## Trainee and apprentice retention and attrition in Australia

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This is a preliminary report from an NREC funded research project examining the retention and attrition of trainees and apprentices in Australia. The research aims to identify key characteristics for areas of high and low completion of traineeships and apprenticeships. Further, it will examine the underlying factors positively / negatively affecting completion rates.

This paper will present the early findings of the quantitative data analysis and will indicate the direction for further quantitative data analysis and the qualitative component of the research.

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