

Australian vocational education and training statistics

Apprentices and trainees 2024 September quarter



State and territory comparisons



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Commencements

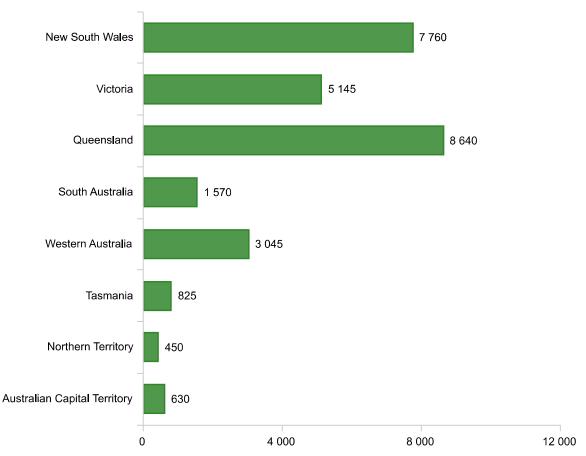


Commencements time series - quarterly

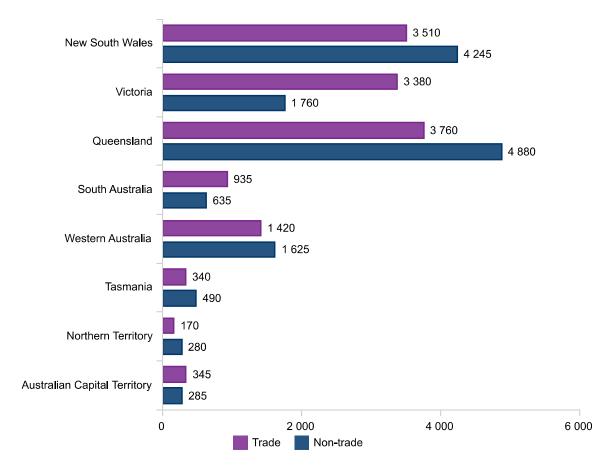
all quarters

		Α	% change				
State/territory	2020 Sep Qtr	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2020-2024	2023-2024
New South Wales	7 245	11 245	8 025	8 830	7 760	7.1	-12.2
Victoria	3 475	9 800	6 545	7 625	5 145	48.0	- 32.5
Queensland	7 245	14 955	8 605	10 295	8 640	19.3	-16.1
South Australia	2 125	3 925	1 615	1 885	1 570	- 26.2	- 16.7
Western Australia	3 700	6 735	4 035	4 570	3 045	-17.7	- 33.4
Tasmania	1 160	1 845	920	1 190	825	-28.6	-30.4
Northern Territory	380	385	305	420	450	18.2	8.0
Australian Capital Territory	1 110	1 120	690	825	630	-43.3	-23.7
Total	26 445	50 015	30 740	35 640	28 065	6.1	-21.3

