

## International Student Enrolments YTD March 2017

International student numbers for total enrolments and new commencements YTD March 2017 are available on the Department of Education and Training (DET) and Austrade websites.

<https://internationaleducation.gov.au/research/international-student-data/pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.austrade.gov.au/Export/Export-Markets/Industries/Education/International-Student-Data>

New commencements across all sectors in 2017 increased by 13.1% nationally and by 9.8% for non-government providers. HE commencements increased by 17.6% nationally, but decreased slightly by -0.6% for non-government providers.

Bachelor commencements increased by 12.0% nationally, but declined by -5.5% for non-government providers. Foundation pathways continued to grow strongly, and HE diplomas, which are also mostly bachelor pathways, showed recovering growth. (Some pathway courses similar to foundation programs are otherwise classified on CRICOS, typically as VET Certificate IV).

Masters coursework commencements showed strong growth of 25.9% overall, but declined by -9.7% for non-government providers.

China remained the dominant market for HE students, with 41.0% of commencements. Most other main countries also showed sustained growth, including the sub-continent and Vietnam.

Non government providers represented 13.5% of commencements overall, 9.3% for China, 16.7% for India, and 23.1% for Nepal.

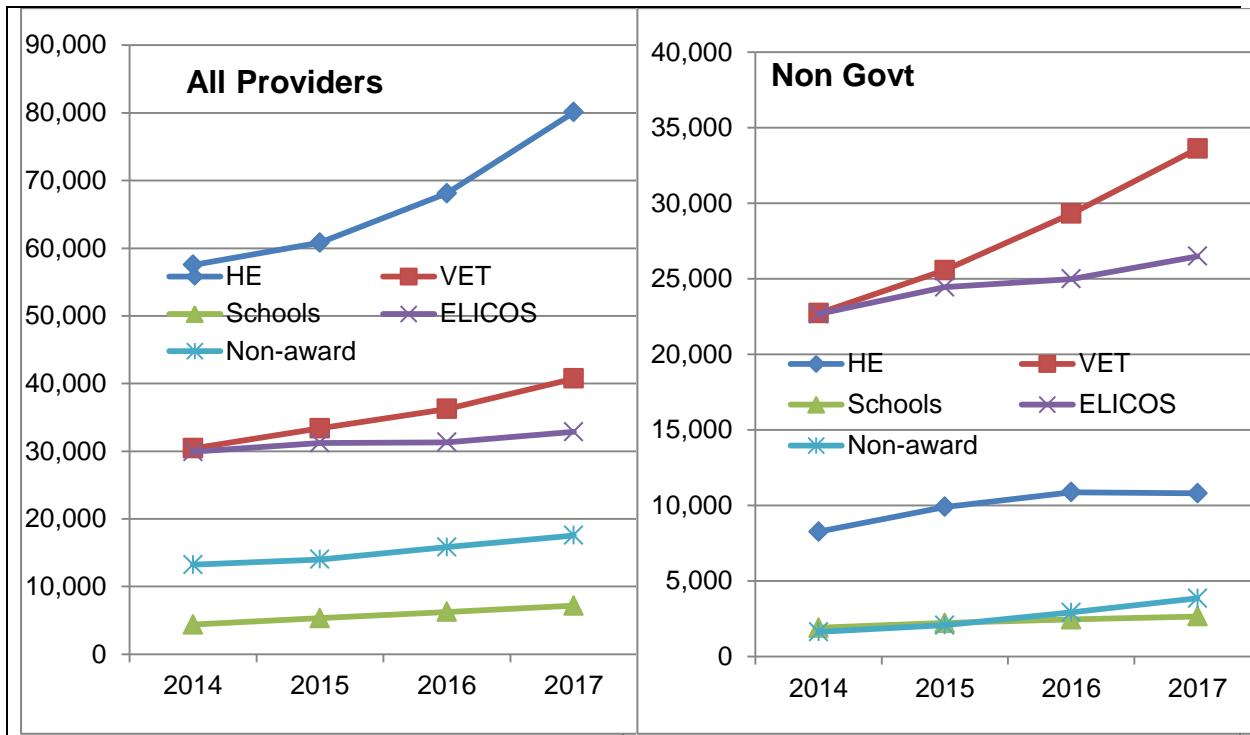
**Table 1: Enrolments and Commencements All Providers by Sector YTD March**

Sector	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017/16
HE	197,476	215,720	242,510	279,833	57,522	60,821	68,113	80,099	17.6%
VET	80,681	93,009	104,429	120,436	30,429	33,387	36,238	40,734	12.4%
Schools	13,163	14,839	17,140	19,472	4,392	5,325	6,243	7,167	14.8%
ELICOS	59,706	64,835	67,177	70,575	29,917	31,219	31,322	32,858	4.9%
Non-award	19,399	22,534	25,065	30,421	13,230	14,000	15,836	17,560	10.9%
Total	370,425	410,937	456,321	520,737	135,490	144,752	157,752	178,418	13.1%
Foundation	6,416	8,241	10,579	13,691	3,214	3,878	5,133	6,097	18.8%
Other NA	12,999	14,294	14,486	16,730	10,028	10,122	10,703	11,463	7.1%

