

School Curriculum and Standards Authority

Table 4.3 Total number and percentage of full-time and part-time enrolments in tertiary admission/entrance subjects/WACE/ATAR examination course, 1986-2020

Year	Type of enrolment •				
	Full-time **		Part-time		Total
	Number	%	Number	%	Number
1986	12113	84.8	2171	15.2	14284
1987	12916	84.8	2320	15.2	15236
1988	14758	86.1	2374	13.9	17132
1989	14727	86.1	2371	13.9	17098
1990	14764	85.6	2477	14.4	17241
1991	15914	85.1	2782	14.9	18696
1992	16318	87.7	2288	12.3	18606
1993	15967	89.5	1876	10.5	17843
1994	14603	90.9	1465	9.1	16068
1995	13768	93.0	1042	7	14810
1996	13555	93.9	886	6.1	14441
1997	13389	93.7	903	6.3	14292
1998	13290	94.6	759	5.4	14049
1999	13312	94.9	709	5.1	14021
2000	13574	95.4	661	4.6	14235
2001	13340	95.4	641	4.6	13981
2002	13565	94.6	778	5.4	14343
2003	13860	94.2	849	5.8	14709
2004	13250	93.6	903	6.4	14153
2005	13178	94.9	702	5.1	13880
2006	12422	94.4	743	5.6	13165
2007 ***	19067	95.8	827	4.2	19894
2008 ***	18858	94.1	1174	5.9	20032
2009 ***	19845	93.7	1339	6.3	21184
2010 ***	21295	93.7	1438	6.3	22732
2011 ***	21632	94.0	1381	6	23013
2012 ***	21946	93.9	1436	6.1	23382
2013 ***	22936	95.7	1032	4.3	23968
2014 ****	15609	94.9	838	5.1	16447
2015 ****	23477	96.0	990	4.0	24467
2016 *****	23433	94.9	1271	5.1	24704
2017 *****	24334	96.4	906	3.6	25240
2018 *****	24351	96.4	907	3.6	25258
2019 *****	24103	96.5	883	3.5	24986
2020 *****	24343	96.6	859	3.4	25202

* Enrolments include students who were non-examination candidates.

** Up until and including 1994, full-time students were those enrolled in five or more Secondary Education Authority (SEA) approved subjects. Students enrolled in four or fewer approved subjects were classified as part-time. However, in 1995, the SEA resolved that full-time students be classified as those who studied four or more (full year or equivalent) SEA approved subjects.

*** With the introduction of WACE courses there was a change in the enrolment procedures. From 2007, Year 12 students who enrolled in either a Stage 2 or Stage 3 course which had an external examination were automatically enrolled to sit for this examination. As such, the 2007 to 2013 figures are higher than expected.

**** In 2014 and 2015, Year 12 students who were enrolled in at least one pair of Stage 2 or Stage 3 units were automatically enrolled to sit the examination. Year 12 students who were enrolled in three or fewer Stage 2 and/or Stage 3 paired units, and who were enrolled in VET units of competency (from related industry areas) in excess of 220 nominal hours that led to achievement in full or partial qualifications in the year they were completing the WACE requirements were exempt from sitting the Stage 3 examination. Year 12 students who were enrolled in a pair of examinable Stage 2 course units could have opted out of sitting the WACE examination for that course.

***** From 2016, students who were enrolled in a Year 12 ATAR course were automatically enrolled to sit the examination.