Commencements insights - quarterly



Commencements insights for trade and non-trade occupations - quarterly



Cancellations and withdrawals

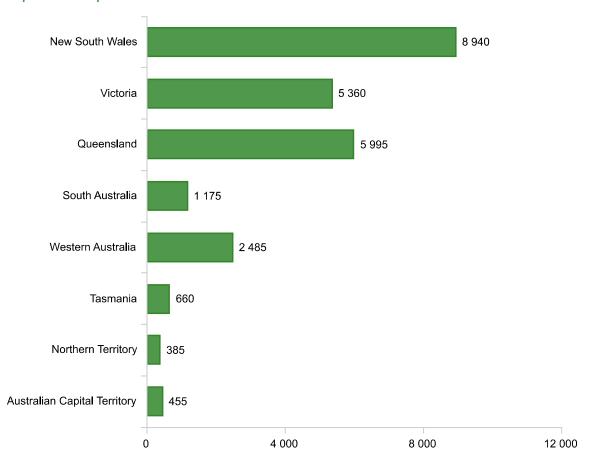


Cancellations and withdrawals time series - quarterly

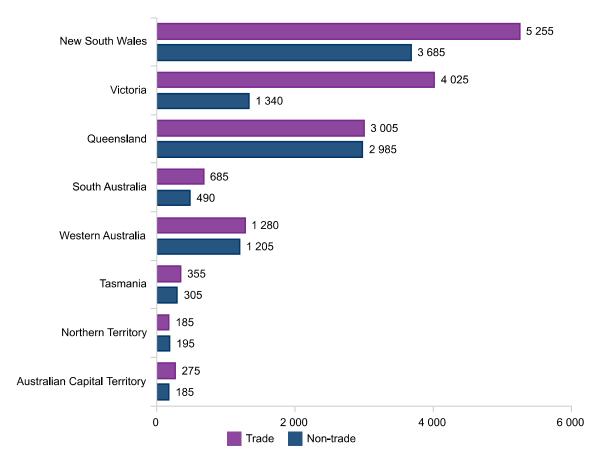
all quarters

		Α	% change				
State/territory	2020 Sep Qtr	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2020-2024	2023-2024
New South Wales	5 760	7 455	10 270	9 615	8 940	55.2	-7.0
Victoria	3 145	5 565	7 390	6 130	5 360	70.5	- 12.5
Queensland	3 965	6 565	8 840	7 455	5 995	51.2	- 19.6
South Australia	810	1 320	1 740	1 300	1 175	45.3	- 9.8
Western Australia	1 885	3 250	4 010	3 385	2 485	31.7	- 26.7
Tasmania	480	835	1 020	790	660	37.4	- 16.7
Northern Territory	230	305	335	340	385	67.3	13.3
Australian Capital Territory	430	565	680	635	455	6.6	-28.1
Total	16 700	25 865	34 285	29 655	25 450	52.4	-14.2

Cancellations and withdrawals insights - quarterly



Cancellations and withdrawals insights for trade and non-trade occupations - quarterly





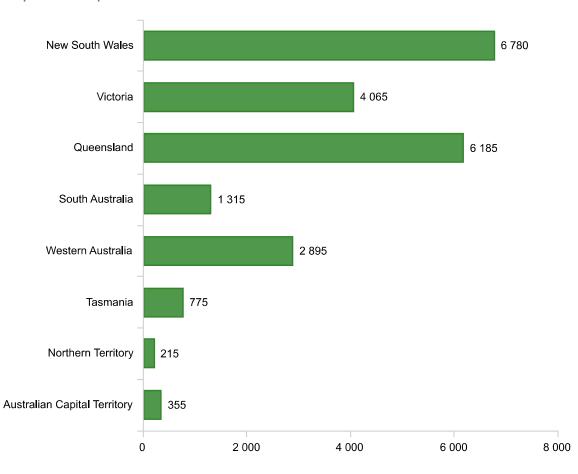
Completions

Completions time series - quarterly

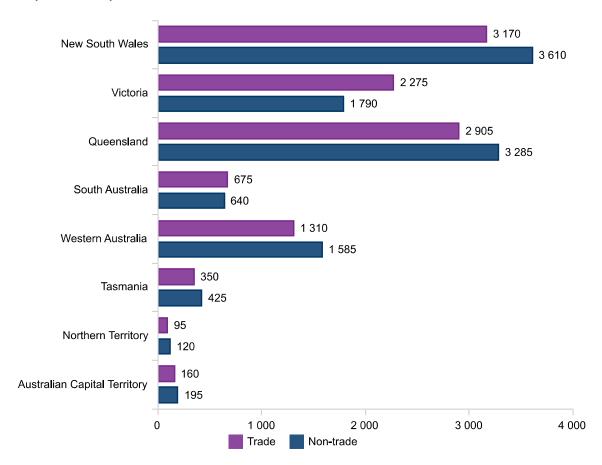
all quarters

		Α	% change				
State/territory	2020 Sep Qtr	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2020-2024	2023-2024
New South Wales	4 840	4 935	8 615	6 930	6 780	40.0	-2.1
Victoria	3 195	3 450	4 240	4 410	4 065	27.2	- 7.8
Queensland	4 395	4 955	5 885	6 230	6 185	40.7	-0.7
South Australia	925	1 355	1 490	1 685	1 315	42.6	-21.8
Western Australia	2 210	2 545	2 625	3 080	2 895	31.1	-6.0
Tasmania	620	780	905	965	775	25.8	-19.3
Northern Territory	225	230	235	205	215	-3.2	4.8
Australian Capital Territory	505	390	475	380	355	-29.9	-6.4
Total	16 915	18 635	24 475	23 880	22 590	33.6	-5.4

