
Enterprise RTO	0
School	1
Private RTO	15
Total	18

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there was one apprentice and one trainee in training in the Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate II in Health Support Services
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Carpentry.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Health Services Assistance
- Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$47,170	\$43,711
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$1,576	\$7,635
Total	\$48,746	\$51,346

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$398,700 to assist 26 residents of Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.63% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$15,335 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Tablelands Regional Council

The Tablelands Regional Shire Council has a population of 27,259. The major industries in the region are agriculture, health care, Construction, retail trade, education and training and accommodation and food services. Towns within the region are Atherton, Carrington, Herberton, Kairi, Malanda, Milla Milla, Mount Garnet, Ravenshoe, Tinaroo, Tolga, Walkamin and Yungaburra. (Source: Tablelands Regional Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	4,632	4,746	5,282	5,186	5,554
Government funded	1,117	1,277	1,283	1,225	1,360
Fee-for-service	3,938	4,022	4,587	4,499	4,771

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	492	178
Private Providers	808	4,375

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	13	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	36	42	42
Indigenous	10	15	5
Student with a disability	6	5	5
Gender - Female	46	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

474 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Tablelands Region in 2023. 196 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	7
University	6
Community Education RTO	14
Enterprise RTO	16
School	20
Private RTO	411

RTO Type	Number
Total	474

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 292 apprentices and 124 trainees in training in the Tablelands Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Carpentry.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate III in Business
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Individual Support.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$1,620,093	\$1,551,674
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$1,366,482	\$1,622,567
Total	\$2,986,575	\$3,174,241

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$2,879,000 to assist 409 residents of Tablelands Regional Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 4.57% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$7,039 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Torres Shire Council

The Torres Shire Council consists of over 100 islands, is administered from Thursday Island and includes and consists of Waibene, Ngurupai, Gealug, Muwai, Muralag, Palilug and areas of the Northern Peninsula of Cape York. The council has a population of 3,421. (Source: Torres Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	921	802	793	753	868
Government funded	333	365	376	252	365
Fee-for-service	731	553	548	572	637

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	231	111
Private Providers	125	513

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	18	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	44	42	42
Indigenous	66	15	5
Student with a disability	3	5	5
Gender - Female	45	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

133 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Torres Shire in 2023. 66 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	2
University	4
Community Education RTO	3
Enterprise RTO	5
School	4
Private RTO	115

RTO Type	Number
Total	133

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 26 apprentices and 11 trainees in training in the Torres Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal)
- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- CPR Skill Set
- First Aid and CPR Skill Set
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Marine Radio Operator's VHF Skill Set
- Certificate III in Business.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$838,287	\$1,032,646
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$202,853	\$188,032
Total	\$1,041,140	\$1,220,678

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$2,874,500 to assist 163 residents of Torres Shire secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 4.57% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$17,635 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Torres Strait Island Regional Council

The Torres Strait Regional Council has a population of over 4,000 across 14 islands, including Boigu, Dauan, Saibai, Kirri, Mabuiag, Wug (St Pauls), Arkai (Kubin) – Mua Island, Badu, Poruma, Warraber, Masig, Iama, Ugar, Erub and Mer. (Source: Torres Strait Regional Council Annual Report 2023/24 and www.tsirc.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	651	520	664	530	641
Government funded	427	342	472	290	353
Fee-for-service	378	284	367	353	430

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	197	99
Private Providers	120	284

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	13	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	46	42	42
Indigenous	86	15	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	55	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

102 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Torres Strait Region in 2023. 45 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	2
University	3
Community Education RTO	3
Enterprise RTO	5
School	13
Private RTO	76

RTO Type	Number
Total	102

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were four apprentices and two trainees in training in the Torres Strait Island Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal)
- Certificate II in Rail Infrastructure
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- Certificate III in Business.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- CPR Skill Set
- Marine Radio Operator's VHF Skill Set
- Certificate II in Marine Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal)
- Course in the Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System (AIIMS)
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$1,157,173	\$809,274
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$9,861	\$18,766
Total	\$1,167,034	\$828,040

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$2,282,100 to assist 110 residents of Torres Strait Island Regional Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 3.63% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$20,746 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Weipa Town Authority

The Weipa Town Authority has a population of 4,100. The major industry is mining. (Source: Weipa Town Authority.com.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	1,617	1,523	1,611	1,604	1,514
Government funded	393	465	497	379	410
Fee-for-service	1,423	1,333	1,420	1,470	1,341

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	147	43
Private Providers	197	1,250

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	15	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	47	42	42
Indigenous	27	15	5
Student with a disability	3	5	5
Gender - Female	40	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

177 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Weipa Town Authority in 2023. 84 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	4
University	5
Community Education RTO	3
Enterprise RTO	10
School	8
Private RTO	147
Total	177

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 60 apprentices and 80 trainees in training in the Weipa Town Area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Tourism
- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate III in Visual Arts
- Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$421,026	\$453,134
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$600,417	\$746,623
Total	\$1,021,443	\$1,199,757

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$0 to assist zero residents of Weipa secure employment, as at 30 April 2025.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

The Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council has a population of 258. The main employing industry is public administration and safety. (DTET Supporting Indigenous Communities Fact Sheet)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	43	48	50	29	45
Government funded	16	26	24	8	14
Fee-for-service	33	26	38	25	38

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	4	0
Private Providers	9	34

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	7	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	42	42	42
Indigenous	91	15	5
Student with a disability	7	5	5
Gender - Female	31	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

23 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire in 2023. 11 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	2
Enterprise RTO	2
School	0
Private RTO	18
Total	23

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there was one apprentice and three trainees in training in the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council area.

Qualifications

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Water Industry Operations
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- Certificate II in Hospitality.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Diploma of Indigenous Studies
- Advanced Diploma of Indigenous Ministry and Lifestyle Health Promotion
- Advanced Diploma of Indigenous Studies
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Diploma of Indigenous Ministry and Lifestyle Health Promotion.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$20,867	\$1,100
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$0	\$882
Total	\$20,867	\$1,982

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$601,300 to assist 23 residents of Wujal Wujal secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.96% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$26,143 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council has a population of between 2,559 and 4,500 and is acknowledged as Australia's largest discrete Aboriginal community. (Source: www.yarrabah.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	386	421	469	445	438
Government funded	190	181	234	230	251
Fee-for-service	252	295	321	278	255

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	72	15
Private Providers	127	213

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	FNQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	18	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	44	42	42
Indigenous	88	15	5
Student with a disability	7	5	5
Gender - Female	45	45	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

82 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire in 2023. 41 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	4
University	2
Community Education RTO	3
Enterprise RTO	1
School	5
Private RTO	67
Total	82

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were six apprentices and nine trainees in training in the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- CPR Skill Set
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Assist Clients with Medication Skill Set
- Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal).

