

Aggregate data reported by exempt RTOs in 2024

Under the National VET Data Policy, registered training organisations (RTOs) may apply for exemptions from reporting full AVETMISS data to the National VET Provider Collection. Two types of exemptions are available:

- National security, border protection and policing exemption (section 5.3)
- Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption (section 5.5).

Exemptions are issued by the relevant and jurisdictional VET regulator; Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) or the Training Accreditation Council (TAC).

Where an exemption applies, RTOs must collect and submit annual aggregate competency commencement and completion data directly to NCVET. These data cover all training activity under the exemption and must be submitted to NCVET by the end of March each year.

Where a student provides their unique student identifier (USI) to an RTO for training activity covered by a *Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption*, the RTO is required to report full AVETMISS data to ensure the student's training is recorded on VET Transcript.

Although exempt, RTOs may voluntarily submit AVETMISS-compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection. For further information, refer to <<https://www.dewr.gov.au/national-vet-data/national-vet-data-policy>>.

Scope of data collection from exempt RTOs

For RTOs granted an exemption, NCVET collects aggregate data that is program and subject-centric. This data does not identify individual students, their location, or any other fields deemed within the scope of the exemption.

Included in the collection:

- training package qualifications, training package skill sets and accredited courses
- commencements and completions in nationally recognised subjects undertaken independently of a formal program, where the subjects are recognised and granted as stand-alone exemptions
- nationally recognised training delivered by Australian RTOs to students in Australia.

Excluded from the collection:

- any training activity where a student has provided their USI to the RTO, in which case the exemption does not apply, and the RTO must report full AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection
- any activity, even if exempt, that has been reported for the National VET Provider Collection
- programs or subjects reported without commencement or completion activity.

Given data are submitted in aggregate form, NCVET cannot determine whether the same training activity has been reported both in the aggregate exemption data and in the National VET Provider Collection.

How many RTOs received an exemption?

In 2024, 54 RTOs were granted an exemption from reporting AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection.

- 26 RTOs submitted annual aggregate competency commencement and completion data. Of these:
 - 14 RTOs submitted annual aggregate data only
 - 12 RTOs submitted annual aggregate data and AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection.
- 28 RTOs were granted an exemption, however submitted AVETMISS compliant data only to the National VET Provider Collection and not submit to the aggregate collection.

Table 1 Number of RTOs granted exemptions from reporting for the National VET Provider Collection by VET regulator and type of submission, 2023 and 2024.

	2023			2024		
	ASQA	Other regulator	Total	ASQA	Other regulator	Total
Annual aggregate data only	6	3	9	11	3	14
Both annual aggregate data and AVETMISS compliant data	12	0	12	11	1	12
RTOs submitting annual aggregate data	18	3	21	22	4	26
AVETMISS compliant data only	25	4	29	25	3	28
No submission	1	0	1	0	0	0
Total number of RTOs granted an exemption	44	7	51	47	7	54

Training activity submitted as annual aggregate data by exempt RTOs

The 26 RTOs that submitted annual aggregate data to NCVET reported the following training activity for 2024:

- 12 262 program commencements, a 10.1% increase from 2023
- 11 207 program completions, a 10.0% increase from 2023
- 66 116 subject commencements, a 10.7% increase from 2023
- 61 667 subject completions, a 5.3% increase from 2023.

Table 2 Programs and subjects reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2023 and 2024

Nationally accredited training	2023		2024	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Programs				
Training package qualifications	10 179	9 457	9 027	8 214
Training package skill sets	341	341	2 417	2 418
Accredited courses	620	394	818	575
Total programs	11 140	10 192	12 262	11 207
Subjects				
Units of competency	59 582	58 451	66 018	61 569
Accredited modules	142	117	98	98
Total subjects	59 724	58 568	66 116	61 667

Table 3 Program commencements and completions by field of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2023 and 2024

Program field of education	2023		2024	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Natural and physical sciences	12	2	4	6
Information technology	17	2	6	0
Engineering and related technologies	1 793	1 168	564	372
Architecture and building	0	0	0	0
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	0	0	0	0
Health	3 019	3 019	3 136	3 096
Education	0	0	135	40
Management and commerce	2 806	2 580	3 372	3 108
Society and culture	2 991	2 980	2 496	2 029
Creative arts	1	1	0	0
Food, hospitality, and personal services	0	0	0	0
Mixed field programmes	1	1	0	0
Not assigned	500	439	2 549	2 556
Total	11 140	10 192	12 262	11 207

Table 4 Program commencements and completions by level of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2023 and 2024

Program level of education	2023		2024	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Graduate certificate	86	53	79	96
Advanced diploma	629	663	476	515
Diploma	2 947	2 865	2 977	2 561
Certificate IV	1 874	1 397	1 640	1 308
Certificate III	1 195	1 034	788	706
Certificate II	3 431	3 428	3 034	2 995
Certificate I	27	27	33	33
Statement of attainment	951	725	3 235	2 993
Total	11 140	10 192	12 262	11 207

Table 5 Program commencements by level of education and type of accreditation reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2024

Program level of education	Training package qualifications	Training package skill sets	Accredited courses	Total
Graduate certificate	79	0	0	79
Advanced diploma	476	0	0	476
Diploma	2 977	0	0	2 977
Certificate IV	1 640	0	0	1 640
Certificate III	788	0	0	788
Certificate II	3 034	0	0	3 034
Certificate I	33	0	0	33
Statement of attainment	0	2 417	818	3 235
Total	9 027	2 417	818	12 262

Table 6 Program completions by level of education and type of accreditation reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2024

Program level of education	Training package qualifications	Training package skill sets	Accredited courses	Total
Graduate certificate	96	0	0	96
Advanced diploma	515	0	0	515
Diploma	2 561	0	0	2 561
Certificate IV	1 308	0	0	1 308
Certificate III	706	0	0	706
Certificate II	2 995	0	0	2 995
Certificate I	33	0	0	33
Statement of attainment	0	2 418	575	2 993
Total	8 214	2 418	575	11 207

Table 7 Subject commencements and completions by field of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2023 and 2024

Subject field of education	2023		2024	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Natural and physical sciences	81	61	26	25
Information technology	74	74	0	1
Engineering and related technologies	18 580	17 329	14 684	11 806
Architecture and building	0	0	8	7
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	370	338	132	132
Health	28 843	29 398	30 171	29 347
Education	280	278	9	9
Management and commerce	3 611	3 376	2 946	2 924
Society and culture	3 518	2 884	2 737	2 383
Creative arts	288	277	12	9
Food, hospitality, and personal services	0	0	0	0
Mixed field programmes	4 079	4 553	3 041	2 674
Not assigned	0	0	12 350	12 350
Total	59 724	58 568	66 116	61 667

Table 8 Program and subject commencements and completions by type of exemption reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2023 and 2024

Nationally accredited training	2023		2024	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Programs				
National security, border protection and policing exemption (5.3)	7 346	6 624	8 628	7 845
Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption (5.5)	3 794	3 568	3 634	3 362
Total	11 140	10 192	12 262	11 207
Subjects				
National security, border protection and policing exemption (5.3)	7 565	7 117	25 269	25 506
Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption (5.5)	52 159	51 451	40 847	36 161
Total	59 724	58 568	66 116	61 667