



## Validation updates for VET, VET in Schools and A&T data submitters

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## Changes – January 2019

### Validation changes for the 2019 VET Provider Collection

The following validation changes were implemented with the December 2018 release for the 2019 collection:

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
Program completed	Date program completed	E 3241	This rule has been updated for the 2019 collection to no longer allow the reporting of partial Date program completed values (i.e. @@MMYYYY or @@@@YYYY). Please note, this applies to all program completions reported in the 2019 collection including those with historic completion years (e.g. 2018).

### Classification updates for the 2019 collection

- **Gender** – where a client doesn't identify as either male or female they should be recorded as 'Other', reported with the classification value of 'X'.
  - '@' may still be used where a client doesn't specify a value i.e. doesn't answer the question.
- **Study reason identifier** – '13 - To get skills for community/voluntary work' may be used for the 2019 collection onwards.

## Changes – December 2018

### Validation changes for VET Provider Collection

The following validation changes were implemented with the December 2018 release:

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
Subject	Field of Education	E 3720	<p>This rule ensures a Field of education is reported for Subjects where one cannot be sourced from the National Register of VET (TGA).</p> <p>With the changes to the level of <a href="#">information available</a> on VET accredited courses and the subsequent inclusion of more modules on TGA, this rule will be updated to not trigger if the module can be found on TGA and has a Field of education.</p> <p>If the reported subject is an Accredited Unit (listed on TGA) and the Field of Education identifier is unknown, submitters will need to provide a valid Field of Education.</p>
Training activity	Funding Source – National	E 4751	<p>This is a new rule that will apply from the <b>2019</b> collection.</p> <p>As the new National VET Data Policy requires the issuing RTO to report data to NCVET, there should be no requirement for RTOs to use this code.</p> <p>Due to state and territory requirements the use of Funding source – national code '80 – Revenue earned from another training organisation' will be restricted to TAFEs only.</p> <p>This rule will trigger if the collection year is 2019 (or later), the training organisation is not considered a TAFE and the funding source – national is '80'.</p>

### Bug fixes

- NCVET was made aware of an issue with validated, but not submitted, collections that allowed blank data to be submitted. This has been fixed in this release.
- NCVET was made aware of instance where an AVS password reset results in a loop that doesn't update the old password. This has been fixed in this release.
- NCVET was made aware of an issue preventing the submission of multiple program completions for the same combination of *Client identifier* and *Program identifier*, but different *Date program completed* values. This has been fixed in this release.
- NCVET was made aware of an issue with the contact details on the finalise submission screen for STA submitters only. This has been fixed in this release.

### USI Transcript Update Tool changes

The USI Transcript Update Tool has been updated, to allow the reporting of a full *Date program completed* value, in line with AVETMISS reporting. A full date is currently optional.

When entering a *Date program completed* you will need to first select the year of completion before selecting the month and then date. The system will still store the value as DDMMYYYY.

Date Program Completed




This allows the system to identify which collection rules should be applied to the record and pre-populate valid month and date values, for instance February 29<sup>th</sup> during leap years.

You will need to select @@ for month and/or date where this value is unknown.

Date Program Completed	2017	--- MM ---
Program Identifier	--- Please Select ---	@@ - Not specified

### Recap of AVS changes for the 2018 Jan-Dec VET Provider Collection

The following table contains a record of all changes made that relate to the 2018 annual collection.

#### Unique student identifier

Please note that 'SHORT' is not a valid Unique student identifier exemption value for 2018 activity.

#### Non-TGA programs

RTOs submitting data directly to NCVER cannot submit a *Program* (NAT00030A) file. RTOs reporting directly to NCVER will need to use the NAT00030 file and only include programs on training.gov.au (TGA). This means that any programs not on TGA must be excluded from the *Program* (NAT00030), *Training activity* (NAT00120) and *Program completed* (NAT00130) AVETMISS files.

Any nationally recognised subjects (units of competency and accredited course units) delivered as a part of locally recognised or self-created programs should then be reported as subject-only activity and appear in the *Training activity* (NAT00120) file with a blank *Program identifier*.

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
NAT00060	Field of Education (Subject)	E 3720	This rule ensures a <i>Field of education</i> is reported for subjects where one cannot be sourced from the National Register of VET (TGA). With the changes to the level of <a href="#">information available</a> on VET accredited courses and the subsequent inclusion of more modules on TGA, this rule was updated to not trigger if an accredited course unit can be found on TGA with a <i>Field of education</i> . This rule will still trigger if the reported subject is an accredited course unit (listed on TGA) and NCVER cannot derive a <i>Field of education</i> from TGA.
NAT00080	Client identifier	E 3811	This rule ensures that there is only one individual record per <i>Client identifier</i> in the NAT00080/APP00080 files. This rule was updated to account for a <i>Client identifier</i> listed more than once, but with different case values.
NAT00080	Client identifier	W 4692	This rule identifies the reporting of what is considered excessive activity for a single year. This rule was updated so that it only triggers if the sum of the hours exceeds 1500.
NAT00080	Survey contact status	E 4731	This rule ensure a <i>Survey contact status</i> is reported and triggers if the field is blank or invalid. The rule was updated to allow this field to be blank if <i>Date of Birth</i> indicates client will be under 15 at the end of the collection year. NCVER will derive the status as 'M – Minor under age of 15 (not to be surveyed)'. The rule was updated to use the end date of the collection year; the previous date of comparison was the date of validation.
NAT00080	Survey contact status	E 4732	This rule checks that the use of Survey contact status value 'M' is consistent with the client's age. This rule was updated to use the end date of the collection year; the previous date of comparison was the date of validation.



