Training makes dollars and sense for VET graduates

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Vocational education and training (VET) graduates in full-time work, earn on average $47,900 a year.

Released by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), the Student Outcomes Survey 2010, found 76.3% of VET graduates were employed after completing their qualification.

Of those graduates without a job before training, 42.8% had a job after training, earning on average $35,900.

Completing a course in education, engineering and related technologies, and health earns graduates a higher wage.

Not surprisingly, graduates who completed higher-level qualifications such as Certificate IV or Diploma, earn more than those who have completed lower-level qualifications.

Ms Sandra Pattison, General Manager Statistics, NCVER said VET graduates thought that their training was valuable.

“Satisfaction across the board remains high, with nearly 89% of all graduates satisfied with the overall quality of their training,” Ms Pattison said.

The Student Outcomes Survey 2010 surveyed over 33,000 VET graduates and module completers across Australia, who completed their training in 2009. The survey has been undertaken in its current form annually since 2005.


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