



e-Newsletter

February in Australia is filled with the sun shining, temperatures soar and the beaches dazzling. This mid-summer month makes it a perfect time to have an outdoor stroll around your beautiful city. Bring your inner explorer out to plan some outdoor activities. With the Lunar New Year still going on and several music festivals happening in the city, have a fun filled February at Melbourne.

New leadership in VET

As a part of the Skills reform agenda, AISC – Australian Industry and Skills Committee has been replaced by an independent Training Product Assurance function. Similarly, IRCs (Industry Reference Committees) and SSOs (Skills Service Organisations) have been replaced by JSCs (Jobs and Skills Councils). These new bodies have been in full effective since January 1st 2023.

'No Frills – 2023'

The 32nd National VET Research Conference 'No Frills' is being hosted by NCVER. It is an opportunity to showcase research to VET practitioners and build the capacity of researchers.

Date: 19th – 21st July 2023

Theme: Skilling Australia's current and future workforce

For details regarding the submission of abstract and schedule of conference, visit:

https://www.conferenceonline.com/abstract/alogin/?clear=1&warehouse_id=1545



VET outcomes report

2022 VET outcomes report by NCVER is out.

- 65% of VET qualification completers had an improved employment status after completing training
- 49.6% of the students, who were unemployed before completing the training, got a job after completion of the course.
- 88.9% of qualification completers are satisfied with overall VET trainings.

To read the full report, visit: <https://www.ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/publications/all-publications/vet-student-outcomes-2022>

VOCEDplus

NCVER's international territory education research database released an upgraded version of Glossary of VET. The Glossary of VET is a compilation of current and historical Australian VET terms, concepts, acronyms, and other abbreviations found in Australian VET research, policy, and data.

You can access it here: <https://www.voced.edu.au/vet-knowledge-bank-glossary-vet>

Increase in apprentices and trainees in VET industry

As per the data collected till 30/6/2022, a total of 4,15,420 apprentices and trainees were in-training. Which is an increase of 21.6% from the previous year.

- 47,995 or 38.3% are from non-trade occupations.
- Clerical & Administrative workers and Community & Personal service workers had the highest increase in number.
- In trade occupations have a total of 2,41,8300 apprentices and trainees, which is 11.8% higher than previous year.
- Construction, Accommodation and Health care & Social assistance are the sectors with highest increases in in-training numbers.

Read the full report here: <https://www.ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/publications/all-publications/apprentices-and-trainees-2022-june-quarter>

Return to face-to-face learning

- Due COVID-19 pandemic SQA and TEQSA relaxed the requirements in the National Code for students to attend face-to-face learning and enabled providers to deliver their courses on-line
- Now, as things are getting back to normal and it is safe and practical to go back to the face-to-face learning methods
- So, ASQA announced that it is expecting all providers to transition to compliance with the ESOS National Code by 30-06-2023.
- providers will actively adjust modes of delivery and student support services to comply with the National Code.

In view of the above announcement from ASQA acumen education is returning back face to face training for theory classes.

China's CSCSE announces on-campus learning requirement

CSCSE (Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange) announced that international academic qualifications must be completed in person and on campus. They will no longer recognise an online study. Now, students must complete international qualifications in-person, on-campus, if they wish to have that qualification recognised by the CSCSE.

Students who are unable to return to Australia immediately due to any issues with flights, visas or accommodation must keep documentary evidence to submit with their degree certification application.

The Australian Government's Minister for Education, the Hon. Jason Clare MP, says, "it is good that Chinese students are coming back," and that federal government departments are working closely together to ensure a smooth process for those returning.

For more information visit:

<https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/news/china-cscse-announces-on-campus-learning-requirement>

COVID-19 test for travellers from China

If you are planning to travel to Australia from China (including Hong Kong and Macau), you will now be required to take a COVID-19 test within 48-hours of your scheduled flight.

- A negative Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) is accepted if it is administered or supervised by a medical practitioner.
- A negative Nucleic Acid Amplification Technology (NAA) test is also accepted. This includes a saliva specimen-based COVID-19 NAA test.

For more details visit: <https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/news/changes-to-covid-19-testing-requirements-for-travellers-from-china>

Increase in International student applications continue

Vast increase in international student numbers for Australian universities. Students from India, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka are the major contributors for this increase.

- Around 43,925 student visas came from India and 38,700 from China in last 6 months.
- Uncapped work hours and faster visa process is said to be the reason for this.

Ms. Jackson from Department of Home Affairs stated that – Australia India trade pack has committed to providing post study work rights to Indian students. This will help unlock full potential of the educational relationship between the two countries.

Events And Activities

Workshops to boost your work profile

Soft skills workshop

Date: 14th Feb, 2023
Time: 09:30 AM – 04:45 PM
Cost: Free
Venue: Study Melbourne Hub Kuala Lumpur, Common Ground, The Square, Jaya One, 72A, Jln Profesor Diraja Ungku Aziz, Seksyen 13, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor



Register at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecs60CMhUqkn1BPZAqr63op-U5LsEGuDtD8OHvpWgIRZcDA/viewform?fbclid=IwAR3rZe6lwss_HHYZSkKx31DK8tk1mE_aiKOuiPI7kaVoD-NifhszjimiFc

Resume writing workshop

Date: 16th Feb, 2023
Time: 05:30 PM – 07:30 PM
Cost: free
Venue: Study Melbourne Student Centre 17 Hardware Lane
Melbourne, VIC 3000



Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/resume-writing-workshop-a-work-of-art-study-melbourne-career-catalyst-tickets-485814894427>

Dragon Boat Festival

This Lunar New Year, join in the Dragon Boat Racing Festival on Harbour Esplanade and watch 200-metre dragon boat racing.

Date: 19th Feb, 2023
Venue: Harbour Esplanade, Victoria Harbour Promenade, Docklands 3008
Cost: free and no prior booking is required



<https://whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/dragon-boat-festival>

Music festivals

Mosaics – Contemporary sounds of Melbourne

Date: 15th Feb, 2023
Time: 07:30 PM – 09:30 PM
Cost: free
Venue: Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Linlithgow Ave,
Melbourne 3000



<https://whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/mso-free-concert-mosaics-contemporary-sounds-of-melbourne>

Carmina Burana

Date: 18Th Feb, 2023

Time: 07:30 PM – 09:30 PM

Cost: free

Venue: Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Linlithgow Ave,
Melbourne 3000



<https://whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/mso-free-concert-carmina-burana>

