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To: Hon Jo Hersey

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Subject: Students not completing Year 12

QUESTION:

Can you provide the number of students who began Year 12 in the reporting period and then failed to complete it by no longer attending school by the end of it?

ANSWER:

In 2025 there were 1,047 students who completed their Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) in Northern Territory Government schools. When compared to the starting cohort of 1,462 students in Term 1, Week 4 2025 this equates to an attainment rate of 72%.

There are a range of factors that impact a student's ability to complete their NTCET. The most common reasons for students not completing their NTCET include leaving for employment opportunities such as apprenticeships, leaving for training opportunities such as Vocation Education and Training (VET) and where students move interstate/overseas.

Students can complete their NTCET over multiple years. Where a student leaves school but remains able to meet the NTCET requirements through externally completed courses, such as through VET credits, they may be awarded their NTCET later.

The Department of Education and Training publishes a range of NTCET statistics, including information on the non-government sector, and Stage 1 and 2 subject completions.

This information is available at <https://education.nt.gov.au/statistics-research-and-strategies/ntcet-statistics>.