VET FEE-HELP information

VET FEE-HELP is an income-contingent loan scheme that is funded by the Australian Government to assist eligible vocational education and training (VET) students studying at approved training providers to pay for all, or part, of their tuition costs. For further information refer to the ‘What is VET FEE-HELP’ factsheet available at <https://www.ncver.edu.au/data/data/total-vet-activity/total-vet-activity-fact-sheets>.

VET FEE-HELP reporting 2009-15

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training VET FEE-HELP statistical branch provides the following information on VET FEE-HELP loan payments to students training with non-government training providers and students training with government training providers, between 2009 and 2015.

VET FEE-HELP allocated loan payments to government and non-government training providers 2009-15

Advances for income contingent loans for VET FEE-HELP totalled $2915.4 million in 2015, compared with $1757.3 million in 2014.

In 2015, these comprised:
• $2462.9 million (84.5%) in loans for students undertaking training with non-government VET providers
• $452.5 million (15.5%) in loans for students undertaking training with government VET providers.

From 2009 to 2015, total advances for income-contingent loans for VET FEE-HELP were $6045.0 million, with:
• $4807.0 million (79.5%) in loans for students undertaking training with non-government VET providers
• $1238.0 million (20.5%) in loans for students undertaking training with government VET providers.

The VET FEE-HELP information outlined above has been provided by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. These statistics are not collected under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) framework and therefore differences arise between the VET FEE-HELP statistics reported above and those reported in the *Australian vocational education and training statistics: financial information 2015* publication.
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In 2014 and 2015, these differences included the treatment of the dual sector Universities in Victoria, as a result of the Education and Training Reform Amendment (Dual Sector Universities) Bill 2013. For further information, see <http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2899.html>. These entities were treated as non-government training providers in Australian vocational education and training statistics: financial information 2015 for the reporting years 2014 and 2015. However, VET FEE-HELP statistics provided by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training treated them as government training providers in all reporting years.

Other differences arise in the timing and recognition of VET FEE-HELP payments at the institute level, where payments reported under an AVETMISS collection may not align with those reported in the VET FEE-HELP statistical collection over the same reporting year.

How is VET FEE-HELP information reported in Australian vocational education and training statistics: financial information 2015

Monies provided for VET FEE-HELP loans are reported as ‘revenue from government’ and ‘student fees and charges revenue’.

- The Australian Government report loan payments for students undertaking training with non-government training providers as ‘revenue from Government’.
- State and territory governments report loan payments for students undertaking training with government training providers as ‘student fees and charges revenue’.


The notes to the financial statements provide a disaggregate view of revenue and expenditure. Note 9 details revenue from government, in which VET FEE-HELP allowances for students undertaking training with non-government training providers are identifiable for years 2015 and 2014. In reporting years 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009 VET FEE-HELP allocations were reported within Commonwealth administered programs — other.

‘Student fees and charges revenue’ is reported as an aggregate with no additional breakdown so VET FEE-HELP allowances for students undertaking training with government training providers cannot be identified separately.

Where can I get data on VET FEE-HELP?


VET Student Loans