Apprentice Annual 2017
At a glance

SPECIAL FEATURE: Completion rates

AMONGST PEERS:
64% successfully complete a construction apprenticeship vs 67% of Bachelor university students.

THE 18 MONTH ITCH:
50% of non-completers leave within the first 18 months. Around 80% within 2 and a half years.

SUPPLY SURPLUS:
The supply of new workers exceeds the industry’s needs.

ON FOR YOUNG AND OLD:
Younger and older apprentices complete at similar rates.
Current apprenticeship trends

FOR EVERY 100 WORKERS

APPRENTICES ABOUND: There are just under 24,000 construction apprentices in Queensland.

SEQ SKEW: 2/3 of construction apprentices are employed in SEQ.

FUTURE PROOFING: Construction takes on 3.3 apprentices for every 100 workers – more than any other industry.

WOMEN WANTED: Only 2.7% of apprentices are female – but it’s increasing slowly.

UNDER 19YRS

CAREER OF CHOICE: 1 in 5 new apprenticeships in 2015–16 was in construction.

HOUSING HIGHEST: Our apprentices are mostly employed in the residential sector.

TRADIE TRIFECTA: Carpenters, electricians and plumbers account for 2/3 of our apprentices.

BUILDING QUEENSLAND: 1 in 10 employed Queenslanders works in construction.

INDIGENOUS INCREASE: More than double the number of Indigenous apprentices are completing compared to ten years ago.

NOT JUST A TEEN SCENE: Less than half of new apprentices conform to the conventional image of apprentices as young school-leavers.