

Aggregate data reported by exempt RTOs in 2023

Under the National VET Data Policy, registered training organisations (RTOs) may apply for exemptions from reporting to the National VET Provider Collection. Two types of exemption exist:

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

Where an exemption exists, the RTO must collect and submit annual aggregate competency commencement and completion data. The data must be submitted directly to NCVER for all activity covered by the exemption, by the end of March of the year following the year in which the training occurred.

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*, their RTO is required to report full AVETMISS data, so the student has a record of their training on their VET Transcript.

Even though an exemption may apply, an RTO may still choose to collect and 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>>.

What data does NCVER collect from exempt RTOs?

The collection is program and subject centric and does not identify students, their location, or other fields deemed within the scope of the exemption for each program and subject.

The collection includes:

- training package qualifications, training package skill sets and accredited courses
- commencements and completions in nationally recognised subjects that are not associated with a program
- nationally recognised training delivered by Australian RTOs to students in Australia.

The collection excludes:

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

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Given data are submitted to NCVER in aggregate form, it is not possible to determine whether an RTO has submitted the same training activity in both their annual aggregate competency commencement and completion data and to the National VET Provider Collection.

How many RTOs received an exemption?

In 2023, 51 RTOs were granted an exemption from reporting AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection by a VET regulator.

- 21 RTOs submitted annual aggregate competency commencement and completion data. Of these:
 - 9 RTOs submitted annual aggregate data only
 - 12 RTOs submitted annual aggregate data and AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection.
- 29 RTOs were granted an exemption from reporting AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection by a VET regulator, despite this, they submitted AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection and did not submit to the aggregate collection.
- 1 RTO did not provide a submission either to the aggregate collection or to the National VET provider collection.

Table 1 Number of RTOs granted exemptions from reporting for the National VET Provider Collection by VET regulator and type of submission, 2022 and 2023.

	2022			2023		
	ASQA	Other regulator	Total	ASQA	Other regulator	Total
Annual aggregate data only	8	3	11	6	3	9
Both annual aggregate data and AVETMISS compliant data	14	1	15	12	0	12
RTOs submitting annual aggregate data	22	4	26	18	3	21
AVETMISS compliant data only	22	2	24	25	4	29
No submission	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total number of RTOs granted an exemption	44	6	50	44	7	51

Training activity submitted as annual aggregate data by exempt RTOs

The 21 RTOs that submitted annual aggregate data to NCVER reported the following training activity for 2023:

- 11 140 program commencements, a 11.3% increase from 2022
- 10 192 program completions, a 11.1% increase from 2022
- 59 724 subject commencements, a 4.7% decrease from 2022
- and 58 568 subject completions, a 10.2% decrease from 2022.

Note: Aggregate subject commencements and completions data for 2022 contained some duplicated activity that has now been removed. For this reason, data for 2022 may be different from that reported previously.

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Table 2 Programs and subjects reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2022 and 2023

Nationally accredited training	2022		2023	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Programs				
Training package qualifications	8 846	8 441	10 179	9 457
Training package skill sets	0	0	341	341
Accredited courses	1 165	734	620	394
Total programs	10 011	9 175	11 140	10 192
Subjects				
Units of competency	61 938	64 834	59 582	58 451
Accredited modules	755	421	142	117
Total subjects	62 693	65 255	59 724	58 568

Table 3 Program commencements and completions by field of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2022 and 2023

Program field of education	2022		2023	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Natural and physical sciences	13	6	12	2
Information technology	0	0	17	2
Engineering and related technologies	1 548	1 002	1 793	1 168
Architecture and building	0	0	0	0
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	0	0	0	0
Health	2 201	2 201	3 019	3 019
Education	0	0	0	0
Management and commerce	2 771	2 371	2 806	2 580
Society and culture	3 303	3 465	2 991	2 980
Creative arts	0	0	1	1
Food, hospitality, and personal services	0	0	0	0
Mixed field programmes	0	0	1	1
Not assigned	175	130	500	439
Total	10 011	9 175	11 140	10 192

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Table 4 Program commencements and completions by level of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2022 and 2023

Program level of education	2022		2023	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Graduate certificate	67	56	86	53
Advanced diploma	630	542	629	663
Diploma	2 461	2 699	2 947	2 865
Certificate IV	2 188	1 736	1 874	1 397
Certificate III	1 242	1 119	1 195	1 034
Certificate II	2 210	2 206	3 431	3 428
Certificate I	115	109	27	27
Statement of attainment	1 098	708	951	725
Total	10 011	9 175	11 140	10 192

Table 5 Program commencements by level of education and type of accreditation reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2023

Program level of education	Training package qualifications	Training package skill sets	Accredited courses	Total
Graduate certificate	86	0	0	86
Advanced diploma	629	0	0	629
Diploma	2 947	0	0	2 947
Certificate IV	1 864	0	10	1 874
Certificate III	1 195	0	0	1 195
Certificate II	3 431	0	0	3 431
Certificate I	27	0	0	27
Statement of attainment	0	341	610	951
Total	10 179	341	620	11 140

Table 6 Program completions by level of education and type of accreditation reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2023

Program level of education	Training package qualifications	Training package skill sets	Accredited courses	Total
Graduate certificate	53	0	0	53
Advanced diploma	653	0	10	663
Diploma	2 865	0	0	2 865
Certificate IV	1 397	0	0	1 397
Certificate III	1 034	0	0	1 034
Certificate II	3 428	0	0	3 428
Certificate I	27	0	0	27
Statement of attainment	0	341	384	725
Total	9 457	341	394	10 192

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Table 7 Subject commencements and completions by field of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2022 and 2023

Subject field of education	2022		2023	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Natural and physical sciences	79	85	81	61
Information technology	0	0	74	74
Engineering and related technologies	18 359	21 918	18 580	17 329
Architecture and building	23	16	0	0
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	191	283	370	338
Health	32 014	31 559	28 843	29 398
Education	204	176	280	278
Management and commerce	4 040	3 688	3 611	3 376
Society and culture	3 192	2 870	3 518	2 884
Creative arts	105	138	288	277
Food, hospitality, and personal services	0	0	0	0
Mixed field programmes	4 427	4 464	4 079	4 553
Not assigned	59	58	0	0
Total	62 693	65 255	59 724	58 568

Table 8 Program and subject commencements and completions by type of exemption reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2022 and 2023

Nationally accredited training	2022		2023	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Programs				
National security, border protection and policing exemption (5.3)	6 794	6 357	7 346	6 624
Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption (5.5)	3 217	2 818	3 794	3 568
Total	10 011	9 175	11 140	10 192
Subjects				
National security, border protection and policing exemption (5.3)	25 403	30 247	7 565	7 117
Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption (5.5)	37 290	35 008	52 159	51 451
Total	62 693	65 255	59 724	58 568