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$345,627	\$847,617
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$65,914	\$115,660
Total	\$411,541	\$963,277

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$3,040,800 to assist 191 residents of Yarrabah secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 4.83% of all SQW expenditure in FNQ during that period and equates to an average of \$15,920 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

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Number of Students – Total VET Activity

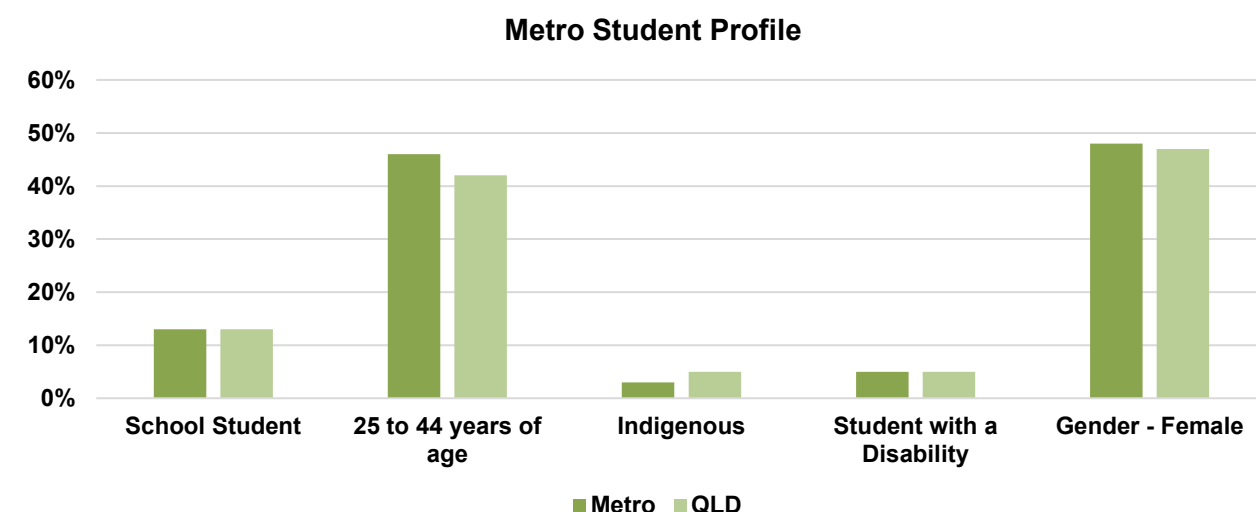
	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	238,506	223,703	259,376	265,319	290,329
Government funded	59,198	62,917	66,018	61,212	66,777
Fee-for-service	199,911	182,464	218,040	226,526	247,884

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	32,640	5,640
Private Providers	28,341	227,542

For the above data, public provider includes delivery by TAFE Queensland and CQUniversity (CQU). Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023



Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,749 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Metropolitan Region in 2023. 247 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	20
University	9

RTO Type	Number
Community Education RTO	47
Enterprise RTO	52
School	136
Private RTO	1,485
Total	1,749

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 13,727 apprentices and 9,880 trainees in training in the Metropolitan Region.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate I in Construction.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Diploma of Business
- Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Individual Support.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$70,797,013	\$80,350,196
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$59,946,496	\$68,885,800
Total	\$130,743,509	\$149,235,996

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$209,291,630 to assist 30,032 residents of the Metropolitan Region secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 24.53% of all SQW expenditure during that period and equates to an average of \$6,969 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Brisbane City Council

The Brisbane City Council has a population of over 1.32 million across 1,342.7 square kilometres and many suburbs. (Source: Brisbane City Council Annual Report 2023/24).

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	196,461	184,575	213,670	218,294	239,557
Government funded	43,294	46,990	49,940	46,507	51,040
Fee-for-service	168,275	153,873	182,288	188,605	206,612

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	24,295	4,424
Private Providers	21,313	189,276

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	Metro Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	13	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	45	46	42
Indigenous	2	3	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	48	48	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity – 2023

1,692 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Brisbane City Council in 2023. 240 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	20
University	9
Community Education RTO	45
Enterprise RTO	49
School	126
Private RTO	1,443
Total	1,692

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 12,258 apprentices and 8,686 trainees in training in the Brisbane City Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Hospitality.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Diploma of Business
- Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$55,315,644	\$62,100,614
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$53,558,931	\$61,624,622
Total	\$108,874,575	\$123,725,236

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$136,792,130 to assist 21,303 residents of Brisbane secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 65.36% of all SQW expenditure in the Metropolitan region during that period and equates to an average of \$6,421 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Ipswich City Council

The Ipswich Shire Council has a population of 256,000 and is Queensland's oldest provincial city. Ipswich is a mix of connected urban and rural townships, from Pine Mountain in the north, Peak Crossing in the south, Springfield to the east and Rosewood to the west. (Source: Ipswich City Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	42,812	39,709	46,533	47,815	51,634
Government funded	15,943	15,949	16,109	14,742	15,766
Fee-for-service	32,202	28,990	36,360	38,479	41,926

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	6,387	1,218
Private Providers	7,034	38,781

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	Metro Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	14	13	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	47	46	42
Indigenous	6	3	5
Student with a disability	6	5	5
Gender - Female	48	48	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,231 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Ipswich City Council in 2023. 256 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	16
University	7
Community Education RTO	35
Enterprise RTO	42
School	79
Private RTO	1,052

RTO Type	Number
Total	1,231

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 1,469 apprentices and 1,194 trainees in training in the Ipswich City Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice
- CPR Skill Set.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$15,481,369	\$18,249,582
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$6,387,565	\$7,261,178
Total	\$21,868,934	\$25,510,760

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$72,499,500 to assist 8,729 residents of Ipswich secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 34.64% of all SQW expenditure in the Metropolitan region during that period and equates to an average of \$8,306 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET provision in North Coast Region

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Local Government Areas

The North Coast includes Bundaberg Regional Council, Fraser Coast Regional Council, Gympie Regional Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Noosa Shire Council and Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

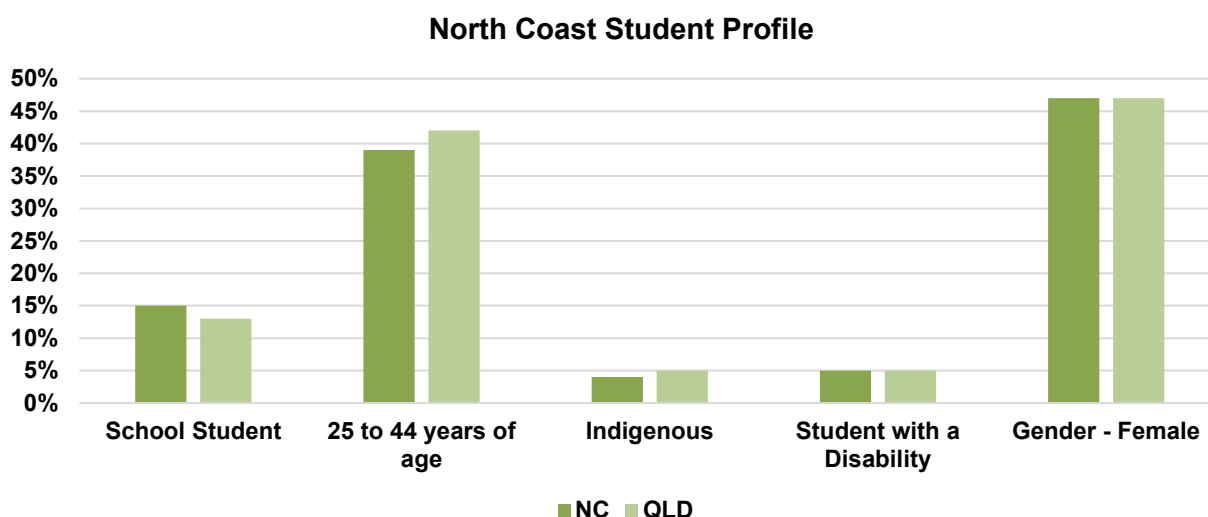
	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	187,130	181,797	207,690	208,906	223,422
Government funded	61,343	63,453	66,690	61,198	65,066
Fee-for-service	147,134	141,033	166,110	169,318	181,562

