

Students and courses 2007: Terms and definitions

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Introduction

This document covers the data terms used in the *Students and Courses 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 alphabetical order 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
- ✧ Source: a description of the source of this information, including details of any calculations or derivations.

Unless stated otherwise, all data are sourced from the national VET Provider Collection. The VET Provider Collection is an administrative collection governed by the *Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard: VET Provider Collection Specifications Release 6.0* (AVETMISS Release 6.0) and *AVETMISS Data Element Definitions Edition 2*, which are available at NCVER's website: <http://www.ncver.edu.au>. References to the applicable field definitions within AVETMISS Release 6.0 which further define the data collected are provided in the 'Source' section.

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

Term	Definition	Classification categories	Source
Age	The age of the student as at 30 June of the collection year. It is generally reported in age ranges.	14 years and under 15 to 19 years 20 to 24 years 25 to 44 years 45 to 64 years 65 years and over Not known	Calculated based on the AVETMISS field <i>Date of Birth</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.
Apprentice/ trainee status	Whether a student is undertaking some training under an Apprenticeship/ Traineeship Training Contract.	Apprentices and trainees (undertaking off-the-job training) Not apprentices and trainees	Calculated based on the AVETMISS field <i>Client Identifier – New Apprenticeships</i> from the <i>Enrolment</i> file.
AQF qualification level	The level of an Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) qualification in which a student is enrolled. The AQF is a unified system of national qualifications in schools, vocational education and training (TAFEs and private providers) and the higher education sector (mainly universities).	Diploma or higher Certificate IV Certificate III Certificate II Certificate I	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Qualification/Course Level of Education Identifier</i> from the <i>Course</i> file.
Current qualification level	The level of a qualification in which a student is enrolled. For students with subject enrolments in more than one qualification level, a highest current qualification level is assigned, based on the hierarchical order presented under the classification categories.	AQF qualification Diploma or higher Certificate IV Certificate III Certificate II Certificate I Non AQF qualification Other recognised courses Non-award courses Subject only-no qualification	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Qualification/Course Level of Education Identifier</i> from the <i>Course</i> file.
Delivery type	The predominant style or mode of delivery for a subject enrolment.	College/campus based Online/remote access Employment based Other Not applicable	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Delivery Mode Identifier</i> from the <i>Enrolment</i> file.
Disability (including impairment or long-term condition)	Whether the student self-identifies as having a disability, impairment or long term condition.	With a disability Without a disability Not known	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Disability Flag</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.

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English (Main language spoken at home)	Whether the student mainly speaks English at home.	English Others	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Main Language other than English Spoken at Home Identifier</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.
English-speaking background (based on Country of birth)	The language region (English-speaking or non English-speaking) of the country in which a student was born.	English speaking background countries Australia Other English speaking background countries Non-English speaking background countries Not known	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Country Identifier</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.
Field of education	Describes the broad area of study related to a qualification or subject in which a student is enrolled.	Natural and physical sciences Information technology Engineering and related technologies Architecture and building Agriculture, environmental and related studies Health Education Management and commerce Society and culture Creative arts Food, hospitality and personal services Mixed field programs Subject only — no field of education	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Module/Unit of Competency Field of Education Identifier</i> from the <i>Module/Unit of Competency</i> file for subject enrolments and the field <i>Qualification/Course Field of Education Identifier</i> from the <i>Course</i> file for qualification enrolments.

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Funding industry	<p>Describes the broad funding industry related to a qualification or subject in which a student is enrolled.</p> <p>Groupings of different funding industries based on the 6 digit ASCO level of an occupational outcome.</p>	Arts Entertainment Sport & Recreation Automotive Building & Construction Community Services Health & Education Finance Banking & Insurance Food Processing TCF & Furnishings Communications Engineering & Mining Primary Industry Process Manufacturing Sales & Personal Services Tourism & Hospitality Transport & Storage Utilities Business & Clerical Computing Science Technical & Training General Education & Training Not Known	Collected as an administrative arrangement submitted to the VET Provider Collection.
Funding source	<p>The predominant source of the funding for a subject enrolment.</p> <p>For students with subject enrolments in more than one funding category, a major funding source is assigned in hierarchical order (Commonwealth and state funding, Domestic full-fee paying and International full-fee paying).</p>	Commonwealth and state funding Domestic full-fee paying International full-fee paying	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Funding Source – National</i> from the <i>Enrolment</i> file.
Funding type	<p>Describes the broad funding type related to a qualification or subject in which a student is enrolled.</p> <p>Groupings of different funding types based on the ASCO code of an occupational outcome.</p>	I General, unspecified II Operative, clerical III Trades and skilled IV Professional, para-professional Not known Subject only – no occupation	Collected as an administrative arrangement submitted to the VET Provider Collection.

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Highest school level completed	The highest level of schooling completed by a student prior to commencing training.	Year 12 Year 11 Year 10 Year 9 or lower Did not go to school Not known	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Highest School Level Completed</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.
Hours of delivery	The hours of supervised training under a traditional delivery strategy for each subject enrolment.	N/A	Calculated based on nationally agreed nominal hours for national reporting collected as the AVETMISS field <i>Nominal Hours</i> from the <i>Module/Unit of Competency</i> file.
Indigenous status	Whether a student self-identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.	Indigenous students Others	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Indigenous Status Identifier</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.
Industry Skills Councils	Refers to categories of training package qualifications by their specific industry sectors. Industry skills councils represent particular industries and groups of training packages.	Agrifood Automotive Community services & health Construction & property services Electrocomms & energy utilities Government Innovation & business Manufacturing Services SkillsDMC Transport & logistics	Calculated based on the AVETMISS field <i>Qualification/Course Identifier</i> from the <i>Course</i> file.
Labour force status	The student's employment status.	Employed Unemployed Not in the labour force Not known	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Labour Force Status Identifier</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.

