

## your further study

### What was your position regarding study on 31 October 2010?

- not studying → Go to the next section 'your job search strategies'.  
 in further full-time study  
 in further part-time study

### What is the full title of the qualification you were studying on 31 October 2010?

For example: MASTER OF SCIENCE, DIPLOMA OF MARKETING

### What were your major fields of education in this qualification?

For example: ACCOUNTING, MANAGEMENT, HISTORY, MEDICINE

### What was the level of this qualification?

- bachelor degree (not honours or graduate entry)  
 bachelor degree (honours)  
 bachelor degree (graduate entry)  
 graduate certificate  
 graduate/postgraduate diploma  
 graduate qualifying or preliminary  
 master degree by coursework  
 master degree by research  
 doctorate by coursework  
 doctorate by research  
 associate degree  
 advanced diploma or diploma  
 other award course

### What was your main mode of study?

- internal (on-campus)  
 external (distance)  
 mixed (internal and external)

### At which institution were you enrolled?

### In what month and year did you commence this qualification?

For example, write 'September 2010' as '09/2010'.

## your job search strategies

### Have you actively sought employment within the last year?

- yes  no Go to the next section, 'your contact details'.

### Which of the following methods did you use to actively seek employment within the last year?

MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

- university or college careers service  
 careers fair or information session  
 other university or college source (such as faculties or lecturers)  
 advertisement in a newspaper or other print media  
 advertisement on the internet  
 résumé posted on the internet  
 family or friends  
 approached employer directly  
 employment agency  
 work contacts or networks  
 other, please specify:

## your contact details

Please provide your contact details so that your name can be removed from follow-up lists, and so that your institution's records can be updated.

### What is your name?

### What was your student identification number?

### What is your postal address?

### What is your email address?

## the next step

We would like to stay in touch with you in order to see how your career develops in coming years and gain later feedback from you reflecting on your higher education experience. If you would like to participate in this future research, please provide a long-term email address.

### What is your long-term email address? Same as above or

Please return your completed questionnaire as soon as possible in the enclosed reply paid envelope to

Thank you for your feedback, which will remain confidential. It plays a significant role in enhancing Australian higher education.

Careers information and the results of previous surveys are available from [www.graduatecareers.com.au](http://www.graduatecareers.com.au) and [www.gradsonline.com.au](http://www.gradsonline.com.au)

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# Australian Graduate Survey

October 2010

## your feedback is confidential

- please mark responses LIKE THIS:  • use BLOCK LETTERS  
• mark only ONE BOX, unless instructed • use a DARK pen

## your qualification(s)

**NOTE:** The first two questions **may** have pre-printed responses. If you **do not agree** with the response, please **cross it out** and clearly write the correct response in the box provided.

### What is the FULL TITLE of the qualification(s) you completed in 2010 at your institution?

For example: PHD, MASTER OF SCIENCE, MASTER OF ARTS, MASTER OF EDUCATION

### What were the major fields of education in your qualification(s)?

For example: BIOSTATISTICS, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, AUSTRALIAN HISTORY, SECONDARY EDUCATION

### Were you mainly enrolled full-time or part-time?

- full-time  part-time

### What was your main mode of study?

- internal (on-campus)  
 external (distance)  
 mixed mode (internal and external)

### For the qualification(s) you have just completed, were you wholly or mainly:

- an APA or RTS research student  
 a HECS student and deferred some or all of the HECS debt  
 a HECS student and paid all of the HECS upfront  
 an international fee-paying student  
 an Australian fee-paying student

### Did you receive any credit or advanced standing towards your qualification(s)?

- yes  no

### Which of the following best describes the mode of your supervision for the qualification(s) you have just completed?

MARK BOTH IF BOTH APPLY.

- single supervisor  
 multiple or panel supervision

### Did you have a change of supervisor(s) during your study?

- yes  no

## about you

### Were you in Australia on 31 October 2010?

- yes  no

### Would you describe yourself as having a disability?

- yes  no

### Are you a citizen or permanent resident of Australia?

- yes  no

### If yes, what is your home postcode?

### If no, what is your country of permanent residence?

### Prior to the qualification you have just completed, what was your previous highest educational qualification? Please give full title.

For example: HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (e.g. HSC, VCE, SACE), BACHELOR OF COMMERCE, DIPLOMA OF EDUCATION

### What is the level of this highest previous qualification?

- completed secondary education  
 undergraduate diploma  
 bachelor (pass or honours)  
 postgraduate degree or diploma  
 other  
 no previous qualification

## work in your final year of study

### Did you do any kind of paid work during your final year of study in 2010? (this includes paid course related work)

- yes  no Go to the next section, 'your postgraduate research experience'.