Completions insights - quarterly



Completions insights for trade and non-trade occupations - quarterly



In-training

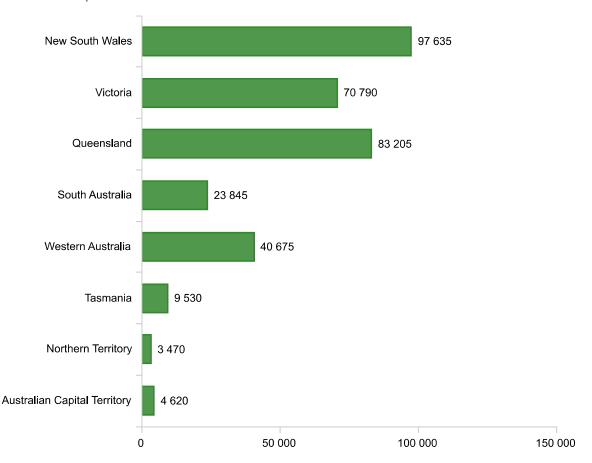


In-training time series - quarterly

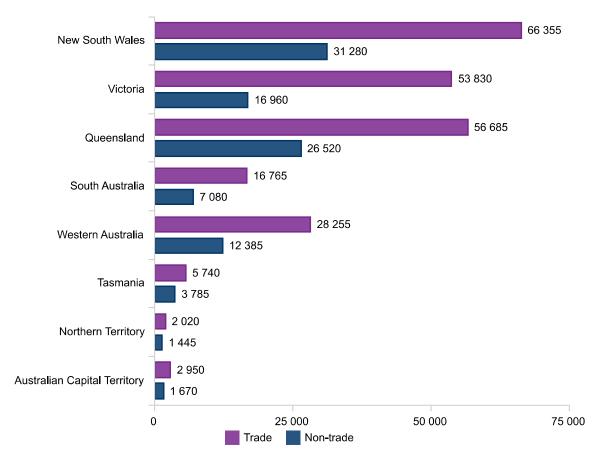
as at end of quarter

		As at	% change				
State/territory	2020 Sep Qtr	2021 Sep Qtr	2022 Sep Qtr	2023 Sep Qtr	2024 Sep Qtr	2020-2024	2023-2024
New South Wales	83 110	108 115	119 920	107 700	97 635	17.5	- 9.3
Victoria	57 875	76 330	85 565	77 560	70 790	22.3	-8.7
Queensland	56 655	79 995	97 655	87 835	83 205	46.9	-5.3
South Australia	18 285	24 780	29 995	25 975	23 845	30.4	-8.2
Western Australia	28 215	39 825	47 040	42 945	40 675	44.2	-5.3
Tasmania	8 870	11 230	12 810	10 625	9 530	7.4	- 10.3
Northern Territory	3 140	3 580	3 590	3 615	3 470	10.5	- 4.1
Australian Capital Territory	6 715	7 620	7 085	5 665	4 620	-31.2	-18.4
Total	262 860	351 480	403 660	361 920	333 765	27.0	-7.8

In-training insights - quarterly



In-training insights for trade and non-trade occupations - quarterly





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State and territory comparisons - 12 months series





