

## Media Release

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### **Diversity of training sector a real bonus for students and industry**

The diversity of Australia's training sector and the important role that private providers play in responding to the skill needs of students, industry and the workforce was highlighted in a report released today.

The National Centre for Vocational Research (NCVER) report, *Total VET students and courses 2015*, found that skills training was delivered by 4,277 providers, including 3,099 private providers, in 2015.

Australian Council for Private Education and Training CEO Rod Camm said the diversity of training providers demonstrated by the report was a real strength.

"It means that students and industry have real choices in how they have their vocational education and training (VET) needs addressed," he said.

"The NCVER report also highlights the importance of fee-for-service activity in responding to the needs students and industry. It has contributed to a VET workforce participation rate of 26.8 per cent. Over a quarter of the workforce undertook accredited training in 2015."

However, Mr Camm said the report also detailed the decline in government-funded training in 2015.

"That's a real concern and needs to be a focus for the re-elected Turnbull Government," he said.

Mr Camm said the data provided by the report will help build a better picture of the skill needs of the Australian workforce.

"With the significant changes impacting the workforce as a result of technological advances and an increasingly global market, it's important that we have data to help plan future training efforts."

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