

SMS VENDOR FACT SHEET

Outcome identifier – national: 85 – Not yet started

As part of AVETMISS release 8.0, NCVER introduced the new classification value '85 – Not yet started' on the *Outcome identifier – national* data element. This code is to be used when a client has enrolled in a subject, but has not yet commenced the training activity in the subject.

What is the purpose of the 85-outcome code?

Prior to release 8.0, NCVER advised registered training organisations (RTOs) to only report students who had commenced their training.

However, several continuing subjects were often included in final submissions for the collection year, and then this subject activity would disappear entirely in the following year. This was often due to RTOs inputting subject activity that had not yet started training into their student management systems as '70 – Continuing activity', and if the student never commenced they were not reported in the following collection year.

To not report this training is not feasible for all RTOs as:

- some state training authorities require this activity to be reported to them
- some student management systems are unable to separate out the activity that hasn't yet not started from continuing activity as they can only use available AVETMISS codes.

This has meant that this activity is incorrectly included in NCVER's reporting, and that it incorrectly flows onto a student's USI transcript.

The '85 – Not yet started' outcome code has been introduced so that this activity *can* be reported to NCVER, but it indicates that it should be ignored for all reporting purposes.

Is it mandatory for RTOs to report all activity that has not started?

No. For national reporting (direct to NCVER), RTOs have the option to either exclude activity that has not started from their AVETMISS submission, or to include it, using the 85-outcome code.

SMS vendors should ensure their systems are built to accommodate whichever option is preferable to them and their clients.

How should an 85-outcome code be treated once the activity has started?

NCVER strongly recommends that a Student Management System makes it possible for RTOs to regularly review their training activity resulted with an 85-outcome code, particularly where the recorded *Activity start date* of the activity has passed. Once the activity has commenced training it can be reported with a 70-outcome code.

It is expected that all commenced activity will be reported with the correct outcome as part of the RTO's next submission.

Is the 85-outcome code subject to the same validation as other outcomes?

No. Most cross validation between *Outcome identifier – national* and date fields have been written to only trigger when the code is not 85. Additionally, records with the 85-outcome code will not be included as part of the blank USI checks.

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