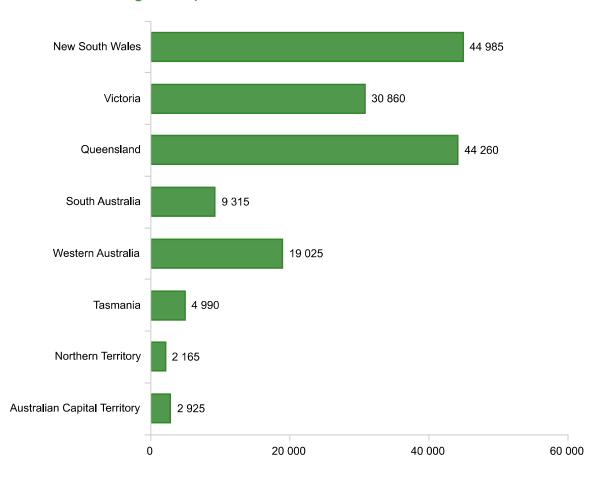
Commencements

Commencements time series - 12 month series

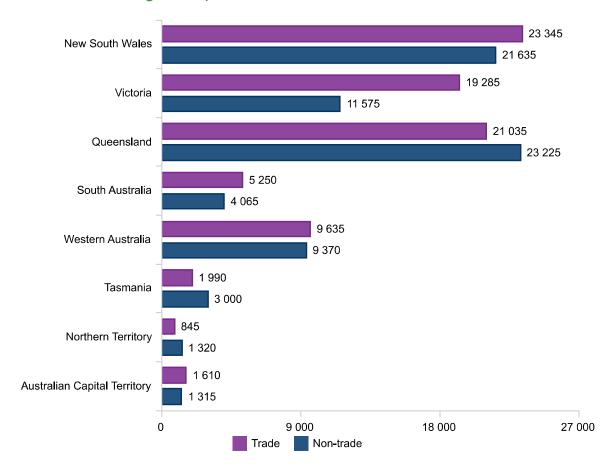
12 months ending 30 September

		% change					
State/territory	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020-2024	2023-2024
New South Wales	37 865	67 430	69 115	46 200	44 985	18.8	-2.6
Victoria	24 930	50 285	55 045	36 310	30 860	23.8	-15.0
Queensland	30 555	60 945	70 075	44 720	44 260	44.8	-1.0
South Australia	8 540	16 010	17 770	9 760	9 315	9.1	-4.5
Western Australia	14 675	29 455	30 820	20 985	19 025	29.6	-9.4
Tasmania	4 270	7 800	8 230	5 105	4 990	16.8	-2.3
Northern Territory	1 660	2 500	2 295	2 165	2 165	30.5	0.0
Australian Capital Territory	4 120	5 385	4 675	3 365	2 925	-29.0	-13.1
Total	126 620	239 810	258 025	168 615	158 520	25.2	-6.0

