

Financial Information 2007: Terms and definitions

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Introduction

This document covers the data terms used in the *Financial Information 2007* report and its associated data tables. The primary purpose of this document is to assist users of the report to understand the specific data terms used within it.

Terms that appear in the report are listed in the order in which they are reported with the following information provided for each:

- ✧ Definition: a brief explanation of the term
- ✧ Classification categories: where applicable, defined categories that apply to each term are listed

Unless stated otherwise, all data are sourced from the national VET Financial Data Collection. The VET Financial Data Collection is an administrative collection governed by the *Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS): VET Financial Data Release 1.7-Updated January 2009* which is available at NCVET's website: <http://www.ncver.edu.au/avetmiss/publications/2109.html> More detailed definitions of revenues, expenses, activities, assets, liabilities and equity classification categories are located in Sections 2 and 3 of AVETMISS Release 1.7.

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 website: <http://www.ncver.edu.au/resources/glossary.html>.

Term	Definition	Classification categories
Accrual reporting	Revenues and expenditures are reported in the accounting periods when the revenue was earned or expenditure incurred.	All reported items except items in the Statement of Cash Flows
Cash reporting	Receipts and payments are reported in the accounting periods in which the cash was received or paid.	All reported items in the statement of Cash Flows only.
Operating revenues	Increases in future economic benefits arising from increases in assets or decreases in liabilities in ordinary business activities.	Fee-for-service Ancillary trading Student fees and charges Other revenue Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment
Operating expenditures	Decreases in future economic benefits arising from decreases in assets or increases in liabilities in ordinary business activities.	Employee expenses Supplies and services Grants and subsidies Payments to non-TAFE providers for VET delivery Depreciation and amortisation Impairment losses Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment Borrowing costs Other expenses
Activity expenditures	Total state and territory operating expenditures dissected into VET specific activity categories	Delivery provision and support Administration and general services Property, plant and equipment services Student and other services

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Revenue from Government	Funding appropriated by C'wealth, state and territory governments for recurrent and capital purposes over which the VET entity gains control during the reporting period.	Commonwealth general purpose recurrent Commonwealth capital State recurrent State capital Commonwealth specific purpose programs-DEEWR funded national programs Commonwealth specific purpose programs-other Assumption of liabilities Resources received free of charge
Current assets	Resources controlled which are expected to provide future economic benefits which may already be in the form of cash or are likely to be converted into cash or consumed within the next twelve months.	Cash Receivables Investments Assets held for sale Other
Non-current assets	Resources controlled which are expected to provide future economic benefits but which are not likely to be converted into cash or consumed within the next twelve months.	Receivables Investments Property, plant and equipment Other, including intangibles
Current liabilities	Present obligations to other parties that must be met either on demand or within the next twelve months. The obligations involve outflows of resources embodying economic benefits.	Payables Interest-bearing liabilities Provisions and employee entitlements Other
Non-current liabilities	Present obligations to other parties that would be expected to be met in a period exceeding the next twelve months. The obligations involve outflows of resources embodying economic benefits.	Payables Interest-bearing liabilities Provisions and employee entitlements Other

Term	Definition	Classification categories
Equity	The residual interest in the assets after deducting the liabilities.	Accumulated surpluses/(losses) Reserves Contributed capital