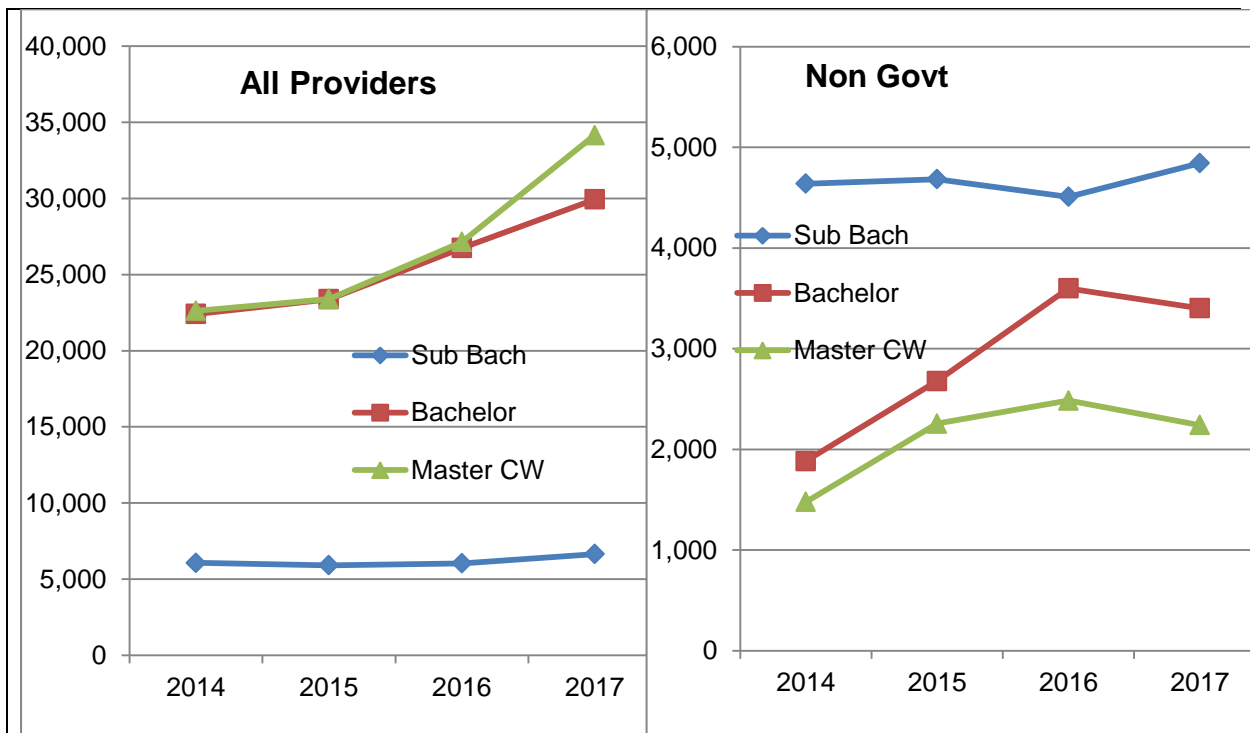
**Table 2: Enrolments and Commencements Non-Government Providers by Sector**

Sector	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017/16
HE	28,160	33,588	40,423	44,347	8,259	9,902	10,868	10,802	-0.6%
VET	68,028	79,833	92,184	108,294	22,722	25,567	29,313	33,620	14.7%
Schools	5,399	5,894	6,587	7,382	1,892	2,216	2,451	2,652	8.2%
ELICOS	44,867	50,747	53,422	58,107	22,664	24,448	24,984	26,498	6.1%
Non-award	3,068	4,032	5,423	7,487	1,625	2,066	2,913	3,851	32.2%
Total	149,522	174,094	198,039	225,617	57,162	64,199	70,529	77,423	9.8%
Foundation	2,284	3,097	4,314	6,146	1,149	1,461	2,236	2,917	30.5%
Other NA	785	935	1,109	1,341	476	605	677	934	38.0%