Commencements insights - 12 month series



Commencements insights for trade and non-trade occupations - 12 month series



Cancellations and withdrawals

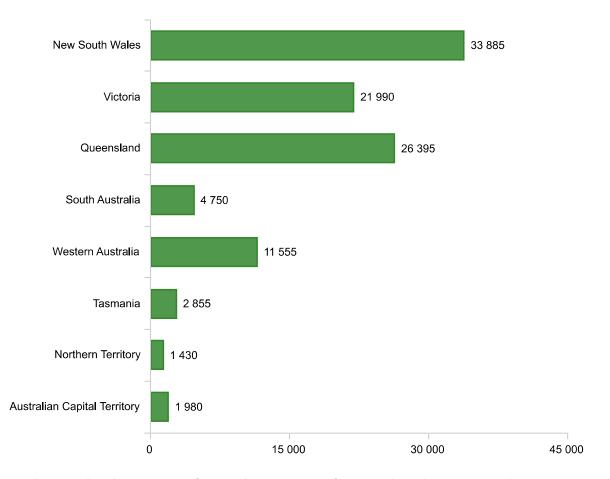


Cancellations and withdrawals time series - 12 month series

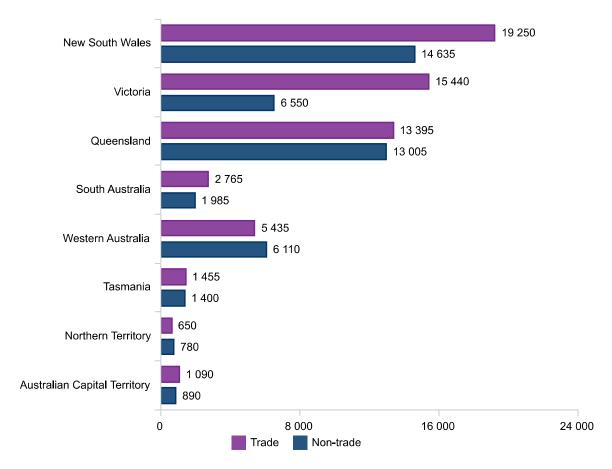
12 months ending 30 September

		% change					
State/territory	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020-2024	2023-2024
New South Wales	24 640	30 345	39 105	38 240	33 885	37.5	-11.4
Victoria	17 080	21 230	29 535	26 580	21 990	28.7	- 17.3
Queensland	17 110	22 935	33 110	31 960	26 395	54.3	-17.4
South Australia	3 225	4 770	6 530	6 320	4 750	47.3	- 24.8
Western Australia	6 940	10 490	15 005	15 030	11 555	66.5	-23.1
Tasmania	1 980	2 865	3 800	3 605	2 855	44.4	-20.7
Northern Territory	1 000	1 180	1 455	1 245	1 430	42.7	14.7
Australian Capital Territory	1 665	2 045	2 410	2 445	1 980	18.8	-19.1
Total	73 635	95 860	130 950	125 435	104 845	42.4	-16.4

Cancellations and withdrawals insights - 12 month series



Cancellations and withdrawals insights for trade and non-trade occupations - 12 month series





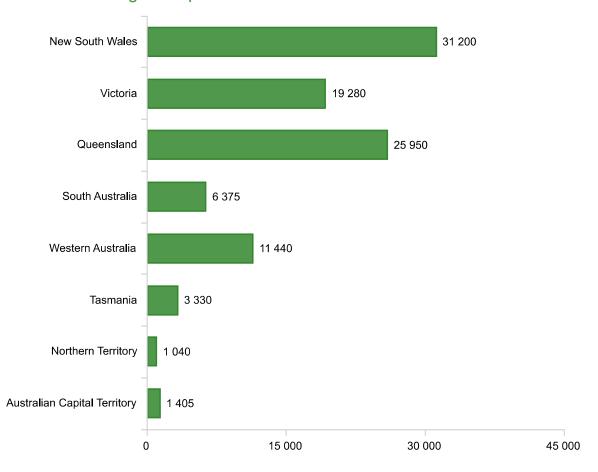
Completions

Completions time series - 12 month series

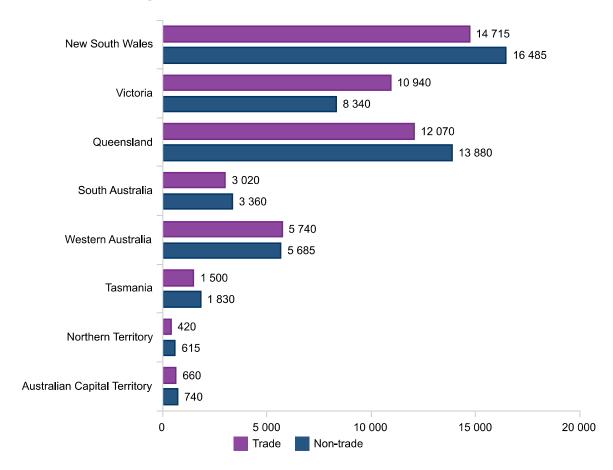
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State/territory	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020-2024	2023-2024
New South Wales	23 820	22 760	29 060	30 335	31 200	31.0	2.8
Victoria	17 395	16 305	19 735	20 215	19 280	10.8	-4.6
Queensland	20 075	19 620	23 195	25 600	25 950	29.3	1.4
South Australia	4 280	5 175	6 200	6 850	6 375	49.0	-6.9
Western Australia	8 950	9 210	10 445	11 505	11 440	27.8	-0.6
Tasmania	2 645	3 030	3 635	3 975	3 330	25.9	-16.1
Northern Territory	1 020	1 085	1 095	1 080	1 040	1.7	-3.8
Australian Capital Territory	2 370	2 065	2 415	1 750	1 405	-40.7	-19.8
Total	80 560	79 255	95 775	101 310	100 020	24.2	-1.3