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	24,503	4,443
Private Providers	29,852	168,958

For the above data, public provider includes delivery by TAFE Queensland and CQUniversity (CQU). Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023



Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,708 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the North Coast Region in 2023. 264 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	19
University	11
Community Education RTO	53
Enterprise RTO	54
School	129
Private RTO	1,442
Total	1,708

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 10,777 apprentices and 5,589 trainees in training in the North Coast Region.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Civil Construction.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$61,874,582	\$69,148,715
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$47,826,653	\$53,628,180
Total	\$109,701,235	\$122,776,895

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$195,448,300 to assist 28,361 residents of the North Coast region secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 22.91% of all SQW expenditure during that period and equates to an average of \$6,891 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Bundaberg Regional Council

The Bundaberg Regional Council has a population of 106,146. The largest industry is health care and social assistance. Towns within the shire are Bundaberg, Bargara, Burnett Heads, Childers, Coral Cove, Elliott Heads, Gin Gin, Innes Park, Moore Park Beach and Woodgate.
(Source: www.rempla.com.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	15,695	14,899	17,079	17,281	18,818
Government funded	5,566	5,398	5,423	4,909	5,426
Fee-for-service	12,041	11,510	13,702	14,025	15,423

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	2,576	365
Private Providers	2,395	14,261

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NC Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	11	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	38	39	42
Indigenous	6	4	5
Student with a disability	6	5	5
Gender - Female	47	47	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

766 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Bundaberg Region in 2023. 232 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	10
University	5
Community Education RTO	23
Enterprise RTO	26
School	26
Private RTO	676

RTO Type	Number
Total	766

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 829 apprentices and 470 trainees in training in the Bundaberg Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Business.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate I in Construction
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations
- Certificate III in Civil Construction.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$6,797,559	\$7,539,432
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$4,378,376	\$5,192,470
Total	\$11,175,935	\$12,731,902

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$37,799,400 to assist 3,852 residents of Bundaberg Regional Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 19.34% of all SQW expenditure in NC during that period and equates to an average of \$9,813 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Fraser Coast Regional Council

The Fraser Coast Regional Council has a population of 117,940. The major industries in the region are health care and community services and retail trade. Communities within the shire include Burrum Heads, Brooweena, Bauple, Glenwood, Hervey Bay, Howard, K'Gari, Maryborough, River Heads, Tiaro and Torbanlea. (Source: Fraser Coast Regional Council Annual Report 2023/24, and www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	17,890	17,106	19,171	19,417	20,759
Government funded	6,007	6,250	6,688	6,217	6,457
Fee-for-service	14,110	13,127	14,948	15,286	16,635

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	2,687	403
Private Providers	3,047	15,638

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NC Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	12	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	36	39	42
Indigenous	7	4	5
Student with a disability	7	5	5
Gender - Female	46	47	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

815 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Fraser Coast Region in 2023. 234 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	12
University	6
Community Education RTO	23
Enterprise RTO	24
School	42
Private RTO	708

RTO Type	Number
Total	815

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 964 apprentices and 446 trainees in training in the Fraser Coast Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Certificate III in Driving Operations
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Fitness.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$6,741,411	\$7,440,170
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$4,843,046	\$5,397,409
Total	\$11,584,457	\$12,837,579

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$16,051,200 to assist 2,197 residents of Fraser Coast region secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 8.21% of all SQW expenditure in NC during that period and equates to an average of \$7,306 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Gympie Regional Council

The Gympie Regional Council has a population of approximately 50,000. The region has a strong Agricultural economy. Towns within the shire are Gympie, Rainbow Beach, Cooloola Cove, Tin Can Bay, Kilkivan, Goomeri and Mary Valley. (Source: www.gympie.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	9,067	8,629	9,678	9,976	11,143
Government funded	2,953	2,979	3,202	2,980	3,282
Fee-for-service	7,095	6,663	7,598	7,978	8,936

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	1,227	137
Private Providers	1,363	8,317

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NC Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	14	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	37	39	42
Indigenous	5	4	5
Student with a disability	6	5	5
Gender - Female	44	47	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

733 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Gympie Region in 2023. 231 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	10
University	5
Community Education RTO	16
Enterprise RTO	22
School	37
Private RTO	643
Total	733

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 503 apprentices and 325 trainees in training in the Gympie Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Meat Processing (Abattoirs)
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate II in Public Safety (SES).

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$3,145,858	\$3,049,831
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$2,719,310	\$3,081,314
Total	\$5,865,168	\$6,131,145

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$8,604,400 to assist 993 residents of Gympie Regional Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 4.4% of all SQW expenditure in NC during that period and equates to an average of \$8,665 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Moreton Bay Regional Council

The Moreton Bay Regional has a population of 522,494 across over 95 suburbs and communities. The major industry is health care and social assistance. (Source: www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au) Please note this LGA is serviced by DTET Metropolitan and North Coast regions but has been included in North Coast for the purposes of this review.

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	81,623	79,119	89,683	89,894	97,697
Government funded	27,627	28,673	29,663	26,997	29,346
Fee-for-service	63,705	60,677	71,314	72,881	79,148

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	10,242	1,996
Private Providers	13,999	73,481

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NC Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	15	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	41	39	42
Indigenous	4	4	5
Student with a disability	6	5	5
Gender - Female	48	47	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,425 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Moreton Bay Region in 2023. 248 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	16
University	10
Community Education RTO	43
Enterprise RTO	42
School	84
Private RTO	1,230

Total	1,425
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Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 4,413 apprentices and 2,043 trainees in training in the Moreton Bay Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Hospitality.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$26,841,855	\$31,088,508
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$17,306,038	\$19,848,311
Total	\$44,147,893	\$50,936,819

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$86,668,100 to assist 13,437 residents of Moreton Bay Regional Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 44.34% of all SQW expenditure in NC during that period and equates to an average of \$6,450 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Noosa Shire Council

The Noosa Shire Council has a population of 58,367. Health Care and Social Assistance is the major employing industry. Towns within the shire include Boreen Point, Cooran, Cooroy, Kin Kin, Peregrin Beach, Pomona, Marcus Beach, Noosaville, Noosa Heads, Teewah, Tewantin, Sunshine Beach and Sunrise Beach. (Source: Noosa Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	8,547	8,327	9,805	9,317	10,206
Government funded	2,252	2,462	2,736	2,436	2,556
Fee-for-service	7,019	6,671	7,980	7,685	8,577

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	874	161
Private Providers	1,074	7,919

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NC Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	17	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	33	39	42
Indigenous	2	4	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	48	47	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

