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A Guide To Independent Tertiary Education In Australia

Australia's independent tertiary education sector includes non-government providers in the higher education, vocational education, training and skills sectors. Independent assessments show the sector enjoys a strong reputation amongst students and employers for delivering quality outcomes.

The independent higher education sector

Around 120 independent higher education providers offer qualifications including Diploma (AQF Level 5), Bachelor's Degree (AQF Level 7) and Master's Degree (AQF Level 9) programs across all academic disciplines. Most independent higher education providers provide specialist outcomes, such as business administration, theology, creative arts and information technology. They include not-for-profit and for-profit organisations based in every state/territory except Tasmania.

Around 10% of the 1.5 million students in higher education study with an independent higher education provider.

The independent vocational education and training sector

There are around 3,200 independent vocational education and training providers operating in every state and territory, with most offering qualifications from Certificates (AQF Level 1) to Diplomas (AQF Level 5). Many independent providers also deliver high quality short training courses and bespoke skills training in the non-accredited training sector. Independent providers support more apprentices, trainees and students from equity groups than the taxpayer subsidised public TAFE sector.

More than 80% of the 4.1 million students in vocational education and training study with an independent provider.

The strength of Australia's independent tertiary education sector can be found in its well-earned and established reputation for quality; something that is made possible by strong links with the business community.



Independent higher education plus vocational education and training providers **employ 215,000+** people across the nation.