**Figure 1: Commencements by Sector Year YTD March**



**Figure 2: HE Commencements by Level YTD March**



**Table 3: HE Enrolments and Commencements All Providers by Level YTD March**

Level	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017/16
Adv Dipl	591	579	355	81	113	109	27	16	-40.7%
Assoc Deg	1,054	1,036	1,022	1,056	364	361	345	377	9.3%
Bachelor	93,540	93,809	101,906	112,216	22,412	23,387	26,748	29,946	12.0%
Bach Hons	4,991	8,540	12,432	16,945	2,664	4,673	4,480	5,207	16.2%
Diploma	14,709	15,494	16,506	17,756	5,590	5,438	5,660	6,254	10.5%
Doctorate	14,509	15,171	15,543	15,822	1,762	1,750	1,809	1,921	6.2%
Grad Cert	758	771	1,093	1,059	518	533	816	840	2.9%
Grad Dipl	1,987	1,886	1,848	2,084	1,190	935	837	1,087	29.9%
Master CW	64,260	77,410	90,795	111,783	22,630	23,406	27,143	34,160	25.9%
Master Ext	32	35	37	82	4	2	4	38	850.0%
Master Res	1,045	989	973	949	275	227	244	253	3.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>197,476</b>	<b>215,720</b>	<b>242,510</b>	<b>279,833</b>	<b>57,522</b>	<b>60,821</b>	<b>68,113</b>	<b>80,099</b>	<b>17.6%</b>

**Table 4: HE Enrolments and Commencements Non-Government Providers by Level**

Level	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017/16
Adv Dipl	522	522	287	23	92	105	15	3	-80.0%
Assoc Deg	305	321	248	216	100	98	60	72	20.0%
Bachelor	9,769	11,583	15,219	17,432	1,884	2,679	3,599	3,402	-5.5%
Bach Hons	8	5	3	3	6	3	3	3	0.0%
Diploma	12,153	12,771	13,758	14,413	4,446	4,480	4,433	4,767	7.5%
Doctorate	57	61	66	67	7	12	8	10	25.0%
Grad Cert	39	105	110	115	23	50	69	86	24.6%
Grad Dipl	416	528	510	488	215	214	188	212	12.8%
Master CW	4,848	7,645	10,178	11,541	1,478	2,256	2,484	2,242	-9.7%
Master Ext	26	29	20	32	0	0	0	1	
Master Res	17	18	24	17	8	5	9	4	-55.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,160</b>	<b>33,588</b>	<b>40,423</b>	<b>44,347</b>	<b>8,259</b>	<b>9,902</b>	<b>10,868</b>	<b>10,802</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>

**Table 5: HE Enrolments and Commencements All Providers by Country YTD March**

Country	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017/16
China	70,453	76,149	89,325	106,956	21,028	22,383	27,234	32,810	20.5%
India	17,586	25,138	32,278	40,448	6,108	7,397	8,510	11,047	29.8%
Nepal	7,469	8,939	10,994	15,131	2,258	2,429	2,728	4,583	68.0%
Malaysia	12,587	12,597	12,819	13,059	3,792	3,977	3,778	3,772	-0.2%
Vietnam	9,429	10,009	10,831	12,217	2,650	2,743	3,097	3,443	11.2%
Hong Kong	7,014	7,118	7,439	7,831	2,040	2,120	2,175	2,387	9.7%
Pakistan	5,221	6,743	7,945	8,703	1,391	1,688	1,864	2,166	16.2%
Singapore	6,447	6,426	6,230	6,400	1,733	1,951	1,906	1,906	0.0%
Indonesia	6,854	6,815	6,939	7,468	1,662	1,679	1,721	1,811	5.2%
Sri Lanka	3,222	3,869	4,624	5,886	956	1,038	1,259	1,689	34.2%
Other	51,194	51,917	53,086	55,734	13,904	13,416	13,841	14,485	4.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>197,476</b>	<b>215,720</b>	<b>242,510</b>	<b>279,833</b>	<b>57,522</b>	<b>60,821</b>	<b>68,113</b>	<b>80,099</b>	<b>17.6%</b>

**Table 6: HE Enrolments and Commencements Non-Government Providers by Country**

Country	Total Enrolments				New Commencements				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017/16
China	7,932	9,154	10,405	10,768	2,470	3,026	3,005	3,057	1.7%
India	2,710	4,540	7,584	8,859	1,028	1,625	2,175	1,840	-15.4%
Nepal	3,159	3,240	3,924	4,865	894	906	829	1,059	27.7%
Vietnam	2,043	2,432	2,808	3,147	579	678	825	834	1.1%
Pakistan	1,910	2,933	3,722	3,823	451	726	783	725	-7.4%
Hong Kong	1,048	1,057	1,076	1,038	359	303	316	310	-1.9%
Malaysia	610	677	723	790	234	222	249	255	2.4%
Indonesia	1,156	1,240	1,180	1,194	258	262	236	231	-2.1%
Sri Lanka	367	506	612	760	122	142	171	200	17.0%
Korea S	941	929	888	842	253	269	237	199	-16.0%
Other	6,284	6,880	7,501	8,261	1,611	1,743	2,042	2,092	2.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,160</b>	<b>33,588</b>	<b>40,423</b>	<b>44,347</b>	<b>8,259</b>	<b>9,902</b>	<b>10,868</b>	<b>10,802</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>

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