749 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Noosa Shire in 2023. 257 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	10
University	6
Community Education RTO	18
Enterprise RTO	25
School	22
Private RTO	668

RTO Type	Number
Total	749

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 552 apprentices and 214 trainees in training in the Noosa Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Carpentry
- Certificate II in Animal Care
- Certificate III in Business.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)
- Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Diploma of Business.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$2,180,253	\$2,107,175
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$2,335,815	\$2,681,842
Total	\$4,516,068	\$4,789,017

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$13,387,100 to assist 1,420 residents of Noosa Shire Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 6.85% of all SQW expenditure in NC during that period and equates to an average of \$9,428 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Sunshine Coast Regional Council

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council has a population of 374,286. Communities include Baringa, Beerburum, Beerwah, Birtinya, Bli Bli, Buderim, Caloundra, Coolum, Conondale, Currimundi, Doonan, Eudlo, Eumundi, Gheerulla, Glasshouse Mountains, Kenilworth, Landsborough, Maleny, Mapleton, Marcoola, Maroochydore, Montville, Mooloolaba, Nambour, Palmwoods, Peachester, Pelican Waters, Peregrine Springs, Sippy Downs, Warana, Woombye and Yandina. (Source: Sunshine Coast Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	54,926	54,315	63,070	63,877	65,699
Government funded	16,967	17,735	19,035	17,692	18,037
Fee-for-service	43,601	42,779	51,102	52,087	53,502

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	6,945	1,383
Private Providers	7,993	49,966

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NC Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	16	15	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	38	39	42
Indigenous	3	4	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	47	47	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,323 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Sunshine Coast Region in 2023. 284 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	13
University	10
Community Education RTO	38
Enterprise RTO	40
School	56

RTO Type	Number
Private RTO	1,166
Total	1,323

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 3,516 apprentices and 2,091 trainees in training in the Sunshine Coast Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Carpentry
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)
- Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$16,167,646	\$17,923,599
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$16,244,068	\$17,426,834
Total	\$32,411,714	\$35,350,433

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$32,938,100 to assist 6,462 residents of Sunshine Coast Regional Council secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 16.35% of all SQW expenditure in NC during that period and equates to an average of \$5,097 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

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The North Queensland Region includes Boulia Shire Council, Burdekin Shire Council, Burke Shire Council, Carpentaria Shire Council, Charters Towers Regional Council, Cloncurry Shire Council, Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council, Flinders Shire Council, Hinchinbrook Shire Council, McKinlay Shire Council, Mornington Shire Council, Mount Isa City Council, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Richmond Shire Council, Townsville City Council and Whitsunday Regional Council.

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

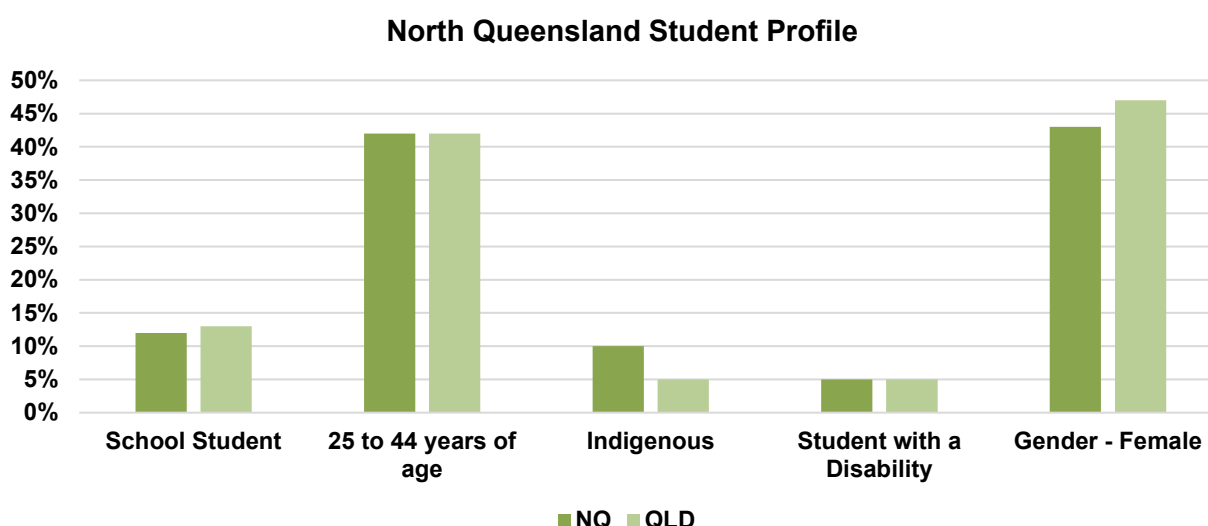
	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	66,422	64,549	70,840	69,695	74,364
Government funded	17,662	18,060	18,919	16,532	18,110
Fee-for-service	56,395	53,863	60,287	60,420	64,061

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	7,249	2,114
Private Providers	8,345	59,438

For the above data, public provider includes delivery by TAFE Queensland and CQUniversity (CQU). Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023



Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,186 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the North Queensland Region in 2023. 260 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	18
University	9
Community Education RTO	32
Enterprise RTO	40
School	72
Private RTO	1,015
Total	1,186

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 3,882 apprentices and 1,771 trainees in training in the North Queensland Region.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Business
- Surface Coal Mine Safety Skill Set
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$18,370,971	\$20,731,439
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$21,372,787	\$23,572,421
Total	\$39,743,758	\$44,303,860

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$62,334,430 to assist 10,199 residents of North Queensland secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 7.31% of all SQW expenditure during that period and equates to an average of \$6,112 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Boulia Shire Council

The Boulia Shire Council has a population of 458. The shire is a large cattle-producing area and also relies on tourism through being the Land of the Min Min light, Channel country and access to the Donoghue Highway, linking outback Queensland to the Northern Territory. Towns within the shire are Boulia and Urandangi. (Source: Boulia Shire Council Annual Report 2023-2024)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	93	100	123	102	119
Government funded	27	20	17	23	31
Fee-for-service	74	93	115	89	101

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	4	1
Private Providers	26	94

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	6	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	41	42	42
Indigenous	16	10	5
Student with a disability	5	5	5
Gender - Female	45	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

31 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Boulia Shire in 2023. 18 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	1
Community Education RTO	2
Enterprise RTO	2
School	2
Private RTO	23

RTO Type	Number
Total	31

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were two apprentices and three trainees in training in the Boulia Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate IV in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate I in Agrifood Operations.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate IV in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate I in Construction
- Certificate II in Active Volunteering
- Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting Operations).