File	Field	E/W No.	Change
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	E 4744	This is a new rule that compares an organisation's percentage of blank USIs for nationally recognised training against a predetermined percentage value. This rule is a warning (W 4744) unless the predetermined percentage value is exceeded, or the organisation has less than 100 clients.
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	E 3865, 3867 and 3868	Rule E 3865 ensures that USI is an expected format. This has been updated to allow lower case USIs to pass validation, as this also passes the USI Registry System's verification service. Additionally, rules E 3867 and E 3868, which check for duplicate and compromised USIs within a submission, have been updated to ignore casing; an upper or lower case USI is considered the same value.
NAT00120	Outcome identifier – national	E 3260	This rule checks that where the <i>Delivery mode identifier</i> of 'NNN – Not applicable (RPL or credit transfer)' has been used that the <i>Outcome identifier – national</i> is '51 – Recognition of prior learning granted', '52 – Recognition of prior learning not granted', '60 – Superseded subject' or '70 – Continuing activity'. This rule has been updated to allow <i>Delivery mode identifier</i> 'NNN' to also be used when the <i>Outcome identifier – national</i> is '85 – Not yet started'.
NAT00120	Subject identifier	E 3869	This rule has been changed to an error and checks that where a subject identifier is reported with an <i>Outcome identifier – national</i> of '61- superseded subject' the client has also been reported with activity in a valid superseding subject identifier, as recorded by the National Register of VET (TGA).
NAT00120	Commencing program identifier	E 4742	This rule checks that when reporting a <i>Commencing program identifier</i> of '3 – Commencing enrolment in the program', that the <i>Activity start date</i> is also in the current collection year. This rule has been updated to ignore subjects with an <i>Outcome identifier – national</i> of '85 – Not yet started'.
NAT00120	Outcome identifier – national	E 4747	This is a new rule to ensure that if an RTO has closed that there are no records left without a finalised outcome. This rule will trigger if a combination of subjects with <i>Outcome identifier – national</i> '41 – Withdrawn/discontinued due to RTO closure' and '70 – Continuing activity' are being reported in the same submission.
NAT00120	Program identifier	E 4748	This is a new rule to ensure that a non-registered training organisation is not reporting accredited programs.
NAT00120	Subject identifier	E 4749	This is a new rule to ensure that a non-registered training organisation is not reporting accredited subjects.

### Advanced notice – validation changes for VET Provider Collection

NCVER are looking to implement the following improvements during 2019, more information will be provided as their implementation dates are identified.

- Making quarterly reporting easier for registered training organisations submitting directly to NCVER
- Modifying the upload function so that a NAT00030 will replace a NAT00030A and vice versa
- Notifying submitters where subjects or programs that are being reported aren't on their scope of registration – this will be implemented as a warning and won't prevent the submission of data
- Identifying where the same subject activity is being reported multiple times and with activity dates that overlap
- Improvements to AVS' user interface, including the User and Organisation screens and providing more information for basic validation errors.

As always, these changes – and any that have yet to be identified – will be recorded within this update document and communicated as soon as practical.

### Validation changes for Apprentice and Trainee Collection

The following changes for the Apprentice and Trainee collection will be implemented with the December 2018 release:

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
Transaction (APP00150) file	N/A	N/A	All records will be sorted chronologically on client identifier, training contract identifier and ascending date of transaction

### Bug fixes

- NCVER was made aware of an issue with the contact details on the finalise submission screen for STA submitters only. This has been fixed in this release.

## Changes – September 2018

### AVS Interface changes

The September release of AVS includes interface changes for the Collection history and Finalise submission screens.

Please keep in mind that these changes are undertaken alongside our broader work program. We welcome feedback and suggested improvements and will seek to address these where possible. Feedback can be provided using NCVER's [support form](#).

#### Finalise submission screen

To ensure compliance with [Schedule 2](#) of the Australian Government Department of Education and Training's [National VET Data Policy](#) RTO users who submit data will be required to enter their name and position on the Finalise submissions screen (pictured). This information was previously auto-populated and couldn't be changed on the screen.

First name:  Last name:  Position in organisation:

Information entered into the fields above are used to populate the RTO Declaration and Understanding notice, as required by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training's National VET Data Policy.

A report of submissions will be provided to the registered training organisation's registration enquiries contact as listed on the national register of VET: [training.gov.au](http://training.gov.au)





To enable visibility of submissions made:

- a report will be sent to the TGA-listed Registration Enquiries contact at the end of each reporting period. This report will only list submissions made during that window.
- users with data submitter or organisation administrator roles can view and export a list of submissions via the Submissions Report option under the Reports menu (pictured).

The screenshot shows the AVS interface with the 'Reports' menu open. The 'Submissions Report' option is highlighted in blue. The menu also includes 'Admin' and three sub-menus: 'DUPLICATES', 'FREQUENCY', and 'SUBMISSIONS'. Under 'DUPLICATES' are 'Duplicate Enrolments', 'Duplicate Clients', and 'Duplicate Employers'. Under 'FREQUENCY' are 'Profile / Frequency Report' and 'Enrolments by training organisation'. Under 'SUBMISSIONS' is 'Submissions Report'.

#### Collection History Screen

Until this release the Collection history screen would only show the latest instance for a collection (the combination of selected type, year and period). Users will now see the full history of validations and submissions for a collection. Filtering options (pictured) have been included to account for the increase in records on the screen.

**Filter by:**

Trading Name

Type  Year  Period

Latest only  Status

From  To

The filters are optional and work in unison; selecting both a year and status option will limit records to that selected year AND status.

You won't be able to click through to the Collection processing screen for all records. Records that can't be clicked on will have *italicised* text that's grey (pictured, highlighted).

<input type="checkbox"/>	NCVER VET	Mon, 17/09/2018 12:35	VET	Jan-Sep	2018	Yes	Error
	<b>NCVER VET</b>	Mon, 17/09/2018 12:34	VET	Jan-Sep	2018	Yes	Error

To hide records that can't be clicked on set the Latest only filter option to 'Yes'. The Collections window, on the home screen, will continue to only ever show the latest record for each collection.

Some records will have a check box next to them (pictured, highlighted). Checking this box will allow the collection to be reset by clicking Reset at the bottom of the screen. This function can be useful in situations where a collection gets stuck in a status (e.g. uploading for 2 days).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NCVER VET	Mon, 17/09/2018 12:35	VET	Jan-Sep	2018		
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Clicking Reset won't remove the record from the collection history screen.

**Validation changes for VET Provider Collection**

The following validation changes will be implemented with the September 2018 release:

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
NAT00080	Survey contact status	E 4732	This rule checks that the use of survey contact status value 'M' is consistent with a client's age as at the end of the collection year. This rule is being updated to use the end date of the collection year; the current date of comparison is the date of validation.

**Bug fixes**

- NCVER was made aware that the AVS Messages screen wasn't sorting correctly. This has been fixed in this release.
- NCVER was made aware that validation rules 3867 and 3868 didn't always show all affected client identifiers. This has been fixed in this release.
- NCVER was made aware that RTO users were seeing a 'DQ Results' button on the collection history screen this functionality is not yet available for these users and so the button has been hidden for these users.

