

# AVETMISS 6.1 for VET providers: what's new and why?



## Summary

The Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) for VET providers is a national data standard. It ensures the consistent and accurate capture and reporting of vocational education and training (VET) information about students. The Standard details the information to be collected by training organisations regarding the training activity they offer.

This information sheet provides background on the development and purpose of the changes in the new AVETMISS Standard Release 6.1. The Standard needs to evolve and adapt to changes in the VET sector. Therefore, we have updated the Standard based on feedback received. The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) has adopted a two-phase approach for implementation to minimise the burden on training organisations. Release 6.1, with minor changes, will come into effect in January 2012.

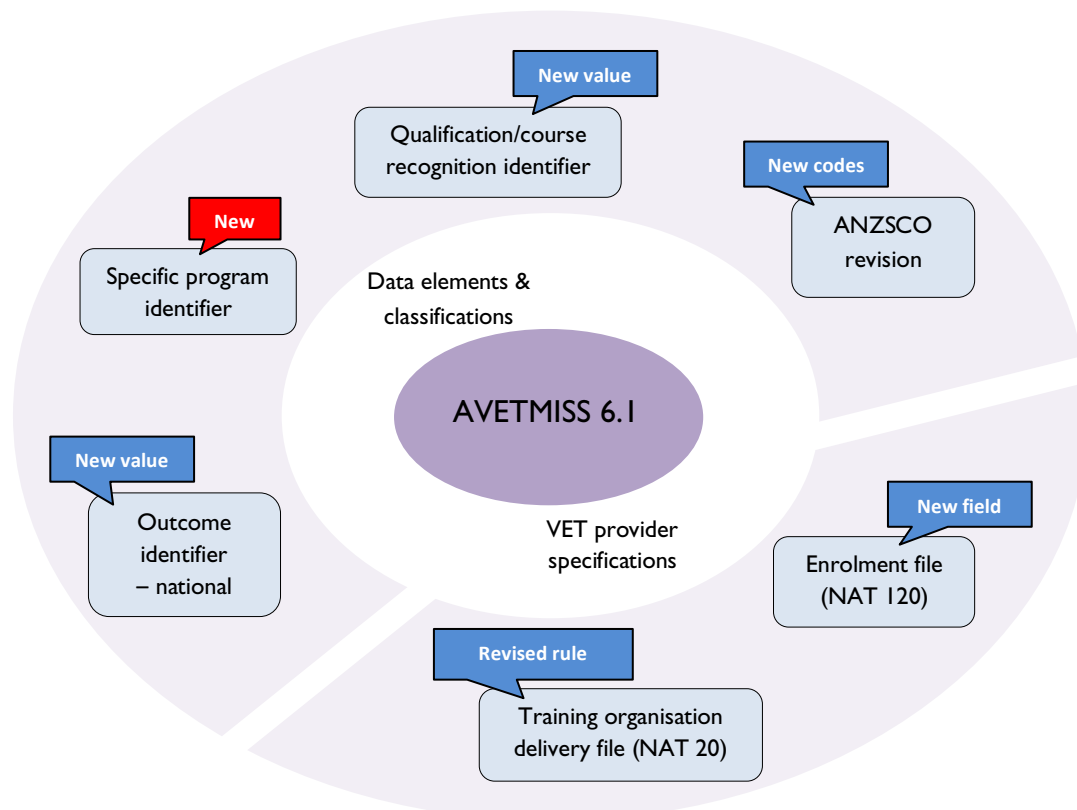
Release 7.0, comprising more comprehensive changes, will come into effect in January 2014.

The changes in AVETMISS 6.1 are primarily centred around:

- adding new values in *Outcome identifier – national* and *Qualification/course recognition identifier*
- adopting Revision 1 of the Australian & New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO)
- making minor text alterations in a few data elements: *Training organisation type identifier*, *Indigenous status identifier*, *Study reason identifier* and *Nominal hours*
- identifying specific Commonwealth-funded programs

Although these changes are likely to require updates to student management reference tables, they do not require any changes to enrolment forms or file structures.

## Key changes in AVETMISS 6.1



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AVETMISS 6.1 comes into effect for activity from 1 January 2012 with the validation software updated to align in preparation for the changeover in late 2011. Details of all changes can be found in the changes and revisions sections at the back of the updated VET Provider Collection specifications and data element definitions documents at:

- [www.ncver.edu.au/avetmiss/21055.html](http://www.ncver.edu.au/avetmiss/21055.html)
- [www.ncver.edu.au/avetmiss/21067.html](http://www.ncver.edu.au/avetmiss/21067.html)

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## Revision and changes

### Outcome identifier – national

This identifier collects information on the result or outcome of a client's participation in a unit of competency or module. Definitions for withdrawal and fail have been clarified to help distinguish between them. This field includes one addition (value 90 – Not yet available) for any interim collections. The *Recognition of current competency* codes have been rolled into the *Recognition of prior learning* definitions.

### Qualification/course recognition identifier

This identifier distinguishes a qualification or course by its level of recognition and accreditation within the VET sector. A new value for higher-level qualifications has been added and two value descriptions have been slightly modified.

### ANZSCO Revision 1

The Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, First Edition was released in 2006 and subsequently revised in 2009. Changes have been reflected in the updated list of ANZSCO codes in the supporting data elements document and the corresponding text file on the NCVER website. In the following six months NCVER will update the mapping of these codes against VET courses and qualifications stored on the national register: Training.gov.au (formerly NTIS). These updated national register lists will be

available from January 2012 with the implementation of the revised AVETMIS Standard 6.1. We will inform you when these updated codes are accessible on the national register.

### Specific program identifier

This is a new field and will be used primarily by state training authorities to identify Commonwealth-specific program activity. Where the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) funds registered training organisations (RTOs) directly for these programs, they may choose to instruct RTOs to report this information to NCVER. The introduction of this field will make it easier to report programs such as the Productivity Places Program or any future programs as they are implemented. This information will be collected on the *Enrolment file*.

### Other minor changes

- **Training organisation type identifier** – removed value for Australian technical colleges
- **Indigenous status identifier** – revised to add 'Australian' in description
- **Study reason identifier** – regrouped values under subheadings for easier reading
- **Nominal hours** – removed outdated range of hours rule
- **VET in schools flag** – removed MCEETYA definition from guidelines.

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## Preview of AVETMISS 7.0

Release 7.0 will be published in mid-2012 for 2014 activity. Changes planned for this release will include items such as the capture of skill sets and the implementation of the unique student identifier. Information regarding international students, both onshore and offshore, may also be included. NCVER is investigating the alignment between the VET and higher education data sets. If you are interested in receiving more communication during this process, please register to receive updates from the NCVER AVETMISS support email alert ([www.ncver.edu.au/avetmiss/21059.html](http://www.ncver.edu.au/avetmiss/21059.html)).

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