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$15,705	\$21,354
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$170,859	\$135,627
Total	\$186,564	\$156,981

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$72,500 to assist five residents of Boulia secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.12% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,500 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Burdekin Shire Council

The Burdekin Shire Council has a population of 17,020. Whilst sugar cane is the most notable crop it is also a hub of agriculture, horticulture, manufacturing and innovation. Towns within the shire are Alva, Ayr, Brandon, Clare, Dalbeg, Giru, Home Hill, Groper Creek, Inkerman, Jerona, Millaroo and Wunjunga. (Source: Burdekin Shire Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	3,654	3,593	3,728	3,580	3,780
Government funded	897	964	981	866	886
Fee-for-service	3,179	3,043	3,192	3,134	3,303

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	371	115
Private Providers	433	3,159

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	13	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	36	42	42
Indigenous	7	10	5
Student with a disability	6	5	5
Gender - Female	43	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

348 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Burdekin Shire in 2023. 136 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	7
University	2
Community Education RTO	10
Enterprise RTO	15
School	8
Private RTO	306

RTO Type	Number
Total	348

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 242 apprentices and 84 trainees in training in the Burdekin Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate I in Basic Financial Literacy
- Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Surface Coal Mine Safety Skill Set
- Certificate II in Engineering.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$810,983	\$949,769
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$1,225,946	\$1,462,369
Total	\$2,036,929	\$2,412,138

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$3,174,700 to assist 330 residents of Burdekin secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 5.09% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$9,620 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Burke Shire Council

The Burke Shire Council has a population of 328. The shire is characterised by vast pastoral stations, is in the North-West Minerals Province, and a growing tourism industry due to its vast natural resources including Adels Grove and Lawn Hill Gorge. Towns within the shire are Burketown and Gregory. (Source: Burke Shire Council 2023-2024 Annual Report)

Number of Students

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	80	91	125	134	120
Government funded	13	26	27	24	46
Fee-for-service	77	83	115	129	88

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	5	0
Private Providers	42	85

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	2	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	48	42	42
Indigenous	36	10	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	38	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

39 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Burke Shire in 2023. 21 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	1
Enterprise RTO	1
School	0
Private RTO	36

RTO Type	Number
Total	39

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were six apprentices and one trainee in training in the Burke Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate IV in Agriculture
- Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Business.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate IV in Tropical Biosecurity
- Diploma of Project Management
- Certificate II in Horse Care
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Pathology Collection.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$22,302	\$13,699
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$53,994	\$103,834
Total	\$76,296	\$117,533

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$267,500 to assist 18 residents of Burke secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.43% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,861 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Carpentaria Shire Council

The Carpentaria Shire Council has a population of 2,212. The shire has a diverse industry base including agriculture, fishing, mining, tourism and government administration. Towns within the shire are Normanton and Karumba. (Source: Carpentaria Shire Outback by the Sea Annual Report 2023-2024)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

Carpentaria (S)	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	429	420	638	471	494
Government funded	77	86	91	69	106
Fee-for-service	399	364	598	441	451

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	31	5
Private Providers	71	419

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	7	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	42	42	42
Indigenous	36	10	5
Student with a disability	2	5	5
Gender - Female	42	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

99 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Carpentaria Shire in 2023. 49 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	1
Community Education RTO	2
Enterprise RTO	3
School	4
Private RTO	88
Total	99

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 14 apprentices and 20 trainees in training in the Carpentaria Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation
- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Maritime Operations (Marine Engine Driver Grade 2 Near Coastal).

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$230,396	\$120,596
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$251,091	\$461,618
Total	\$481,487	\$582,214

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$1,019,100 to assist 68 residents of Carpentaria secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 1.63% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,987 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Charters Towers Regional Council

The Charters Towers Regional Council has a population of 12,040. The main industries are mining, agriculture, education and health care and social assistance. The Charters Towers Regional Council area includes the localities of Alabama Hill, Basalt, Black Jack, Breddan, Broughton, Campaspe, Charters Towers City, Columbia, Dotswood, Grand Secret, Greenvale, Hervey Range, Homestead, Llanarth, Millchester, Mingela, Mosman Park, Paluma, Pentland, Queenton, Ravenswood, Reid River, Richmond Hill, Seventy Mile, Southern Cross, Toll, Towers Hill and Valley of Lagoons. (Source: www.charterstowers.qld.gov.au and remplan.com.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

Charters Towers (R)	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	2,530	2,619	2,652	2,700	2,808
Government funded	667	575	629	505	542
Fee-for-service	2,131	2,308	2,324	2,419	2,541

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	300	63
Private Providers	243	2,410

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	14	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	35	42	42
Indigenous	10	10	5
Student with a disability	8	5	5
Gender - Female	47	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

308 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Charters Towers Region in 2023. 137 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	4
University	3
Community Education RTO	7
Enterprise RTO	14

RTO Type	Number
School	8
Private RTO	272
Total	308

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 129 apprentices and 37 trainees in training in the Charters Towers Regional area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023 the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Health Support Services
- Certificate III in Individual Support.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Active Volunteering
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Certificate III in Sport and Recreation.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$680,704	\$806,547
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$682,785	\$779,162
Total	\$1,363,489	\$1,585,709

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$976,800 to assist 88 residents of Charters Towers secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 1.57% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$11,100 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Cloncurry Shire Council

The Cloncurry Shire Council has a population of 3,789. The main industries are mining, agriculture and transport. Towns within the shire are Cloncurry, Dajarra, Duchess and Kajabbi/Three Rivers.

(Source: www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au and Cloncurry Shire Council Annual Report 2023-2024)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

Cloncurry (S)	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	798	802	833	763	818
Government funded	216	199	214	160	193
Fee-for-service	683	684	726	670	715

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	71	14
Private Providers	118	686

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	7	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	45	42	42
Indigenous	23	10	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	41	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

155 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Cloncurry Shire in 2023. 78 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	3
University	2
Community Education RTO	4
Enterprise RTO	6
School	3
Private RTO	137
Total	155

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 87 apprentices and 72 trainees in training in the Cloncurry Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate IV in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Engineering – Fixed and Mobile Plant Mechanic
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate IV in Train Driving
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$201,573	\$185,192
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$925,441	\$816,501
Total	\$1,127,014	\$1,001,693

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$2,369,400 to assist 274 residents of Cloncurry secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 3.8% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$8,647 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council

The Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council has a population of 1,387. Doomadgee is 500 kms from Mount Isa, 100 kms from Burketown and 104 kms from the Northern Territory border. The unemployment rate is reported at being above 19%. (Source: Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Annual Report 2023-2024 and www.doomadgee.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	110	111	92	150	108
Government funded	36	45	39	83	45
Fee-for-service	79	70	65	91	73

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	9	2
Private Providers	34	41

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	5	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	59	42	42
Indigenous	61	10	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	47	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

30 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire in 2023. 17 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	1
Community Education RTO	3
Enterprise RTO	1
School	2
Private RTO	22

RTO Type	Number
Total	30

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were no apprentices and one trainee in training in the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Water Industry Operations
- Certificate I in Construction
- Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate I in Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- Certificate I in Construction
- Certificate III in Coding Aboriginal Languages for Indigenous Literacy (CALIL)
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Health Services Assistance.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$82,803	\$10,082
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$48,878	\$3,731
Total	\$131,681	\$13,813

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$1,442,200 to assist 79 residents of Doomadgee secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 2.31% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$18,256 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Flinders Shire Council

The Flinders Shire Council has a population of 1,500. The shire is a major agriculture and transport hub with significant tourist attractions such as national parks and fossil sites. The Shire is also focussed on renewable energy initiatives. Towns within the shire are Hughenden, Prairie, Torrens Creek and Stanford. (Source: Flinders Shire Council Annual Report 2023-2024)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	305	292	348	348	336
Government funded	69	72	85	78	79
Fee-for-service	269	264	309	315	305

