



Government funding of VET 2017: terms and definitions

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Introduction

This document covers the data terms used in the *Australian vocational education and training statistics: government funding of VET 2017* report. The primary purpose of this document is to assist users of the report to understand the specific data terms used within it.

Terms and acronyms which have a broader vocational education and training application have not been included in this document. Readers are referred to the *VET glossary*, which is available at NCVET's Portal <<http://www.voced.edu.au/glossary-vet>>.

Term	Definition
Capital funding	Revenues from the Commonwealth, state or territory for capital purposes that relate to VET matters, including major capital projects, equipment acquisition, and construction of industry-based and school-based skill centres.
Course level	Level of training is used to identify the amount of funding directed towards each level of education as well as skill sets.
Employer assistance	Funding that supports employers to engage in VET, including funding for workforce training and advice and incentives to engage apprentices and trainees.
Loan values - full-fee paying student	A loan undertaken by a VET student to pay for part or all tuition costs, where tuition costs have not been subsidised by government.
Loan values – state subsidised students	A loan undertaken by a VET student to pay part tuition costs, where part tuition costs have been subsidised by government.
National Partnership Agreement Funding	Funding provided to states and territories through a time-limited agreement such as those established under the Federal Financial Relations Act 2009 and enabled through the COAG Reform Fund Act 2008 that are for VET purposes.
Nominal terms	Nominal terms mean reported figures are current figures and have not been adjusted for inflation.
Ongoing specific-purpose payments	Ongoing payments made to state and territory governments under the Federal Financial Relations Act 2009 to support state and territory government public VET systems and refer to the specific purpose payments for the long term objectives for skills and workforce development as identified in the National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Training.
Other state and territory contributions to the Commonwealth	The amount for any other funding transfers from a state and territory government to the Commonwealth for a VET related matter. For example, this may include transfers for a service, project or as part of a time-limited or ongoing funding agreement.
Public VET asset base	The value of public VET assets includes property, plant and equipment used for VET delivery by public VET entities.
Recurrent funding	Revenues appropriated by the jurisdiction out of its own funds to cover training portfolio costs and any relevant VET programs.
Registered training organisation (RTO)	Training providers registered by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) or in some cases, a state or territory registering and accrediting body to deliver training and/or conduct assessments and issue nationally recognised qualifications in accordance with the Australian Quality Training Framework or the VET Quality Framework. RTOs include TAFE colleges and institutes, adult and community education providers, private providers, community organisations, schools, higher education institutions, commercial and enterprise training providers, industry bodies and other organisations meeting the registration requirements.
RTO type	The group of registered training organisations (RTOs) that are in receipt of government funds for training, categories include private, other, public, other organisations.
State and territory contributions to loan costs	The amount that state and territory governments contribute to loan costs under the VET Student Loans scheme or any other income-contingent loan scheme for which state and territory governments make a contribution to loan costs.
Student support for equipment, travel and other	Student support funding not directly linked to a training outcome and captures loans, grant and subsidy funding paid directly to students to assist with equipment, travel and other non-tuition costs associated with undertaking VET. Student support funding at the provider level is included within the VET delivery funding category.
System administration & governance	Captures funding for authorities with a primary mission of supporting the national VET system and funding allocated to the training portfolio which is not subject to legislation for VET purposes such as system administration and governance within the jurisdiction's training portfolio.

Term	Definition
Trade support loans	Loans funded by the Australian Government to assist apprentices and trainees working in skills need areas to help them cover the cost of living and learning.
Training package	Training package is used to identify the amount of funding provided for qualifications and units of competency under each training package and provides an indication of funding support for those industries and sectors to which the training package relates. Training Packages are listed on the National Training Register, www.training.gov.au .
Transfers between states and territories	Funding transfers from state and territory governments to other states or territories for VET related matters.
VET delivery funding	Funding that directly delivers a training outcome. This includes funding for subsidised training, income-contingent loans for undertaking training and other subsidies targeted at supporting access and recognising additional delivery costs.
Vocational education and training (VET)	Vocational education and training (VET) is that education (excluding higher education) which gives people work-related knowledge and skills.
VET student loans	Loans 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. Loans are income-contingent with students repaying their loans through the Australian taxation system.
Wrap-around services for students	Funding to RTOs or other organisations to provide non-learning support to target/priority groups specific to training funded by the jurisdiction. This funding is not linked directly to enrolments and instead provides the RTO or other service provider with the capacity to offer wrap-around services on an as-required basis.