



# e-Newsletter

Welcome to the May edition of our student newsletter! As the leaves change color and the weather cools down, we've gathered some exciting updates, events, and opportunities to help you make the most of your student life in Melbourne. From career development to cultural activities and community engagement, we've got you covered. As we continue to navigate the challenges of the pandemic, we hope this newsletter can provide you with some inspiration and support. So, sit back, grab a warm beverage, and read on to discover what's happening in and around Melbourne this May.

## International onshore VET qualification completers outcomes 2022

International onshore VET qualification completers outcomes 2022 provides a summary of the outcomes of international students who completed their vocational education and training (VET) qualification in Australia in 2021. These students were surveyed as an additional component to the 2022 National Student Outcomes Survey.

Overall, 13 686 international onshore VET qualification completers responded to the survey.

The most common reasons for training were to:

- develop or start my own business (23.0%)
- improve general education skills (16.4%)
- gain extra skills for current job (14.8%).

**In 2022:**

- 73.0% had an improved employment status after training, up 8.9 percentage points from 2021
- 83.0% were employed after training, up 7.5 percentage points from 2021

- 49.5% were enrolled in further study after training, down 5.1 percentage points from 2021.

During their training, 90.8% undertook learning online. Of these:

- 85.6% were satisfied with the support received from teachers/trainers during online learning
- 83.2% were satisfied with the overall quality of their online experience
- 43.3% faced at least one challenge with online learning.



## Employment outcomes for International VET students

According to the latest report from the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), international onshore VET qualification completers in Australia experienced a positive trend in employment outcomes in 2022 compared to the previous year. The report states that 83.0% of international VET graduates were employed after training, an increase of 7.5 percentage points from the previous year.

The main reason cited by international students for undertaking training in Australia was for employment-related reasons (72.3%), with the most common reason being to develop or start their own business (23.0%). The report also highlights that 73% of international VET graduates reported an improved employment status after training, which is an increase of 8.9 percentage points from 2021.

Furthermore, the report shows that before beginning their training in Australia, 76.1% of international VET graduates held a job. Of these, 18.9% were employed at a higher skill level and 41.3% were employed in a better job after training, which is an increase of 4.4 and 4.8 percentage points respectively from 2021. International students who did not have a job before training also experienced significant improvements in their employment outcomes.

Overall, the report suggests that international onshore VET qualification completers in Australia are experiencing positive outcomes in terms of employment after training, with a significant number of graduates reporting improved employment status and job outcomes.

## EVENTS

Venue: Study Melbourne Hub 17 Hardware Lane Melbourne, VIC 3000

Date: 01 May – 30 June 2023 (every Monday)

Time: 12:00 PM – 04:00 PM

Cost: Free event

Advocates from Jobs Victoria are at the Study Melbourne Hub and can assist international students with their job search.

### Event: “One stop career shop”

Venue: InternMatch, Level 4/350 Queen St, Melbourne, VIC 3000

Date: 10 May 2023

Time: 06:00 PM – 08:00 PM

Cost: Free event

At the Career Catalyst event, InternMatch’s team will unite to equip you with all the necessary skills to become job-ready. Whether you require assistance with drafting your resume, aim to enhance your communication proficiency, or seek to learn how to demonstrate your global expertise in Victoria, this workshop offers it all.

### Event: “Protecting the work rights of international students”

Venue: Study Melbourne Hub, 17 Hardware Lane, Melbourne, VIC 3000

Date: 17 May 2023

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Cost: Free event

The pursuit of employment is a critical issue for numerous international students in Australia, but unfortunately, they face the peril of being exploited and paid less than they deserve. To address this, Study Melbourne is hosting a session as part of Victorian Law Week to discuss ways to protect the work rights of international students.

This event will feature professionals from top organisations in Victoria, such as JobWatch, The International Student Accommodation and Employment Legal Service, Jobs Victoria, The Migrant Workers Centre, and Victoria’s Wage Inspectorate. Whether you are an international student or work with them, this discussion will offer customized legal and advocacy services to help safeguard their rights.

### Event: “Joining a start-up”

Venue: Oxford Scholar Hotel, RMIT Campus Level 1, 427 Swanston St CBD Melbourne, VIC 3000

Date: 17 May 2023

Time: 03:30 PM – 05:00 PM

Cost: Free event

This event lined up Callum Senior and Steph Graham from ‘Scale-Up’ Creative Natives to talk about what start-ups are looking for, and how one can get involved! Get a good insights on topics like:

- An opportunity to do something you love doing
- The stages of a start-up
- Overcoming challenges and mistakes
- Being adaptable

# From The AUTOMOTIVE CORNER

## TESTING THE BRAKE TRIANGLE

One of the most important but overlooked areas in vehicle safety is the 'brake triangle', which is made up of the following three components: brakes, brake fluid, and shock absorbers.

**BRAKES:** The braking systems of cars, trucks, and motorcycles are incredibly complex and involve thousands of parts working together to provide a safe and comfortable ride. Among these parts, brake pads are one of the most crucial components as they apply pressure and friction to the vehicle's brake rotors or drums, slowing down and ultimately stopping the wheel's rotation. Therefore, it is important to address any problems with the brake pads immediately, such as high-pitched, squealing sounds, to prevent further damage and ensure continued safety.

**BRAKE FLUID:** Consider how frequently you utilize the brake pedal during your daily commute to decelerate your vehicle. The repetitive use underscores the importance of maintaining your vehicle's braking system in optimal condition. While brake pads and discs show visible signs of wear and tear, brake fluid often remains unnoticed and unchanged. Most brake fluids, such as DOT 3 and DOT 4, are hygroscopic, which means they absorb moisture when exposed to air. Moisture is the primary foe of brake fluid, and it can enter the system through brake lines or the brake fluid reservoir, even if the vehicle remains idle. While this is part of the fluid's normal life cycle, humid conditions and climates exacerbate the problem. After a year in service, brake fluid absorbs roughly two percent of moisture, which decreases its boiling point and increases the risk of brake failure.

**SHOCK ABSORBERS:** Shock absorbers play a crucial role in a vehicle's safety. Without them, the tires would continue bouncing after hitting a bump, creating an uncomfortable ride for the passengers. More critically, if the tires are bouncing, they lose contact with the road, resulting in reduced traction, which affects the vehicle's ability to brake. Despite its importance, shock absorbers are often overlooked until they malfunction, which can be highly

noticeable. Indications of failing shock absorbers include a longer stopping time, a vibrating steering wheel, a tapping or rattling sound while driving over bumps, increased body leans in corners, nosediving while braking hard, uneven tire wear, fluid running down the shock absorber's side, the vehicle taking longer to settle after hitting a bump, and the suspension bottoming out when hitting a bump. Worn-out shock absorbers can significantly compromise safety, making it more challenging to control a vehicle during emergencies and harder to stop, particularly on bumpy surfaces.

