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Table 1. Free TAFE completions in courses identified in the *Fee-Free TAFE Program Snapshot Quarter 4 2025 (Snapshot)*, 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025

Course name	Free TAFE Completions
Certificate III in Individual Support	21,040
Certificate IV in Training and Assessment	11,745
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	11,105
Diploma of Nursing	9,660
Certificate IV in School Based Education Support	7,010
Certificate III in Information Technology	5,455
Certificate IV in Cyber Security	5,045
Diploma of Community Services	3,670
Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)	3,250
Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	2,865
Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	2,845
Certificate III in Commercial Cookery	2,020
Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Pre-Vocational)	1,755
Certificate IV in Building and Construction	1,615
Certificate III in Hospitality	1,010
Certificate II in Cookery	785
Introduction to Early Childhood Education and Care Skill Set	265

Table 2. Free TAFE completions by demographic cohort, 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025

Demographic cohort	Free TAFE Completions
Male	94,375
Female	149,975
Non-binary / other / unspecified	1,430
15-24 years of age	86,070
25-44 years of age	108,930
45+ years of age	50,780
Major city	163,680
Regional and Remote ⁽⁷⁾	82,550
First Nations Australians	9,420
Young persons (24 and under)	86,070
Job seekers	58,430
People with disability	18,750
Certain categories of visa holders	4,650
Women facing economic insecurity	90
Unpaid carers	10
Language other than English spoken at home	59,390

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Notes:

1. Information in this document was sourced from state and territory Free TAFE data reported under Part 3 of the Fee-Free TAFE Skills Agreement.
2. Completions data is as reported in Quarter 4, 2025. Numbers are expected to rise as more students finish their courses, especially those studying part-time or in longer courses.
3. Completions data is preliminary due to a range of factors:
 - There is a time lag between commencements and completions.
 - Enrolments include a mixture of full-time and part-time enrolments which impact completion dates. In 2024, over 80% of government funded vocational education and training students study part-time.
 - Around 85% of Free TAFE enrolments are in full qualifications at Certificate III and above, which take longer to complete, with some courses taking multiple years.
 - Students need time to complete their courses, and Free TAFE enrolments are progressive in nature.
4. Specific details on demographic cohorts may differ in each state and territory, including differences in which demographic cohorts were identified and reported to the department.
 - For example, it has not been possible to collect national data for 'Women in non-traditional fields.'
5. In Table 2, the sum of completions by remoteness, i.e. Major city, Inner and outer regional, Remote and very remote and Unknown location, does not match the listed total in the Snapshot due to multiple delivery locations.
6. In Table 2, the sum of completions by gender and location does not match the listed total in the Snapshot due to rounding.
7. In Table 2, Regional and Remote includes 0.1% completions reported under an unknown location.
8. In order to protect individuals' privacy, all cells within the table have been rounded to the nearest 5.

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