QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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TTC - Student Hours

Senator NASH: Obviously I realise there are masses of them, but can you give me a bit of a sense of the expectation of hours per week, roughly, that might sit with a qualification? Mr Edwards: Yes. I will take that on notice. Senator NASH: It would be great if you have some data like that. Ms Paul: Rather than trying to do averages, which actually may not be very meaningful because of the variety, we could probably give you a few examples. For instance, if you are doing a certificate III in this trade, that requires so many hours. Ms Smith: We might do that on the top five that are being undertaken. Senator NASH: That would be useful—even the top 10, if we could. That would give me a bit of a stretch and that would be great. Thank you very much.

Answer

The Department does not collect data from Trade Training Centres (TTCs) on the number of hours that students undertake training in individual qualifications. Training qualifications are based on the achievement of pre-determined competencies. In a competency based system the time required for a student to gain and be assessed as meeting the requirements for these competencies will vary from student to student.

The top ten qualifications currently offered by TTCs and the approximate nominal hours required to deliver training and assess competency in those qualifications (based on nominal hours listed in the Victorian Purchasing Guides, as issued by the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood) is as follows:

Top Ten Qualifications offered by Trade Training Centres

Qualification	Nominal Hours
Certificate III Hospitality (Commercial Cookery) SIT30807	849 to 1005
Certificate II Engineering MEM20105	320 to 390
Certificate III Engineering - Mechanical Trade MEM30205	960 to 1000
Certificate III Engineering - Fabrication Trade MEM30305	960 to 1000
Certificate III Carpentry CPC30208 (Qualification superseded by CPC30211)	836 to 1170
Certificate II Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) SIT20307	328 to 506
Certificate I Engineering MEM10105	280
Certificate I Construction CPC10111	298 to 330
Certificate II Construction CPC20108 (Qualification superseded by CPC20111)	340 to 712
Certificate II Hospitality SIT20207	153 to 407

Nominal hours are a time based metric developed for each unit of competency that indicates the nominal time for face to face delivery and assessment of the unit. Nominal hours do not reflect the time to gain competency.

It would normally be expected that students enrolled in Certificate I and II level qualifications will complete the full qualification while enrolled at the TTC. Students undertaking Certificate III level qualifications may expect to complete a maximum of one third of their qualification while at the TTC. The balance of the qualification would be completed post school. The table shows full nominal hours to achieve all required competencies within the qualification regardless of whether the student completed parts of the qualification at a TTC or not.