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	29	13
Private Providers	48	239

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	12	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	40	42	42
Indigenous	10	10	5
Student with a disability	6	5	5
Gender - Female	43	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

96 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Flinders Shire in 2023. 41 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	2
University	2
Community Education RTO	3
Enterprise RTO	5
School	1
Private RTO	83

RTO Type	Number
Total	96

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 32 apprentices and four trainees in training in the Flinders Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity -2 023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Assist Clients with Medication Skill Set
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Engineering – Fixed and Mobile Plant Mechanic
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate IV in Train Driving
- Work Zone Traffic Control – Road Labourer Skill Set
- Certificate II in Track Protection
- Certificate II in Agriculture.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$83,454	\$78,026
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$129,634	\$146,367
Total	\$213,088	\$224,393

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$305,000 to assist 21 residents of Flinders secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.49% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,524 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Hinchinbrook Shire Council

The Hinchinbrook Shire Council has a population of 11,162. The shire has a diverse industry base with agriculture, forestry and fishing, health care and social assistance and manufacturing being the largest employing industries. Hinchinbrook Shire includes the localities of Abergowrie, Bamabaroo, Bemerside, Blackrock, Braemeadows, Coolbie, Cordelia, Dalrymple Creek, Foresthome, Forrest Beach, Gairloch, Garrawalt, Halifax, Hawkins Creek, Helens Hill, Ingham, Lannercost, Long Pocket, Lucinda, Macknade, Mount Fox, Orient, Palm Island (part), Peacock Siding, Taylors Beach, Toobanna, Trebonne, Upper Stone, Victoria Plantation, Wallaman, Wharps and Yuruga. (Source: www.hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

Hinchinbrook (S)	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	2,162	2,019	2,295	2,224	2,261
Government funded	671	708	729	644	577
Fee-for-service	1,747	1,553	1,896	1,889	1,959

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	194	174
Private Providers	284	1,749

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	15	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	31	42	42
Indigenous	11	10	5
Student with a disability	7	5	5
Gender - Female	45	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity

281 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Hinchinbrook Shire in 2023. 117 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	5
University	3
Community Education RTO	8
Enterprise RTO	9

RTO Type	Number
School	7
Private RTO	249
Total	281

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 128 apprentices and 56 trainees in training in the Hinchinbrook Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Manufacturing Technology
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate II in Community Services.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- CPR Skill Set
- Certificate I in Construction
- Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- Work Safely at Heights Skill Set
- General Construction Induction Training (GCIT) Skill Set.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$447,673	\$461,450
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$648,139	\$730,837
Total	\$1,095,812	\$1,192,287

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$948,900 to assist 86 residents of Hinchinbrook secure employment, as 30 April 2025. This represents 1.52% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$11,034 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in McKinlay Shire Council

The McKinlay Shire Council has a population of 1,050. Major industries include grazing, mining and tourism. Key localities within the shire are Julia Creek, McKinlay, Kynuna and Nelia. (Source: www.mckinlay.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	231	208	201	210	204
Government funded	44	49	47	31	37
Fee-for-service	213	191	172	201	187

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	8	10
Private Providers	27	179

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	6	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	50	42	42
Indigenous	4	10	5
Student with a disability	2	5	5
Gender - Female	43	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity

67 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the McKinlay Shire in 2023. 41 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	0
Community Education RTO	2
Enterprise RTO	3
School	1
Private RTO	60
Total	67

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 21 apprentices and 17 trainees in training in the McKinlay Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate IV in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Certificate IV in Hospitality
- Certificate III in ESI – Distribution Overhead.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Short Course Civil – CSQ Skill Set 4
- Agricultural Chemical Skill Set.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$33,716	\$30,588
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$199,213	\$163,660
Total	\$232,929	\$194,248

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$80,000 to assist six residents of McKinlay secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.13% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$13,333 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Mornington Shire Council

The Mornington Shire Council incorporates 22 islands of the Wellesley Group in the Gulf of Carpentaria. Mornington Island is the largest island in the group. The shire has a population of approximately 1,087. (Source: www.mornington.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	137	91	132	178	140
Government funded	49	46	52	95	61
Fee-for-service	100	53	98	103	96

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	7	2
Private Providers	50	93

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	5	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	41	42	42
Indigenous	69	10	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	46	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

35 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Mornington Shire in 2023. 19 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	2
University	1
Community Education RTO	2
Enterprise RTO	1
School	3
Private RTO	26
Total	35

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were seven apprentices and four trainees in training in the Mornington Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation
- Certificate III in Water Industry Operations
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Business.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Aerodrome Reporting Officer Skill Set
- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate IV in Animal Regulation and Management
- Certificate I in Maritime Operations (General Purpose Hand Near Coastal)
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$97,262	\$146,534
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$23,928	\$24,900
Total	\$121,190	\$171,434

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$765,000 to assist 53 residents of Mornington secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 1.23% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$14,434 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Mount Isa City Council

The Mount Isa City Council has a population of 19,000. Mount Isa has a longstanding mining heritage and is the administrative, commercial and industrial centre of North-West Queensland. In addition to mining, other key industries include agriculture, manufacturing and tourism. The area of the Council covers Mount Isa and Camooweal. (Source: www.mountisa.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	7,355	7,501	7,036	6,832	6,497
Government funded	1,517	1,472	1,377	1,172	1,248
Fee-for-service	6,567	6,714	6,301	6,251	5,830

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	713	155
Private Providers	358	5,599

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	8	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	49	42	42
Indigenous	16	10	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	34	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

412 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Mount Isa City Council in 2023. 159 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	5
University	6
Community Education RTO	8
Enterprise RTO	17
School	17
Private RTO	359

RTO Type	Number
Total	412

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 441 apprentices and 84 trainees in training in the Mount Isa City Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate I in Workplace Skills
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation
- Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade
- Certificate III in Engineering – Fixed and Mobile Plant Mechanic.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Fitness
- CSQ Short Courses – General Construction 5 Skill Set
- Certificate I in Construction.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$1,358,292	\$1,468,576
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$2,720,125	\$2,762,496
Total	\$4,078,417	\$4,231,072

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$4,319,200 to assist 391 residents of Mount Isa secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 6.93% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$11,047 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has a resident population of approximately 4,000. Palm Island, also known as Great Palm Island, situated 65 Kilometres north-east of Townsville and less than 20 kilometres from Lucinda, is the largest of 12 islands in the Greater Palm group. Palm Island is the largest discrete indigenous community in Australia, with a high degree of mobility between Palm Island and the mainland. (Source: www.palmcouncil.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	237	214	226	226	217
Government funded	115	95	86	108	117
Fee-for-service	161	141	182	156	143

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	63	18
Private Providers	50	124

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	10	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	41	42	42
Indigenous	86	10	5
Student with a disability	6	5	5
Gender - Female	42	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

56 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire in 2023. 35 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	1
Community Education RTO	4
Enterprise RTO	2
School	3

