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Independent Tertiary Sector Drives Employment-Related Training Outcomes

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The latest survey data showing that it is independent tertiary education providers driving training outcomes for employment-related reasons has been welcomed by the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET), the peak business organisation representing independent tertiary education providers.

The data has been released by the National Centre for Vocational Education and Research (NCVER) in its *2018 VET Student Outcomes Survey* report. The NCVER survey data shows that a higher proportion of graduates undertook training for employment-related reasons at independent training providers (86.9%) than at other types of providers.

“This reinforces the importance of the independent tertiary education sector in providing the heavy-lifting required to deliver Australian businesses with the skills required to support sustainable economic growth,” said Troy Williams, ACPET Chief Executive Officer.

The NCVER survey data also shows that the proportion of graduates not employed before training and who were employed after training was highest for graduates from independent training providers compared to those in TAFE and universities.

“The most recent NCVER survey data underscores the importance of the ACPET membership in providing the training required for those entering the workforce,” Mr Williams said.

Importantly, the NCVER survey data shows that 86.3% of graduates from private training providers were satisfied with the overall quality of training. This aligns with the average of 86.8% across all provider types.

“ACPET members can be proud of their track-record in providing students with high-quality training that clearly meets the needs of students and enhances their career prospects,” Mr Williams said.

The *2018 VET Student Outcomes Survey* report summarises the outcomes of students who completed their vocational education and training (VET) in Australia during 2017 using data collected in mid-2018. The report can be downloaded from the NCVER website.

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