### Advanced notice – validation changes for VET Provider Collection

The following validation changes are planned to be implemented later in 2018:

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
NAT00010	Training organisation name	E 4612	<p>This rule confirms that the reported registered training organisation name matches the name/s listed on the national register: training.gov.au</p> <p>This rule will be updated to allow a greater number of TGA-listed names to be used. Training organisations will still only be able to report one name in the Training organisation (NAT00010) file.</p>
NAT00060	Field of Education (Subject)	E 3720	<p>This rule ensures a Field of education is reported for Subjects where one cannot be sourced from the National Register of VET (TGA).</p> <p>With the changes to the level of <a href="#">information available</a> on VET accredited courses and the subsequent inclusion of more modules on TGA, this rule will be updated to not trigger if the module can be found on TGA and has a Field of education.</p> <p>Modules that are recorded on TGA without a Field of education will still need to be reported with one.</p>

### Planned bug fixes

- NCVET has been made aware of instance where an AVS password reset results in a loop that doesn't update the old password. This will be fixed in an upcoming release.

## Changes – June 2018

### Validation changes for VET Provider Collection

The following validation changes will be implemented at the end of June 2018:

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	E 3865, 3867 and 3868	<p>Error 3865 ensures that USI is an expected format. This has been updated to allow lower case USIs to pass validation, as this also passes the USI Registry System's verification service.</p> <p>Additionally, Errors 3867 and 3868, which check for duplicate and compromised USIs within a submission, have been updated to ignore casing; an upper or lower case USI is considered the same value.</p>
NAT00120	Commencing program identifier	E 4742	<p>This rule checks that when reporting a Commencing Program Identifier of '3 – Commencing enrolment in the program', that the Activity Start Date is also in the current collection year.</p> <p>it will not trigger if Outcome identifier – national is '85 – Not yet started'.</p>
NAT00120	Outcome identifier – national	E 3260	<p>This rule checks that when reporting a Delivery Mode Identifier of 'NNN – Not applicable (RPL or credit transfer)', then Outcome identifier – national must be '51 – Recognition of prior learning granted', '52 – Recognition of prior learning not granted', '60 – Superseded subject' or '70 – Continuing activity'.</p> <p>It now also allows '85 – Not yet started'.</p>
NAT00120	Subject identifier	E 3869	<p>Error 3869 ensures that where a subject identifier is reported with an Outcome identifier – national of '61-superseded subject' that the client has also been reported with activity in a valid superseding subject identifier, as recorded by the national register (TGA).</p> <p>This rule was introduced originally as a warning.</p>

### Advance notice – validation changes for VET Provider Collection

The following validation changes are planned to be implemented later in 2018:

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
NAT00010	Training organisation name	E 4612	<p>This rule confirms that the reported registered training organisation name matches the name/s listed on the national register: training.gov.au</p> <p>This rule will be updated to allow a greater number of TGA-listed names to be used. Training organisations will still only be able to report one name in the Training organisation (NAT00010) file.</p>
NAT00060	Subject field of education	E 3720	<p>This rule ensures a field of education is reported for subject activity and allows for the reporting of this activity at a group level.</p> <p>The rule currently won't trigger where the subject exists on the national register, this rule will be updated to require a field of education where the reported subject is an Accredited Unit that doesn't have one listed on TGA.</p>

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
NAT00080	Survey contact status	E 4732	This rule checks that the use of survey contact status value 'M' is consistent with a client's age as at the end of the collection year. This rule is being updated to use the end date of the collection year; the current date of comparison is the date of validation.

### Planned bug fixes

- NCVER has been made aware that E3867 and E3868 does not currently show all client identifiers that have been reported with the same USI value. This will be fixed in an upcoming release.
- NCVER has been made aware that validation E4732 is based on a client's age at the time of validation. This will be fixed in an upcoming release to be based on the client's age as at the end of the collection year.

## Changes – April 2018

### Optional quarterly reporting in AVS – further information

From May 2018, AVS will allow RTOs to report their fee-for-service data to NCVER's quarterly collection periods (Jan-Mar, Jan-Jun and Jan-Sep). Until now, RTOs have been able to validate using these collection periods, but not to submit.

More frequent reporting allows students' training activity to appear on USI Transcripts earlier than waiting for the annual collection. This more frequent reporting is optional, and RTOs must still submit all data to the annual (January-December) collection.

RTOs should note the following if they choose to report on a quarterly basis:

- If you report to a quarterly collection, this does not lock you in to reporting to subsequent quarterly collections – for example, if you choose to report to the Jan-Mar collection, it is not mandatory to continue reporting to the Jan-Jun or Jan-Sep collection; you will still need to submit all data to the annual (January-December) collection.
- Any reporting throughout the collection year is cumulative – for example, if an RTO chooses to report to the Jan-Mar collection, and then chooses to report to the Jan-Jun collection, the Jan-Mar data must also be included in the Jan-Jun submission. Excluding it from any subsequent submissions will result in the data being deleted from the USI Transcript, as each submission overwrites anything submitted to previous quarters.

Quarterly collections open approximately six weeks following the end of each quarter and remain open for two weeks. Exact dates will be communicated in NCVER's [data support bulletins](#). To report to the quarterly collection, RTOs simply need to validate for the quarter as per normal, proceed to the Finalise Submission screen and submit in the same manner as they currently do for the annual collection.

RTOs who already submit their funded data to state training authorities on a regular basis should continue to do so; they are not affected by this process.

Data submitters should ensure they are [subscribed](#) to NCVER's Data Support Bulletin to be advised of reporting timelines and any changes in this process. For more information refer to NCVER's [Fact Sheet](#) on quarterly reporting.



## Changes – March 2018

### Optional quarterly reporting in AVS for RTOs

The AVETMISS validation software (AVS) will be available for quarterly reporting for all RTOs, with the first opportunity being the submission of 2018 January–March quarterly data in May 2018. This means USI transcripts for students will be updated more frequently for private training providers.

### Validation changes for VET Provider Collection

The following validation changes will be implemented at the end of March 2018:

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
NAT00080	Client identifier	E 3811	This rule ensures that there is only one individual record per Client identifier in the NAT00080/APP00080 files. It is being further tightened to ensure that this rule also checks if a Client identifier is listed more than once, but with different case values.
NAT00080	Client identifier	W 4692	Rule originally triggered a warning if the sum of a client's Nominal Hours for each enrolment in a collection year exceeds 1000. This rule is being updated so that it only triggers if the sum of the hours exceeds 1500.
NAT00080	Survey contact status	E 4731	Rule triggers if blank or invalid. This rule is being updated to allow this field to be blank if Date of Birth indicates client will be under 15 at the end of the collection year. <i>(Note that in January 2018 we advised this rule would allow blanks for 15 and under – the correct advice was it will only allow blanks for under 15s).</i>
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	E 4744	New rule that compares an organisation's percentage of blank USIs for nationally recognised training against a predetermined percentage value.  This rule is a warning unless the predetermined percentage value is exceeded. This rule will only run where an organisation has over 100 clients.
NAT00120	Outcome identifier – national	E 4747	New rule that a record cannot be reported with a continuing outcome (i.e. 70) if the training organisation also has other records in that submission listed with an outcome of '41 – Withdrawn/discontinued due to RTO closure'.  This rule is to ensure that if an RTO has closed down, then there are no records left without a final outcome.
NAT00120	Program identifier	E 4748	New rule to ensure that a non-registered training organisation is not reporting accredited programs.
NAT00120	Subject identifier	E 4749	New rule to ensure that a non-registered training organisation is not reporting accredited subjects.

### Advance notice – validation changes for VET Provider Collection

The following validation changes are planned to be implemented later in 2018:

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	E 3865, 3867 and 3868	<p>Error 3865 ensures that USI is an expected format. We will be updating this rule to allow lower case USIs to pass validation, as this also passes the USI Registry System's verification service.</p> <p>Additionally, Errors 3867 and 3868, which check for duplicate and compromised USIs within a submission, will be updated to ignore casing.</p>
NAT00120	Commencing program identifier	E 4742	<p>This rule checks that if using a Commencing Program Identifier of '3 – Commencing enrolment in the program', that the Activity Start Date is also in the current collection year.</p> <p>We have temporarily removed this rule, as it was inadvertently triggering when reporting future dated activity. We will be reinstating this rule with a clause that it will not trigger if Outcome identifier – national is '85 – Not yet started'.</p>
NAT00120	Outcome identifier – national	E 3260	<p>This rule checks that if using a Delivery Mode Identifier of 'NNN – Not applicable (RPL or credit transfer)', then Outcome identifier – national must be '51 – Recognition of prior learning granted', '52 – Recognition of prior learning not granted', '60 – Superseded subject' or '70 – Continuing activity'.</p> <p>The rule will be updated to allow Delivery mode identifier 'NNN' to also be used alongside Outcome identifier – national '85 – Not yet started'.</p>

## Changes – January 2018

### Updated classifications

Unique student identifier – ‘SHORT’ has been removed from the valid codes listed for the *Unique student identifier* data element in the *AVETMIS Data element definitions: edition 2.3*, which applies to validations on activity commencing from 01 January 2018.

### Advance notice – validation changes for VET Provider Collection

The following validation changes will be implemented in March 2018:

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
NAT00080	Survey contact status	E 4731	Rule currently triggers if blank or invalid. The rule is being updated to allow this field to be blank if Date of Birth indicates client will be 15 or younger at the end of the collection year.

Also note the changes advised in the [October 2017 section](#) of this document are still planned to be implemented alongside this rule update.

## Changes – October 2017

### 2017 Validation changes for VET Provider Collection

The following validation change will be implemented in December prior to the end of the January-December collection:

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	3867	VET Provider Collection	Rule currently triggers when a Name for encryption/Sex/Date of birth combination is listed with more than one USI. The rule is now being updated so that it does not trigger if @ values are used for Sex or Date of birth.

### Advance notice - Validation changes from 2018

The following validation changes will be implemented in early 2018 for Release 8.0:

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00030	Program identifier	E TBA	VET Provider Collection	New rule to ensure that a non-registered training organisation is not reporting accredited programs.
NAT00060	Subject identifier	E TBA	VET Provider Collection	New rule to ensure that a non-registered training organisation is not reporting accredited subjects.
NAT00080	Client identifier	E 3811	VET Provider and Apprentice and Trainee Collection	Rule currently ensures that there is only one individual record per Client identifier in the NAT00080/APP00080 files. This rule is being further tightened to ensure that this rule also checks if a Client identifier is listed more than once, but with different case values.
NAT00080	Client identifier	W 4692	VET Provider Collection	Rule currently triggers a warning if the sum of a client's Nominal Hours for each enrolment in a collection year exceeds 1000. This rule will be updated so that it only triggers if the sum of the hours exceeds 1500.
NAT00120	Outcome identifier - national	E TBA	VET Provider Collection	New rule being that a record cannot be reported with a continuing outcome (i.e. 70) if the training organisation also has other records in that submission listed with an outcome of '41 – Withdrawn/discontinued due to RTO closure'.  This rule is to ensure that if an RTO has closed down, then there are no records left without a final outcome.

## Changes – September 2017

### Validation changes for Apprentice and Trainee Collection

The following validation changes will be implemented in late September:

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
APP00150	Training contract status identifier	E 4743	Apprentice and Trainee Collection (i.e. not applicable for RTOs)	New error that if training contract has a Training Contract Status Identifier of 11, there must be a record for the same client in a subsequent contract with an equal or superseding Program Identifier.
APP00150	School level identifier	E 4712	Apprentice and Trainee Collection (i.e. not applicable for RTOs)	This rule will be changed to now only trigger on the earliest record for that Client identifier.  <i>Business rule will now say: If not higher than Highest school level completed identifier in APP00080 file on the latest record for this Client identifier - apprenticeships and &gt; = Client 7.0.</i>

### New Unique student identifier value

As of 21 August 2017, registered training organisations (RTOs) reporting clients who have individual exemptions from the Unique Student Identifier (USI) scheme for genuine personal reasons have been able to use the standardised exemption code 'INDIV'. It is important to note that RTOs MUST sight the exemption document issued by the USI Office for each of these students. This process will replace the need for you to obtain a special 10-digit alpha-numeric code from the USI Office to use in place of a USI when submitting AVETMISS data for exempted clients. As is the case with the current special code, exempted clients reported with the INDIV code instead of a USI will not be able to obtain a USI transcript from the USI Registrar.

#### *When can you use the INDIV exemption code?*

**2017 reporting:** RTOs reporting on clients who have already been reported using the 10-digit special USI exemption code may EITHER use the special code or the 'INDIV' code for 2017 AVETMISS reporting.

**2018 reporting:** From 1 January 2018 onwards all genuine individual exemptions from the USI scheme must be reported using the 'INDIV' code.

#### *Key things to remember:*

1. The 'INDIV' code, along with the 10-digit special USI exemption code and other exemption codes 'INTOFF' and 'SHORT' must not be attempted to be verified in the USI Registry System.
2. The USI Office will be closely monitoring the use of the INDIV code and it is only to be used for genuine objectors. Suspected misuse of the INDIV code will be followed up by the Regulators and the USI Office.

### Advance notice - validation changes for VET Provider Collection

New *Unique student identifier* validation on blank USIs will be introduced for the first collection under Release 8.0 (in effect from 1 January 2018).

A new validation error will be triggered where, within a submission, the data submitter has surpassed a predetermined percentage of blank USIs. This predetermined percentage value is subject to change. This error will only run when the data has a client count of at least 100.

This new error is in addition to existing Error 3864 which triggers on any record where the client has a blank USI, and they have been reported with an issued program completion for a nationally recognised program.

A validation warning will still be triggered if the submission has not triggered either of the aforementioned errors, but the data contains records which are eligible for a USI. Validation warnings do not prevent submission of data via AVS.

## Changes – July 2017

### Release 8.0 availability in AVS

AVS now allows users to test data produced in the upcoming AVETMISS release 8.0 formats. This is particularly relevant for student management system developers as well as RTOs who have their own in-house software. Testing is encouraged to ensure your systems are compliant with release 8.0 ahead of the 1 January 2018 implementation date. To access this feature, simply select Year '2018' and Collection Period 'Jan-Mar' from the Collection Processing screen in AVS. Release 8.0 validation rules are also available from this screen.

### Updates to AVETMISS R8.0 for VET Providers validation

The full set of Release 8.0 validation rules are now available from the Collection Processing screen in AVS after selecting Year '2018' and Collection Period 'Jan-Mar' for the VET Provider Collection.

For specific information on validation rules that have changed between release 7.0 and release 8.0, please refer to the [AVETMISS 8.0 for VET Providers: what's changing from release 7](#). This document was last updated at the end of June 2017; if you had accessed this document prior to this date refer to the supporting document 'Amendments since publication' available from the same page on the NCVET website.

### Advance notice - validation changes for Apprentice and Trainee Collection

The following validation change has a planned implementation date in 2017. Further advice will follow when this change has been actioned:

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
APP00150	Training contract status identifier	TBA	Apprentice and Trainee Collection (i.e. not applicable for RTOs)	New error that if training contract has a Training Contract Status Identifier of 11, there must be a record for the same client in a subsequent contract with an equal or superseding Program Identifier.
APP00150	School level identifier	E 4712	Apprentice and Trainee Collection (i.e. not applicable for RTOs)	This rule will be changed to now only trigger on the earliest record for that Client identifier.  <i>Business rule will now say: If not higher than Highest school level completed identifier in APP00080 file on the latest record for this Client identifier - apprenticeships and &gt; = Client 7.0.</i>

### Advance notice – new Unique student identifier value

From 21 August 2017, registered training organisations (RTOs) reporting clients who have individual exemptions from the Unique Student Identifier (USI) scheme for genuine personal reasons will be able to use the standardised exemption code 'INDIV'. It is important to note that RTOs MUST sight the exemption document issued by the USI Office for each of these students. This process will replace the need for you to obtain a special 10-digit alpha-numeric code from the USI Office to use in place of a USI when submitting AVETMISS data for exempted clients. As is the case with the current special code, exempted clients reported with the INDIV code instead of a USI will not be able to obtain a USI transcript from the USI Registrar.

### *When can you use the INDIV exemption code?*

**2017 reporting:** RTOs reporting on clients who have already been reported using the 10-digit special USI exemption code may EITHER use the special code or the 'INDIV' code for 2017 AVETMISS reporting.

**2018 reporting:** From 1 January 2018 onwards all genuine individual exemptions from the USI scheme must be reported using the 'INDIV' code.

### *Key things to remember:*

1. The 'INDIV' code, along with the 10-digit special USI exemption code and other exemption codes 'INTOFF' and 'SHORT' must not be attempted to be verified in the USI Registry System.
2. The USI Office will be closely monitoring the use of the INDIV code and it is only to be used for genuine objectors. Suspected misuse of the INDIV code will be followed up by the Regulators and the USI Office.

### **AVETMISS system files**

The specific funding identifier classification has recently been updated and the system file can be found [here](#).

The following three specific funding codes will no longer be valid codes from the January—June 2017 collection and for all subsequent collections:

- 13 NWDF — Critical Skills Investment Fund
- 51 Productivity Places Program — Job Seeker
- 52 Productivity Places Program — Existing worker

One new specific funding code has been added:

- 22 PaTH — Employability Skills Training

The nationally agreed nominal hours file has also been recently updated and can be found [here](#).



## Changes – November 2016

### Reporting Nil Returns

A new process for reporting nil AVETMISS activity has been developed for reporting 2016 AVETMISS data. You will no longer need to provide an email or statutory declaration to NCVER, but will instead report your nil activity using the AVETMISS Validation Software (AVS). Please see our [Fact Sheets](#) page on NCVER Portal for more information on the new process.

### Blank files in AVS

As of 28 November 2016, AVS will no longer validate blank files. Files for which there is no data should not be included in the AVS upload. AVS will still export blank files in place of missing files for RTOs who are required to submit all NAT files as part of their STA submission.

### New and updated validation changes for VET and VET in Schools Collection

The following validation changes have a planned implementation date from 29 November 2016:

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	3867	RTOs only; VET Provider and VET in Schools Collection	This rule ( <i>USI should be unique for each combination of Name for encryption, Sex and Date of birth</i> ) will become an error.
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	3868	RTOs only; VET Provider and VET in Schools Collection	This rule ( <i>Name for encryption, Sex &amp; Date of birth combination should be unique for each USI, if field is not blank</i> ) will become an error. Note that this rule is not coded to trigger if the Unique student identifier field contains an exempt code (e.g. those codes listed as an exemption in the Unique student identifier section of the AVETMISS Data element definitions).
NAT00120	Activity end date	3252	VET Provider Collection	Two changes are being made to this rule: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The rule will now trigger if the Outcome identifier – national = 70, and the Activity end date is equal to or before the collection period end date, as opposed to the collection year end date as per current behaviour.</li> <li>2) This rule will behave as a Warning for the Jan-Mar, Jan-Jun and Jan-Sep collections, and remain as an Error the annual collection.</li> </ol>
NAT00120	Funding source – national	W 4725	VET Provider Collection	This Warning triggers when RTOs who are registered to submit data to NCVER have records with Funding source – national = 11 or 15.  As AVS cannot accept data submitted with these funding source codes from RTOs, the purpose of implementing this rule is to assist RTOs in identifying which records contain these codes.

### Advance notice - validation changes for VET Provider Collection

The following validation change will be in effect for training activity for collection periods from and including Jan-Mar 2017. Further advice will follow when these changes have been actioned:

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	3864	VET Provider and VET in Schools Collection; Jan-Mar 2017 and following collection periods.	<p>This rule (<i>The USI should not be blank if the Program Recognition Identifier is equal to 11, 12 or 13 AND The Year Program Completed is on or after 2015 AND The Issued Flag is Y AND the client's activity is not classed as offshore; (Offshore is identified when any of the following apply; a) The Postcode in Training organisation delivery location file equal OSPC; b) Postcode in Client file and Delivery mode identifier in the Enrolment file equal OSPC and 20 respectively; c) There is no associated Enrolment file record and Postcode equals OSPC in the Client file</i>) will become an error.</p> <p>This is in line with the Unique Student Identifier legislation which does not allow qualifications to be issued without a Unique Student Identifier</p> <p>Classification codes are available to use in this field if a client is accessing an exemption.</p>

The following validation change will come into effect in 2017 (exact date TBC):

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00120	Activity End Date	3214	VET Provider and VET in Schools Collection;	<p>This rule (<i>Date should not be before start of Collection Period</i>) will become an error.</p> <p>Data submitters will no longer be able to include subject activity ending in previous collection years as part of their submission.</p>

### Updates to AVETMISS R8.0 for VET Providers validation

Since the publication of AVETMISS 8.0 for VET Providers: *what's changing from release 7.0*, further updates have been made to the validation for Release 8.0, which comes into effect from 01 January 2018. These changes are as follows:

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00080	Survey contact status	New rule on use of classification code 'M'.	VET/VIS	Updated rule to only trigger if Date of birth indicates the client is 15 years of age or older when using classification code 'M'. This is in line with edits made to the Survey contact status classification scheme.

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	E 3865	VET/VIS	Added this rule to the 'Changed rules' section. The change advises that this field must be in the valid Unique Student Identifier format or must be a valid exemption code in the classification scheme.
NAT00120	Outcome identifier - national	E 3260	VET/VIS	Added this rule to the 'Changed rules' section. The change reflects the Release 8.0 classification scheme changes to Delivery mode identifier and now reads as follows:  <i>If Delivery Mode Identifier = 90 and Outcome Identifier - National does not equal to 51, 52, 60 or 70.</i>

These changes have been reflected in the [AVETMISS 8.0 for VET Providers: what's changing from release 7.0](#) document shortly.

### Advance notice - validation changes for Apprentice and Trainee Collection

The following validation change has a planned implementation date in 2017 (exact date TBC - previous advice was that this would be in effect in November 2016). Further advice will follow when this change has been actioned:

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
APP00150	Training contract status identifier	TBA	Apprentice and Trainee Collection (i.e. not applicable for RTOs)	New error that if training contract has a Training Contract Status Identifier of 11, there must be a record for the same client in a subsequent contract with an equal or superseding Program Identifier.

The following validation change will also come into effect in 2017 (exact date TBC):

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
APP00150	School level identifier	E 4712	Apprentice and Trainee Collection (i.e. not applicable for RTOs)	This rule will be changed to now only trigger on the earliest record for that Client identifier.  Business rule will now say: <i>If not higher than Highest school level completed identifier in APP00080 file on the earliest record for this Client identifier - apprenticeships and &gt; = Client 7.0.</i>

### Training.gov.au system files

Please note that the system files sourced from training.gov.au (TGA) will be removed from the NCVET Portal as of November. To source this information in future you will need to contact TGA at [tgahelp@education.gov.au](mailto:tgahelp@education.gov.au).

## Changes – September 2016

### Updated classifications as of 15 September 2016

- National course
- National qualification
- National skill set
- Postcode (no system file)\*
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Unit of competency
- Agreed hours for units of competency
- Superseded units of competency

\*Please note that we can no longer provide a postcode system file due to licensing obligations. In order to view current postcodes please visit the [Australia Post](http://Australia Post) website.

AVETMISS [system files](#) are found on the NCVET Portal. Please note the system files sourced from Training.gov.au (TGA) will no longer be provided on the NCVET Portal after this classification update in September. You will be able to source the TGA information for validation purposes by emailing TGA at [tgahelp@education.gov.au](mailto:tgahelp@education.gov.au). TGA will be able to assist you with setting up web services to directly link to TGA information.

### Advance notice – classification changes from 1 January 2017

- Outcome identifier - national value '90 – Not yet available at interim collection' will not be valid for use in the AVETMISS validation software for the Jan-Mar 2017 and following collections. Instead '70 –Continuing enrolment' can be used to validate activity which is still continuing, but due to finish in the current collection year. Note that, as per the former use of 90, this code cannot be used for reporting to the final annual National VET Provider Collection when the Activity end date is in the collection year (please see the following section on accompanying changes to E 3252).
- Unique student identifier value 'INTOFF' will be valid for the Jan-Mar 2017 and following collections. AVETMISS validation software rules 3865 (*USI must be in the correct format*) and 3868 (*Name for encryption, Sex & Date of birth combination should be unique for each USI, if USI field is not blank*) will not trigger when using this code.

For further information on how to use these classification values, please refer to the appropriate data element in the [AVETMISS Data element definitions: edition 2.2](#).

### Advance notice - validation changes for VET and VET in Schools Collection

The following validation changes have a planned implementation date later in November 2016.

Further advice will follow when these changes have been actioned:

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	3867	RTOs only; VET Provider and VET in Schools Collection	This rule ( <i>USI should be unique for each combination of Name for encryption, Sex and Date of birth</i> ) will become an error.

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	3868	RTOs only; VET Provider and VET in Schools Collection	This rule ( <i>Name for encryption, Sex &amp; Date of birth combination should be unique for each USI, if field is not blank</i> ) will become an error. Note that this rule is not coded to trigger if the Unique student identifier field contains an exempt code (e.g. those codes listed as an exemption in the Unique student identifier section of the AVETMISS Data element definitions).
NAT00120	Activity end date	3252	VET Provider Collection	Two changes are being made to this rule: 3) The rule will now trigger if the Outcome identifier – national = 70, and the Activity end date is equal to or before the collection period end date, as opposed to the collection year end date as per current behaviour. 4) This rule will behave as a Warning for the Jan-Mar, Jan-Jun and Jan-Sep collections, and remain as an Error the annual collection.
NAT00120	Funding source – national	TBA	VET Provider Collection	This rule will behave as a Warning, and will only trigger for RTOs who are registered to submit data to NCVET and have data with Funding source – national = 11 or 15.  As AVS cannot accept data submitted with these funding source codes from RTOs, the purpose of implementing this rule is to assist RTOs in identifying which records contain these codes.