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Occupation (ANZSCO) group	The intended occupational outcome of a qualification/course. Occupations are classified using the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO).	Managers and Administrators Professionals Technicians and Trades Workers Community and Personal Service Workers Clerical and Administrative Workers Sales Workers Machinery Operators and Drivers Labourers Occupational Non-Specific – General Education Non-Industry Specific Training Non-VET Course – No Occupational Outcome	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>ANZSCO Identifier</i> from the <i>Course file</i> .
Occupation (ASCO) group	The intended occupational outcome of a qualification/course. Occupations are classified using the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO).	Managers and Administrators Professionals Associate Professionals Tradespersons and Related Workers Advanced Clerical and Service Workers Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers Intermediate Production and Transport Workers Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers Labourers and Related Workers Clerical and Business Basic Computing Other Non-Industry Specific Training General Education Non-VET Course – No Occupational Outcome Subject only – no occupation	Collected as an administrative arrangement submitted to the VET Provider Collection as a supplement to the <i>Course file</i> .

Term	Definition	Classification categories	Source
Previous highest education level	The highest level of education, including post-compulsory education, a student had successfully completed before commencing training.	Bachelor degree or Higher degree level Advanced diploma or Associate degree Diploma Certificate IV Certificate III Year 12 Year 11 Certificate II Year 10 Certificate I Miscellaneous education Year 9 or lower Did not go to school Not known	Calculated based on the hierarchical order of the classification collected as AVETMISS fields <i>Prior Educational Achievement Identifier</i> from the <i>Prior Educational Achievement</i> file and <i>Highest School Level Completed</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.
Prior education	Whether a student has successfully completed post secondary education.	Prior education No prior education Not known	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Prior Educational Achievement Flag</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.
Proficiency in spoken English	The self-assessed level of ability to speak English.	English Non-English Very well or well Not well or not well at all Not known	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Proficiency in Spoken English Identifier</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.
Provider type profile	The type of institution or organisation providing the training.	TAFE and other government providers Community education providers Other registered providers Students attending various providers	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Training Organisation Type Identifier</i> from the <i>Training Organisation</i> file.
Qualification completed	Indicates that a student has completed a structured and integrated program of education or training.	N/A	Calculated based on the AVETMISS file <i>Qualification Completed (NAT00130)</i> , excluding those qualifications that are associated with training provided by a school, non-VET qualifications, and qualifications that are classed as 'other education', including non-award courses and miscellaneous education.

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Qualification completed only	Indicates that a student's qualification has been awarded but their study had been completed in a year prior to that of the data submission.	Award only Non award only	Calculated based on the AVETMISS field <i>Client Identifier</i> . A client is an award only student when the <i>Client Identifier</i> appears in the <i>Qualification Completed</i> file but not in the <i>Enrolment</i> file.
Qualification completed and issued	Indicates that a student has been issued with a recognised credential for the successful completion of a recognised qualification or course.	Issued Not issued	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Qualification Issued Flag</i> from the <i>Qualification Completed</i> file.
School status	Whether a student is still at school or not.	Still attending school Not attending school Not known	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>At School Flag</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.
Student postcode region	Whether activity by the student is undertaken interstate or not in relation to the data submitter.	Within state Interstate Outside Australia Not known	Calculated based on the AVETMISS field <i>Postcode</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.
Student Remoteness (ARIA+) Region	The level of remoteness of a location in terms of the ease or difficulty people face in accessing services in non-metropolitan Australia. Based on an accessibility index, scores between 0 (high accessibility) and 15 (high remoteness) are assigned to postcodes.	Major cities Inner regional Outer regional Remote Very remote Outside Australia Not known	Calculated based on the AVETMISS field <i>Postcode</i> from the <i>Client</i> file, and mapped to the Access/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+), developed by the National Centre for Social Applications of GIS (GISCA).
Study mode	Whether a student undertakes full-time or part-time study. A student who undertakes 540 hours of delivery or more annually is considered a full-time student.	Full-time Part-time	Calculated based on nationally agreed nominal hours for all enrolments and aggregated for each student.
Subject result	The result that is recorded against a student's subject enrolment.	Assessed-passed Recognition of prior learning Recognition of current competency Recognition of prior learning – Not granted Assessed – failed Withdrawn Continuing studies Not assessed-completed Not assessed-not completed	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Outcome Identifier – National</i> from the <i>Enrolment</i> file.

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Subjects successfully completed	The proportion of subjects a student has successfully completed.	N/A	Calculated based on the AVETMISS field <i>Outcome Identifier – National</i> from the <i>Enrolment</i> file.
Type of accreditation	The level of accreditation of a student's qualification.	National training package qualifications Nationally accredited courses Other courses Subject only – no accreditation	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Qualification/ Course Recognition Identifier</i> from the <i>Course</i> file.
Type of subject	Whether a subject is vocational, in that it is intended to develop competency in skills relevant to the workplace, or non vocational.	Vocational Non vocational	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>VET Flag</i> from the <i>Module/Unit of Competency</i> file.
VET course	Whether a course is vocational, in that it is intended to develop competency in skills relevant to the workplace, or non vocational.	Vocational course Non vocational course	Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>VET Flag</i> from the <i>Course</i> file.