Completions insights - 12 month series



Completions insights trade and non-trade occupations - 12 month series



In-training

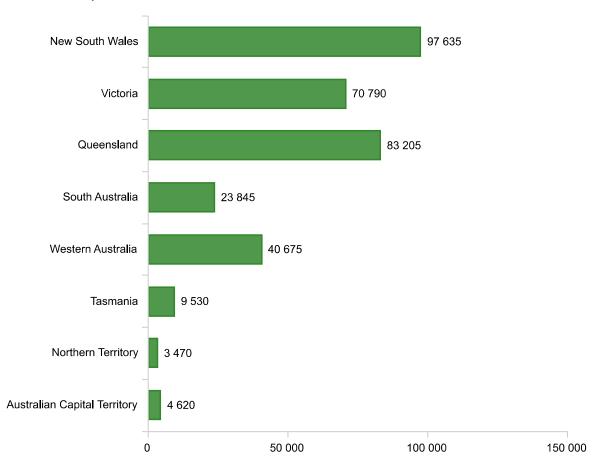


In-training time series - 12 month series

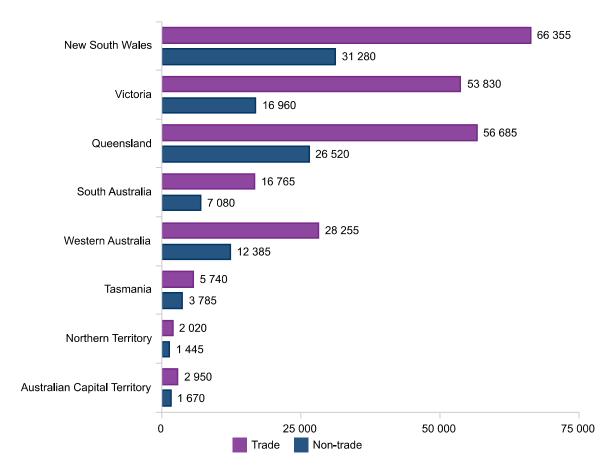
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In-training insights - 12 month series



In-training insights trade and non-trade occupations - 12 month series



Additional information

- Unless stated otherwise, data are derived from the latest National Apprentice and Trainee Collection (no. 122, December 2024
 estimates), which is compiled under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical
 Standard (AVETMISS) for Apprentice and Trainee Collection Specifications, Release 7.0, October 2015.
- 2. Due to the delay in time between an event (commencement, completion, etc.) occurring and the reporting of that event to NCVER, NCVER estimates the most recent figures. The estimation method involves weighting recently processed numbers based on average reporting lags. As estimates are revised for up to seven quarters, figures for the last two years may differ from those published in earlier or subsequent reports. The final counts are those submitted by jurisdictions. Further details on the methodology can be found in the Estimation of apprentice and trainee statistics technical paper.
- 3. The COVID-19 pandemic in Australia brought about significant uncertainty for individuals, businesses, and governments. The resulting suspension of normal economic activities, combined with various government and economic interventions, has impacted apprentice and trainee numbers. Therefore, caution should be exercised when interpreting and comparing data from 2020 onwards.
- 4. **In-training** figures represent the number of apprenticeship and traineeship training contracts where the apprentice or trainee is actively training under the terms of their contract, and who have not completed, cancelled or withdrawn from their training, or had their training contract expired. The figure reflects the number of active contracts at a given point in time (at the end of the quarter), and therefore in-training figures cannot be cumulated over time. For this reason, quarterly comparisons are equivalent to 12-months ending comparisons, as they both represent the changes as at 30 September from one year to the next.
- 5. Note that the percentages presented in this product are reported to one decimal place. All other numbers, after aggregation, have been rounded to the nearest five. Rounding can lead to instances where the numbers in the body of a given table might not add to the rounded totals.
- 6. Unknown data have not been reported in any tables, whereas the total includes all contracts, including those with unknown status. Hence, some figures in the tables may not sum to the total.
- 7. Whilst the report is limited to data on contract commencements, in-training, completions and cancellations/withdrawals, data on contract recommencements, expiries and suspensions are available in VOCSTATS.
- 8. As the vocations approved to be under an apprenticeship or traineeship training contract are not consistent across all jurisdictions, NCVER has adopted a Trade/Non-trade categorisation for the purpose of the National Apprentices and Trainees Collection with 'Trades' classified as all occupations listed under ANZSCO major group '3-Technicians and Trades workers' and 'Non-trades' classified as all other major occupations groups 1-2 and 4-8 (Occupations are classified using the ANZSCO Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 2022 Australian Update).

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