The following validation change will be in effect for training activity for collection periods from and including Jan-Mar 2017. Further advice will follow when these changes have been actioned:

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	3864	VET Provider and VET in Schools Collection; Jan-Mar 2017 and following collection periods.	This rule ( <i>The USI should not be blank if the Program Recognition Identifier is equal to 11, 12 or 13 AND The Year Program Completed is on or after 2015 AND The Issued Flag is Y AND the client's activity is not classed as offshore; (Offshore is identified when any of the following apply; a) The Postcode in Training organisation delivery location file equal OSPC; b) Postcode in Client file and Delivery mode identifier in the Enrolment file equal OSPC and 20 respectively; c) There is no associated Enrolment file record and Postcode equals OSPC in the Client file</i> ) will become an error.

**Advance notice - validation changes for Apprentice and Trainee Collection**

The following validation change has a planned implementation date later in November 2016. Further advice will follow when this change has been actioned:

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change W
APP00150	Training contract status identifier	TBA	Apprentice and Trainee Collection (i.e. not applicable for RTOs)	New error that if training contract has a Training Contract Status Identifier of 11, there must be a record for the same client in a subsequent contract with an equal or superseding Program Identifier.

## Changes – June 2016

### Updated classifications as of 15 June 2016

- National course
- National qualification
- National skill set
- Postcode (no system file)\*
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Unit of competency
- Agreed hours for units of competency
- Superseded units of competency

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### New, updated and deleted validation rules for VET and VET in Schools Collection

The following validation additions, updates and deletions will be active from 30 June 2016:

#### New rules

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Applicable to	Rule Description
NAT00060	Subject identifier	E 4722	VET and VET in Schools	If Subject identifier is on the TGA master list of subjects, but the Subject name does not match the listed Subject name.
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	W 3867	VET and VET in Schools	If not blank, USI should be unique for each combination of Name for encryption, Sex and Date of birth.

#### Updated rules

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00020	Postcode	4639, 4689	VET and VET in Schools	Changing to an Error
NAT00030	ANZSCO identifier	E 4646	VET and VET in Schools	Updating rule to trigger "If not blank and not a valid value".
NAT00030	Program field of education identifier	E 3725	VET and VET in Schools	Updating rule to trigger "If not blank and not a valid value".
NAT00030	Nominal hours	E 3420 and new error (E 4723)	VET and VET in Schools	Updating and splitting existing rule into two: -New rule will check if field is over 1500 hours -Updating E 3420 to only trigger if blank. Blanks will be allowed if the Subject can be found in NCVER's Agreed Hours table.
NAT00030	Program field of education identifier/ANZSCO identifier	E 3830	VET and VET in Schools	Rule will no longer trigger if blank where the classification value for the program is also blank on Training.gov.au.

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00030	Program name	4699	VET and VET in Schools	Changing to an Error
NAT00060	Subject field of education identifier	E 3720	VET and VET in Schools	Rule will no longer trigger if blank where the classification value for the subject is also blank on Training.gov.au.
NAT00080	Client identifier	W 4692	VET and VET in Schools	Redefining rule to only count nominal hours for all enrolments within a collection year.
NAT00080	Date of birth	3201	VET and VET in Schools	Changing to an Error and redefining rule to only trigger if a client's age is less than ten.
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	W 3860, W 3862 W 3864, W 3866,	VET and VET in Schools	Rules will no longer trigger when Program recognition identifier = 15
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	W 3861	VET and VET in Schools	Rule will now trigger for any Subject Identifier on Training.gov.au, including Accredited course units/modules
NAT00085	Client first given name, Client family name	4631	VET	Changing to an Error and ensuring the check only runs an 'equals' check, as opposed to a 'contains' check.
NAT00085	Postcode	3706	VET	Changing to an Error
NAT00085	Address postal – suburb, locality or town	4630	VET	Changing to an Error and redefining rule to not trigger if Postcode is OSPC, @@@@ or 0000
NAT00085	Telephone number – mobile	W 4690	VET	Updating validation to ignore spaces between numbers in this field.

#### Deleted rules

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Applicable to
NAT00080	Highest school level completed identifier	W 3741	VET and VET in Schools
NAT00080	Year highest school level completed	W 3753	VET and VET in Schools



### Advance notice - validation changes for VET and VET in Schools Collection

The following validation changes have a planned implementation date later in 2016. Further advice will follow when this change has been actioned:

File	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00120	Activity end date	3252	VET Provider Collection	<p>Two changes are being made to this rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5) The rule will now trigger if the Outcome identifier – national = 70, and the Activity end date is equal to or before the collection period end date, as opposed to the collection year end date as per current behaviour.</li> <li>6) This rule will behave as a Warning for the Jan-Mar, Jan-Jun and Jan-Sep collections, and remain as an Error the annual collection.</li> </ul>
NAT00120	Funding source – national	TBA	VET Provider Collection	<p>This rule will behave as a Warning, and will only trigger for RTOs who are registered to submit data to NCVET and have data with Funding source – national = 11 or 15.</p> <p>As AVS cannot accept data with these funding source codes from RTOs, the purpose of implementing this rule is to assist RTOs in identifying which records contain these codes.</p>

## Changes – March 2016

### Updated classifications as of 18 March 2016

- National course
- National qualification
- National skill set
- Postcode (no system file)\*
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Unit of competency
- Agreed hours for units of competency
- Superseded unit of competency

AVETMISS [system files](#) are found on the NCVET Portal.

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### UPDATE - AVETMISS System files information: Training.gov.au system file availability

It was previously publicised that since AVS is in the process of changing to nightly updates from TGA, the last TGA text files that would be made available would be in December 2015. This is no longer the case, we will continue to supply these text files on the NCVET Portal until further notice, with the aim of removing them from NCVET's Portal later in 2016.