### What was your main type of work (including permanent, contract, casual and self-employment)?

- full-time work (i.e. working 35 hours a week or more)  
 part-time work (i.e. working fewer than 35 hours a week)

### Did your primary employer give you time off work for your study?

- never  sometimes  often

### Did your primary employer support your study financially?

- not at all  somewhat  a great deal

### Were you still with that employer on 31 October 2010?

- yes  no



## your postgraduate research experience

Please tell us about your postgraduate research experience.

Respond to the questions below about the major field of education that you listed first on the front of this survey form.

If you have had more than one supervisor or have studied in more than one department or faculty, please respond to the questions below in relation to your most recent supervision experience, whether by one or more supervisors.

Please interpret 'thesis' and other research-related terms in the context of your own field of education.

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree	does not apply
Supervision was available when I needed it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The thesis examination process was fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I had access to a suitable working space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I developed an understanding of the standard of work expected	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The department provided opportunities for social contact with other postgraduate students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My research further developed my problem-solving skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My supervisor(s) made a real effort to understand difficulties I faced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I had good access to the technical support I needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I was integrated into the department's community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I learned to develop my ideas and present them in my written work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understood the required standard for the thesis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I was able to organise good access to necessary equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My supervisor(s) provided additional information relevant to my topic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My research sharpened my analytical skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I was satisfied with the thesis examination process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The department provided opportunities for me to become involved in the broader research culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I was given good guidance in topic selection and refinement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I had good access to computing facilities and services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understood the requirements of thesis examination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doing my research helped me to develop my ability to plan my own work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My supervisor(s) provided helpful feedback on my progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A good seminar program for postgraduate students was provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The research ambience in the department or faculty stimulated my work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I received good guidance in my literature search	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The examination of my thesis was completed in a reasonable time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
As a result of my research, I feel confident about tackling unfamiliar problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There was appropriate financial support for research activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of my higher degree research experience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### What were the best aspects of your course?

  
  


### What aspects of your course were most in need of improvement?

  
  


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industry (ANZSIC)

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duties (ANZSCO)

## your paid work status on

### 31 October 2010

#### What was your position regarding paid work (including permanent, contract, casual and self-employment) on 31 October 2010?

SELECT THE RESPONSE WHICH BEST DESCRIBES YOUR POSITION

- in full-time work, or had accepted an offer of full-time work (i.e. working 35 hours a week or more)
- in part-time work, or had accepted an offer of part-time work (i.e. working fewer than 35 hours a week)
- not working

#### Were you seeking work on 31 October 2010 (even if you were already working)?

- yes  no

#### If seeking work, what kind of work were you seeking?

IMPORTANT: MARK BOTH IF BOTH APPLY.

- full-time work  part-time work

## your main paid work on

### 31 October 2010

#### Please go to the next section 'your further study' (on the next page) if you were not working on 31 October 2010.

Your main paid work is the employment in which you were working the most hours on 31 October 2010.

#### What was your employer's business name in full?

#### What was your employer's main business?

For example: MEDICAL HOSPITAL, PRIMARY EDUCATION, ACCOUNTING

  


#### Both within Australia and overseas, approximately how many people are employed in this organisation?

- 1 to 19 (small business)  100 or more (large business)
- 20 to 99 (medium business)  don't know

#### Were you working in Australia?

- yes  no

#### If yes, in what postcode was your employment based?

#### If no, in what country was your employment based?

#### In what sector were you wholly or mainly employed?

- public/government  not for profit
- private

#### Were you self-employed?

- yes  no

#### What was the full title of your occupation?

For example: SECONDARY TEACHER, GENERAL NURSE, ACCOUNTANT, SOFTWARE ENGINEER, RESEARCH ANALYST

#### In what month and year did you start this job?

For example, write 'September 2010' as '09/2010'.

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#### What were the main tasks or duties in your job?

Describe as fully as possible. For example: ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, TEACHING PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, INTERNAL AUDITING

  
  


#### How many hours per week on average were you working in your main job?

#### Which one of the following best describes the type of employment in your main paid work?

- permanent or open-ended contract
- fixed-term contract more than 12 months
- fixed-term contract up to 12 months
- temporary or casual

#### What was your gross (pre-tax) annual salary in Australian dollars on 31 October 2010?

IMPORTANT: ESTIMATE IF NECESSARY. WRITE A YEARLY FIGURE.

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#### How important are the following to your employment in your main paid job?

	Formal requirement	Important	Somewhat important	Not important	Don't know
Qualification you have just completed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major fields of education you studied	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other skills and knowledge acquired during your course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### If your job was full-time, was this your first full-time job of any sort (other than vacation jobs)?

- yes  no

#### How did you first find out about this job?

IMPORTANT: MARK ONLY ONE RESPONSE.

- university or college careers service
- careers fair or information session
- other university or college source (such as faculties or lecturers)
- advertisement in a newspaper or other print media
- advertisement on the internet
- via résumé posted on the internet
- family or friends
- approached employer directly
- approached by an employer
- employment agency
- work contacts or networks
- other, please specify:

