

## Further study – why it is a good idea

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At the 2007 Annual Conference, I mentioned a few reasons why going back to do some further study is a good idea. Here they are again...

- Increased respect around the office (hopefully!)
- Study can be at your own pace and fit it in around your life
- You can show others you are self-motivated and want to improve yourself
- Better salary at the end of it (hopefully!)
- Tax deductibility for textbooks and other expenses because the study is related to your employment (if it is in the library area) [check with your tax advisor]
- Something impressive to put on your resumé
- Get another certificate for your office wall
- Learn new ways to fix problems at work
- Learn new things to implement at work and make yourself look good!
- Gain access to other libraries and collections for no charge while you are studying (CAVAL; ILLs)
- You can write articles for the ANZTLA Newsletter and share your new-found knowledge with your colleagues whilst at the same time doing some professional development for yourself.

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# Notes on ANZTLA 2006 Statistics

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## **Reporting Categories:**

- A Provides clergy training programmes, (i.e. ANZATS member schools) and/or schools and training institutions which offer broad theological training (i.e. Bible Colleges, Missionary Training Institutions) possibly leading to degree or post-graduate qualifications
- B Do not have students (i.e. church administrative libraries, resource centres, para-church organizations, etc.)
- C Institutions offering non-theological courses in addition (i.e. teacher training)

## **Statistics Response:**

This year the Statistics Return was distributed via the ANZTLA Forum to 121 libraries. 43 libraries responded, a response rate of 35.53%. This is a slight increase from the previous year.

This year the Statistics Return form was made more accessible to libraries completing it online, as it was formatted as a form – with fields to fill in. This generated some very positive responses. Although this is an improvement from previous years, there are still some issues that have arisen and will need to be fixed for the future. These issues include:

- Having a comments space next to each question for libraries to place explanatory notes about their statistics responses to certain questions

Although some statistics do not seem to calculate correctly, they have been entered as returned in the statistics form by the libraries themselves. Any questions should be directed to the libraries.

*Thank you to all the Libraries who responded with their statistics!*