

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Number of Associate Degrees placements

Question

Can you please provide information on the number of Associate Degrees placements offered per higher education institution for the past eight years, detailing all relevant guidelines for these placements?

Answer

The Department of Education and Training does not have data specifically on the number of Associate Degree placements offered per higher education institution. This is a matter for universities to determine.

Since the introduction of demand driven funding arrangements for bachelor level courses in 2012, Commonwealth supported places (CSPs) for sub bachelor degrees, which include Associate Degrees, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas and enabling courses, have been designated by the Minister for Education and Training.

Each university has an allocated number of sub bachelor CSPs which is specified in the university's Commonwealth Grant Scheme funding agreement. These are available on the Department of Education and Training website here <https://docs.education.gov.au/node/34675>.

With the exception of enabling places (the number of which is stipulated in funding agreements), it is up to universities to determine which courses to use their sub bachelor allocation for. Most provide a range of Associate Degrees, Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas. The Australian Government provides funding for each student (equivalent full time load) enrolled in a CSP up to the maximum number allocated (HESA section 33-5).