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We are excited to announce the launch of the AVETMISS Validation software AVS, a web-based product that will replace the existing PC-based MS Access tool to validate data to the AVETMIS standard. We believe AVS will be easier to use and provides greater security than its PC-based predecessor. AVS takes advantage of modern web technologies to provide greater online support for users and improved validation processes. Gone are the days of downloading patches. Up-to-date validation rules and classifications are now always available in the software. AVS also runs on both PCs and Macs.

AVS is ready for AVETMISS Release 7 for VET providers, which comes into effect on 1st January 2014. To help data submitters become familiar with the new system we have provided a suite of support materials including frequently asked questions, a quick guide to the new system and a user guide. We have also provided AVETMISS Release 7 sample data files for those who prefer to jump in feet first and read the instructions later.

AVS is available on the NCVER website http://www.ncver.edu.au/avetmiss/31282.html

**NOTE:** The 2013 National VET Provider Collection and the National VET in Schools Collection will be undertaken using the existing PC validation software.

For further information on AVETMISS, please see the FAQs available on our website at http://www.ncver.edu.au/content/cssfaqs.htm
The standards for registered training organisations (RTOs) have been amended. All RTOs are required to comply with the new standards from 1 January 2014 when they will need the capacity to obtain and submit AVETMISS compliant data according to the requirements set out in the National VET Provider Collection Data Requirements Policy (Standing Council on Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment 2013). The policy provides a 12 month grace period as well as including some exemptions for certain categories of RTOs.

From 1 January 2014, all RTOs, regardless of funding, will be required to collect and report full AVETMISS data to the national collection via their State Training Authority (STA) or directly to NCVER (please check with your STA for details on the collection process).

To assist data submitters, NCVER has developed a Data Entry Tool for creating AVETMISS compliant data files for nationally recognised training. The Data Entry Tool is designed to capture the required fields to produce AVETMISS-compliant data for RTOs with fewer than 100 students. The tool is expected to be available by the end of 2013 and free of charge from the NCVER website. It can be used to enter data that is defined in the AVETMIS Standard for VET Providers and will hold data in the Data Entry Tool system for a period of up to two years.

This tool is not a student management system. If you require a system to manage fees, scheduling, classroom allocation, etc, you may need to consider alternative solutions depending on the requirements of your business.