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As requested, I've attached the embargoed data sets of the NCVER apprentices and trainees data publication on Wednesday.

**Table 1 - Australian Apprentices In-training by trade status, as at 31 March 2015 to 2024**

The last line of the table – **Total / 2019 vs 2024** – refers to this line in the media release :

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These were all factchecked by our NCVER apprentice data and policy teams. Let us know if you want to change anything so we can get it factchecked again, just on the numbers side.

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## **DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Government smashing trades stereotypes with 80% more women now training as apprentices**

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Wednesday, 9 October 2024

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The number of women starting apprenticeships in male-dominated trades has also increased by almost 50% compared to five years ago.

The data demonstrates the progress being made under the Australian Government, and its continuing commitment to women's skills and training.

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Hi team,

Final copy of the media release on NCVER data release is below.

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