

## **Gender Pay Gap Grows**

**More women than men are enrolling at university, but female graduates are paid less when they enter the workforce, new research in 2012 shows.**

The wage difference is particularly clear at higher levels of qualification, something not seen in many other developed nations.

A report from the Australian Centre for Educational Research showed that the salary of higher education graduates was more than 50 per cent higher than of workers without a degree.

Between 1998 and 2009, Australia was one of a number of countries where women made up more than 50 per cent of new university students. However, women with tertiary qualifications in Australia earned about 72 per cent of what men with the same qualifications earned, the paper found. The gap is bigger than in Germany, New Zealand and UK.

The salary difference between men and women with tertiary qualifications is larger than the gap between men and women without one.