RTO Type	Number
Private RTO	45
Total	56

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were nine apprentices and six trainees in training in the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate I in Skills for Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Security Operations
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Short Course Civil – CSQ Skill Set 4
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate II in Workplace Skills
- Certificate III in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate I in Construction.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$195,103	\$184,427
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$52,105	\$45,138
Total	\$247,208	\$229,565

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$673,000 to assist 34 residents of Palm Island secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 1.08% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$19,794 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Richmond Shire Council

The Richmond Shire Council has a population of approximately 763. Tourism is a key feature of the shire with the town of Richmond part of Australia's Dinosaur Trail. Other key industry sectors include agriculture and gold, uranium and vanadium mining. Towns within the shire include Richmond and Maxwellton. (Source: Richmond Shire Council Annual Report 2023-2024)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	308	286	294	272	282
Government funded	45	31	28	41	47
Fee-for-service	287	270	285	251	260

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	13	5
Private Providers	33	247

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	6	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	45	42	42
Indigenous	7	10	5
Student with a disability	7	5	5
Gender - Female	37	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

89 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Richmond Shire in 2023. 54 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	1
University	1
Community Education RTO	4
Enterprise RTO	4
School	0
Private RTO	79

RTO Type	Number
Total	89

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 10 apprentices and six trainees in training in the Richmond Shire Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Certificate IV in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Carpentry
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate IV in Hospitality
- Work Zone Traffic Control – Road Labourer Skill Set
- Advanced Diploma of Community Sector Management
- Certificate III in ESI – Distribution Overhead.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$33,071	\$43,650
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$41,070	\$94,788
Total	\$74,141	\$138,438

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$25,000 to assist two residents of Richmond secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 0.04% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$12,500 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Townsville City Council

Outside of the south-east corner, the City of Townsville is the largest city in regional Queensland with a population of 201,443. Townsville has a diverse economy with significant industries including retail, trade, health and education service, government administration, and defence, construction, mining, manufacturing and property and business services. It is also a significant transport hub for the regions mining and agriculture industries. (Source: www.townsville.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	40,649	39,006	44,274	43,366	47,152
Government funded	11,661	11,814	12,485	10,913	12,086
Fee-for-service	33,942	31,941	37,194	37,084	40,082

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	4,588	1,341
Private Providers	5,541	36,637

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	13	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	42	42	42
Indigenous	10	10	5
Student with a disability	6	5	5
Gender - Female	45	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,035 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Townsville City Council area in 2023. 266 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	17
University	8
Community Education RTO	25
Enterprise RTO	37
School	54

RTO Type	Number
Private RTO	894
Total	1,035

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 2,286 apprentices and 1,108 trainees in training in the Townsville City Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate II in Hospitality.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Surface Coal Mine Safety Skill Set
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$12,676,549	\$14,058,185
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$11,793,959	\$13,107,224
Total	\$24,470,508	\$27,165,409

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$42,928,030 to assist 8,266 residents of Townsville secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 68.87% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$5,193 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Whitsunday Regional Council

The Whitsunday Regional Council has a population of 39,712. The region encompasses the main townships of Airlie Beach, Bowen, Cannonvale, Collinsville and Proserpine with numerous rural and coastal communities scattered throughout the region. The 74 Whitsunday Islands are also within the Council area. Key industries are agriculture, aquaculture, mining, and tourism. (Source: Whitsunday Regional Council Annual Report 2023-2024)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	7,661	7,502	8,187	8,485	9,365
Government funded	1,575	1,867	2,053	1,727	2,017
Fee-for-service	6,724	6,334	6,975	7,457	8,180

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	863	198
Private Providers	990	7,883

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	NQ Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	9	12	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	45	42	42
Indigenous	6	10	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	40	43	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

591 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Whitsunday Regional Council in 2023. 199 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	8
University	5
Community Education RTO	10
Enterprise RTO	25
School	9
Private RTO	534

RTO Type	Number
Total	591

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 468 apprentices and 268 trainees in training in the Whitsunday Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 1 Near Coastal).

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Surface Extraction Operations
- Surface Coal Mine Safety Skill Set
- Perform Rescue from a Live LV Panel and CPR
- Certificate II in Surface Extraction Operations
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$1,401,385	\$2,152,764
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$2,405,620	\$2,734,169
Total	\$3,807,005	\$4,886,933

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$2,968,100 to assist 478 residents of Whitsunday Area secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 4.76% of all SQW expenditure in NQ during that period and equates to an average of \$6,209 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET provision in South-East Region

LGA Snapshot

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Local Government Areas

The South East Region includes Gold Coast City Council, Logan City Council, Redland City Council and Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

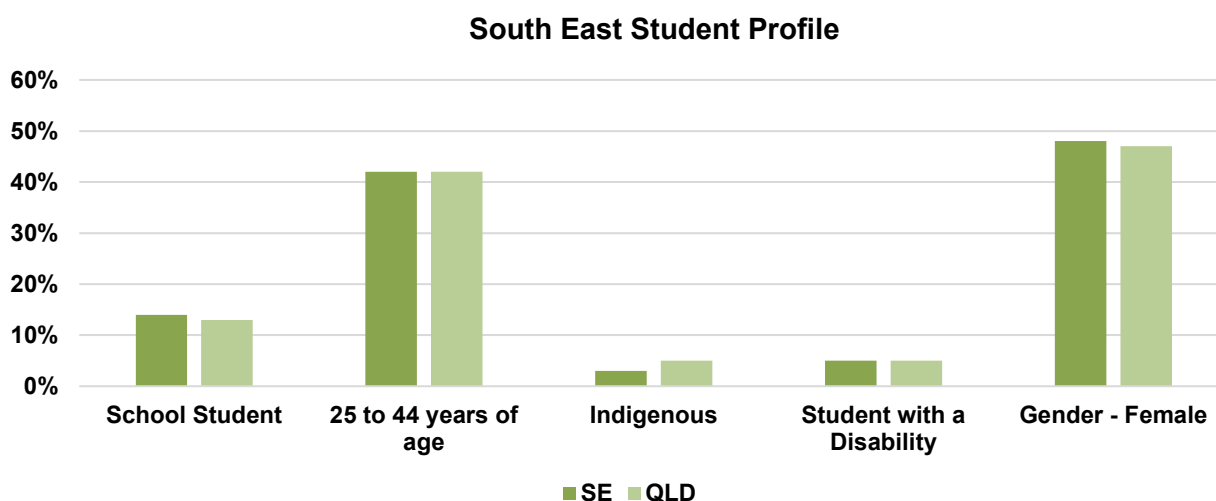
	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	196,785	194,345	222,765	226,787	249,068
Government funded	61,234	65,788	68,985	62,400	68,369
Fee-for-service	157,565	152,103	180,565	187,723	206,864

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	28,334	5,325
Private Providers	34,048	194,891

For the above data, public provider includes delivery by TAFE Queensland and CQUniversity (CQU). Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – - Total VET Activity - 2023



Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,760 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the South East Region in 2023. 276 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	20
University	11

RTO Type	Number
Community Education RTO	52
Enterprise RTO	60
School	131
Private RTO	1,486
Total	1,760

