



Monthly Summary of International Student Enrolment Data¹ – Australia – YTD April 2015

As at year-to-date (YTD) April 2015, there were 433,936 enrolments by full-fee paying international students in Australia on a student visa. This represents an 11.2% increase on YTD April 2014 and compares with the average YTD April growth rate for enrolments of 4.9% per year over the preceding ten years.

There were 168,023 commencements in YTD April 2015, representing a 9.1% increase over YTD April 2014. This compares with the average YTD April growth rate for commencements of 5.8% per year over the preceding ten years.

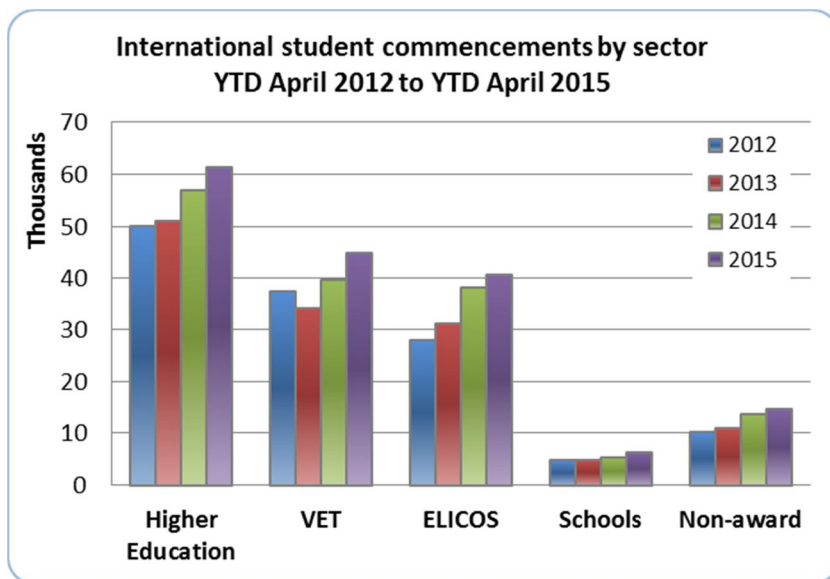
The higher education sector had the largest share of enrolments at 50.0% in the YTD April 2015. Enrolments and commencements increased by 9.4% and 7.8% over the same period in 2014. China and India accounted for 35.4% and 11.7% respectively of enrolments by students in higher education. In YTD April 2015, post-graduate research commencements declined slightly by 1.8%, while other post-graduate commencements in higher education grew by 3.3% over the same period in 2014. Bachelor degree level commencements also increased, by 15.4%.

The VET sector accounted for 23.9% of total enrolments and 26.8% of total commencements respectively. Enrolments in the sector increased by 15.4% and commencements grew by 13.3% on YTD April 2014 figures. India had the largest share of total enrolments (17.7%) in YTD April 2015. China had the next largest share of VET enrolments with 8.2%, followed by the Republic of Korea (8.1%).

The English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) sector accounted for 17.2% of total enrolments and 24.2% of total commencements in YTD April 2015. Enrolments and commencement increased by 9.2% and 6.3% respectively on the same period in 2014. China accounted for the largest cohort of enrolments and commencements in ELICOS with shares of 25.2% and 22.3% respectively. Brazil was the next largest nationality for ELICOS enrolments with 8.4%, followed by Thailand and Colombia (7.9% and 6.7% respectively).

In YTD April 2015, the schools sector accounted for 3.7% of total enrolments and 3.8% commencements respectively. Enrolments for the sector grew by 12.6% and commencements by 19.5% on YTD April 2014 figures. Asia contributed 87.5% of enrolments and 82.3% of commencements. By nationality, China had the largest share of enrolments in schools accounting for 49.6%, followed by Vietnam and the Republic of Korea at 9.3% and 7.3% respectively.

Enrolments and commencements in the non-award courses (such as exchange and foundation programs) increased by 16.2% and 6.5% respectively. China (30.1%), USA (13.6%) and Brazil (10.8%) accounted for more enrolments in non-award courses than any other nationality. Commencements from China and the USA increased by 32.8% and 4.6% respectively and commencements from Brazil decreased by 19.2% on 2014 figures.



Sector	Enrolments			Commencements		
	YTD Apr. 2014	YTD Apr. 2015	Growth on YTD Apr. 2014	YTD Apr. 2014	YTD Apr. 2015	Growth on YTD Apr. 2014
Higher Education	198,134	216,815	9.4%	56,966	61,398	7.8%
VET	89,817	103,692	15.4%	39,726	44,994	13.3%
ELICOS	68,194	74,452	9.2%	38,260	40,661	6.3%
Schools ²	14,082	15,855	12.6%	5,304	6,337	19.5%
Non-award	19,904	23,122	16.2%	13,736	14,633	6.5%
Total in Australia	390,131	433,936	11.2%	153,992	168,023	9.1%

The Top 5 nationalities contributed 51.8% of Australia's enrolments in all sectors					Double-digit increases in markets with over 4,000 enrolments (outside top 5)			
Nationality	YTD Apr. 2014	YTD Apr. 2015	Growth on YTD Apr. 2014	Share of all nationalities	Nationality	YTD Apr. 2015	Growth on YTD Apr. 2014	Rank
China	105,278	118,902	12.9%	27.4%	Thailand	16,356	10.6%	6
India	37,944	48,311	27.3%	11.1%	Nepal	13,873	16.4%	7
Vietnam	20,382	20,843	2.3%	4.8%	Pakistan	11,216	17.1%	11
Republic of Korea	18,496	18,584	0.5%	4.3%	Taiwan	7,757	31.4%	13
Malaysia	17,095	18,204	6.5%	4.2%	Italy	5,356	34.5%	19
Other nationalities	190,936	209,092	9.5%	48.2%	Sri Lanka	4,977	17.1%	20
All nationalities	390,131	433,936	11.2%	100.0%				

¹ The Department of Education and Training data on enrolments and commencements (including the data in this update) relate only to international students in Australia on a student visa.
² Commencements in schools for the current reference period are not strictly comparable to earlier years due to recent changes to secondary school level courses at a single large provider.