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 11,361 apprentices and 8,025 trainees in training in the South East Region.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate I in Construction.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Diploma of Business
- Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice
- Certificate III in Business
- Course in Crystalline Silica Exposure Prevention.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$70,051,460	\$82,585,323
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$49,590,920	\$60,094,624
Total	\$119,642,380	\$142,679,947

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$175,640,640 to assist 27,282 residents of South East region secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 20.59% of all SQW expenditure during that period and equates to an average of \$6,438 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Gold Coast City Council

The Gold Coast City Council is the 6th largest city in Australia with a population of over 666,000 across 81 suburbs. Major industries include legacy pillars such as tourism, manufacturing, construction and health, with sectors such as technology, sport, professional services, screen and education all contributing to the diverse economy. (Source: Gold Coast City Council Annual Report 2023/24 and www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	105,267	105,879	121,142	123,584	134,737
Government funded	28,765	32,373	35,070	30,756	32,658
Fee-for-service	87,159	85,179	99,623	104,142	114,451

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	14,409	2,849
Private Providers	15,456	108,574

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	SE Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	13	14	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	43	42	42
Indigenous	3	3	5
Student with a disability	4	5	5
Gender - Female	48	48	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,527 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Gold Coast City Council in 2023. 278 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	19
University	10
Community Education RTO	46
Enterprise RTO	46
School	78
Private RTO	1,328

RTO Type	Number
Total	1,527

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 6,371 apprentices and 4,342 trainees in training in the Gold Coast City Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Diploma of Business
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice
- Course in Crystalline Silica Exposure Prevention
- CPR Skill Set.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$33,081,807	\$39,242,900
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$28,059,748	\$33,604,513
Total	\$61,141,555	\$72,847,413

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$53,238,220 to assist 10,067 residents of Gold Coast secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 30.31% of all SQW expenditure in SE during that period and equates to an average of \$5,288 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Logan City Council

The Logan City Council is one of Queensland's largest and fastest growing cities with a population of 377,773 across 70 suburbs. The four largest industries are health care and social assistance, construction, manufacturing and retail trade. (Source: Logan City Council Annual Report 2023/24 and www.loed.com.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	58,730	57,017	65,402	67,737	75,919
Government funded	22,751	23,221	23,411	22,036	25,069
Fee-for-service	43,700	41,706	50,644	53,729	60,057

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	9,557	1,653
Private Providers	13,138	56,191

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	SE Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	14	14	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	44	42	42
Indigenous	5	3	5
Student with a disability	5	5	5
Gender - Female	48	48	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,342 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Logan City Council in 2023. 250 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	14
University	8
Community Education RTO	33
Enterprise RTO	42
School	86
Private RTO	1,159
Total	1,342

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 3,367 apprentices and 2,686 trainees in training in the Logan City Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate I in Construction.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- CPR Skill Set
- Certificate IV in Real Estate Practice.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$25,276,888	\$30,124,754
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$14,873,865	\$18,166,874
Total	\$40,150,753	\$48,291,628

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$85,775,520 to assist 13,201 residents of Logan secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 48.84% of all SQW expenditure in SE during that period and equates to an average of \$6,498 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Redland City Council

The Redland City Council has a population of 166,809. Key industry sectors are tourism, construction, education and training, health care and social assistance, manufacturing, retail trade and rural enterprises. Communities include Alexandra Hills, Birkdale, Capalaba, Cleveland, Ormiston, Redland Bay, Sheldon-Mount Cotton, Thornlands, Thorneside, Victoria Point, Wellington Point, North Stradbroke Island and the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. (Source: Redlands City Council Annual Report 2023/24 and www.redland.qld.gov.au)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	25,933	24,795	28,710	28,033	30,470
Government funded	7,520	7,939	8,088	7,447	8,242
Fee-for-service	21,074	19,783	23,941	23,435	25,538

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	3,523	626
Private Providers	4,032	23,798

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	SE Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	15	14	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	36	42	42
Indigenous	4	3	5
Student with a disability	5	5	5
Gender - Female	47	48	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

1,094 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Redland City in 2023. 261 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	14
University	9
Community Education RTO	26
Enterprise RTO	39
School	44

RTO Type	Number
Private RTO	962
Total	1,094

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 1,222 apprentices and 781 trainees in training in the Redland City Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate I in Construction.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate III in Fitness
- Diploma of Business
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$9,153,408	\$10,179,675
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$5,107,906	\$6,269,854
Total	\$14,261,314	\$16,449,529

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$15,510,800 to assist 2,176 residents of Redland secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 8.83% of all SQW expenditure in SE during that period and equates to an average of \$7,128 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

VET Delivery in Scenic Rim Regional Council

The Scenic Rim Regional Council has a population of 45,248. Towns and Villages include Beaudesert, Boonah, Tamborine Mountain, Kooralbyn, Beechmont, Kalbar, Aratula, Canungra, Rathdowney, Harrisville and Peak Crossing. (Source: Scenic Rim Regional Council Annual Report 2023/24)

Number of Students – Total VET Activity

	Students				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
All	7,536	7,257	8,307	8,310	8,951
Government funded	2,237	2,291	2,449	2,197	2,435
Fee-for-service	6,102	5,835	6,893	7,020	7,558

Public Provider and Private Provider Students - 2023

	Government Funded Students	Fee for Service Students
Public Providers	867	199
Private Providers	1,433	6,967

Please note, the balance of enrolments is made up of TAFE entities other than TAFE Queensland, Universities other than CQU, Community Education providers, enterprise providers and schools.

Student Profile – Total VET Activity - 2023

Student Characteristic	LGA - %	SE Region - %	QLD - %
School Student	14	14	13
Between 25 and 44 years of age	36	42	42
Indigenous	5	3	5
Student with a disability	6	5	5
Gender - Female	46	48	47

Number of RTOs – Total VET Activity - 2023

759 RTOs enrolled students who resided in the Scenic Rim Region in 2023. 229 of those RTOs had only one student enrolled. The following table outlines the breakdown of RTOs:

RTO Type	Number
TAFE	11
University	4
Community Education RTO	18
Enterprise RTO	23
School	36
Private RTO	667
Total	759

Apprentices and Trainees

As at 31 December 2023, there were 401 apprentices and 216 trainees in training in the Scenic Rim Regional Council area.

Qualifications – Total VET Activity - 2023

In 2023, the top five government funded qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation.

In 2023, the top five fee-for-service qualifications in which students enrolled were:

- Diploma of Business
- Course in Firearms and Weapons Safety (Approved for Firearms Licensing in Queensland)
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways.

Government Funded VET – delivered by DTET approved Skills Assure Suppliers

Program	2022/23	2023/24
Certificate 3 Guarantee/Higher Level Skills	\$2,539,357	\$3,037,994
User Choice (Apprentices and Trainees)	\$1,549,401	\$2,053,383
Total	\$4,088,758	\$5,091,377

Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) Activity

Since its reintroduction in 2015, the SQW program has provided funding of \$21,116,100 to assist 1,838 residents of Scenic Rim secure employment, as at 30 April 2025. This represents 12.02% of all SQW expenditure in SE during that period and equates to an average of \$11,489 per participant.

Source: All data regarding student, apprentice, trainee and RTO numbers, expenditure and Skilling Queenslanders for Work activity has been provided by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