### Validation rule deletions for VET and VET in Schools Collection

The following rules were inactivated in AVS from 4 January 2016:

Data Files	Field	E/W No.	Applicable to
NAT00020	Training Organisation Delivery Location Name	W 4616	VET/Vis
NAT00030	Program Level of Education Identifier	W 3849	VET/Vis
NAT00080	At School Flag	W 3839	VET/Vis
NAT00080	Name for encryption	W 3854	VET/Vis
NAT00085	Client Title, Address Street Name	W 3833	VET
NAT00085	Client First Given Name	E 4637	VET
NAT00090	Disability type identifier	W 3814	VET/Vis
NAT00090	Disability type identifier	W 3815	VET/Vis
NAT0100	Prior Educational Achievement Identifier	W 3734	VET/Vis
NAT00120	Scheduled hours	W 3406	VET/Vis
NAT00120	Activity end date	W 3215	VET/Vis

### Release 7.0 available for Apprentice and Trainee Collection

Release 7.0 of the Apprentice and Trainee Collection is available for validation purposes from 31 March 2016. Release 7.0 will apply to the Apprentice and Trainee Collection from collections run under Year = 2016, Period = Jul-Sept and any following collections.

The [AVETMISS Apprentice and Trainee Collection specifications](#) detail the file set, fields and file/field formats required for Release 7.0. This document also contains the changes and revisions made from Release 6.0.

The following details all the validation changes from Release 6.0 to Release 7.0:

### New rules

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Rule Description
APP00080	Client identifier – AAMS	E 4705	Field must not be blank or invalid.
APP00080	Client identifier – AAMS	E 4706	Field must be unique to Client identifier – Apprenticeships.
APP00080	Postcode	E 4720	Field must not be '0000' or 'OSPC' for contracts commencing on or after 01/07/2016.
APP00080	State identifier	E 4707	Field must not be '@@' or '99' for contracts commencing on or after 01/07/2016.
APP00080	Unique student identifier	E 4708	Where provided, this field must be a valid Unique student identifier.
APP00150	Date of training contract commencement	E 3225	Field must not be prior 01/01/1996.
APP00150	Date of training contract completion	E 4709	Field must not be more than twenty years after the collection year.
APP00150	Date of transaction	E 4710	Field must not be repeated for a Training contract identifier for dates after 01/07/2016.
APP00150	Date of transaction	E 4711	When field is prior 01/07/2011 and record is the final record for Training contract identifier, the contract must not be closed (e.g Training contract status identifier must be 01, 02 or 07).
APP00150	Full time identifier	E 4714	Field must not be '@' for contracts commencing on or after 01/07/2016.
APP00150	Postcode	E 4721	Field must not be '0000' or 'OSPC' for contracts commencing on or after 01/07/2016.
APP00150	State identifier	E 4713	Field must not be '@@' or '99' for contracts commencing on or after 01/07/2016.
APP00150	School level identifier	E 4712	Field must not be higher than Highest school level completed identifier.
APP00150	Training contract identifier – AAMS	E 4715	Field must not be blank and must be completely numeric.
APP00150	Training contract identifier – AAMS	E 4716	Field cannot be used for more than one Client identifier – AAMS.
APP00150	Training contract identifier – AAMS	E 4717	Field cannot be the same as Training contract identifier.
APP00150	Training contract status identifier	E 4718	Field cannot be '09' when Date of Transaction is on or after 01/07/2016.
APP00150	Training contract status identifier	E 4719	Field must only be '02' if it is the first record of a contract, when Date of Transaction is on or after 01/07/2016.

### Changed rules

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Description of change
APP00080	Address location – suburb, locality or town; Date of birth	E 3830	Updated so these fields can never be blank.
APP00080	Client identifier – Apprenticeships	E 4619	Updated to this field cannot be blank, contain spaces or be @@@@ @@@@.
APP00080	Date of birth	E 3201	Changed to error; updated so that client's age must be between 10-95.
APP00080	Disability flag	E 3010	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid.
APP00080	Indigenous status identifier	E 3008	Updated to if blank or invalid. Classification value '9' is no longer a valid value.
APP00080	Language identifier	E 3726	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid.
APP00080/ 150	Postcode	E 3705	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid.
APP00080/150	Postcode	E 4639	Updated rule to check in all cases that Postcode is not associated as a PO Box.
APP00080	Prior educational achievement flag	E 3013	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid.
APP00080/150	State identifier	E 3704	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid.
APP00150	Address location – suburb, locality or town	E 4660	Updated that this field must match the Australia Post Postcode/State identifier combination unless Postcode is 'OSPC', '@@@@' or '0000'.
APP00150	ANZSIC identifier	E 3711	Updated so this field can never be blank or invalid.
APP00150	At school flag	E 3009	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid.
APP00150	At school flag	W 3840	Rule moved to check on APP00150 file.
APP00150	Date of training contract commencement	E 3225	Changed to error.
APP00150	Date of training contract commencement	E 3227	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid.
APP00150	Date of transaction	E 3239	Changed to error.
APP00150	Existing worker flag	E 3911	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid.
APP00150	Full-time identifier	E 3017	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid.
APP00150	Postcode	E 3706	Updated rule to only trigger on contract commencing prior 01/07/2016.
APP00150	Program identifier	E 4673	Updated so this field can never be blank.
APP00150	Program identifier	E 4674	Updated so rule triggers on all contracts commencing on or after 1/1/1999.
APP00150	Record level	E 3845	Removed ASCO identifier from duplicate record check.
APP00150	School level identifier	E 3746	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid.
APP00150	School level identifier	E 4602	Updated rule to check in all cases that when At School Flag = Y, School level identifier is not 99.
APP00150	School-based flag	E 4629	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid.
APP00150	Training contract identifier	E 4676	Updated to field must not be blank or @@@@ @@@@.

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Description of change
APP00150	Training contract status identifier	E 4026	Updated rules so that '02', '05' and '07' can now be followed by '01'.
APP00150	Training organisation identifier	E 3830	Updated so this field can never be blank.
APP00160	Employer size	E 3414	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid
APP00160	Employer type identifier	E 3722	Updated to field must not be blank or invalid

**Deleted rules**

File	Field	E/W Type & No.
APP00005/ APP00010/ APP00030	All fields (files removed from collection)	All rules (files removed from collection)
APP00080	At School flag; Year highest school level completed	All rules (fields removed from file)
APP00080	Client identifier – apprenticeships; Country identifier; Disability flag; Highest school level completed identifier; Indigenous status identifier; Language identifier; Name for encryption; Postcode; Prior educational achievement flag; Sex; State identifier	E 3830
APP00080	Date of birth	E 3204; E 3832; E 3836; E 4675
APP00080	Disability flag; Highest school level completed identifier; Indigenous status identifier; Prior educational achievement flag	E 3833
APP00080	Highest school level completed identifier	E 3748
APP00080	Prior educational achievement flag	E 3832
APP00100/APP00150	Client identifier – apprenticeships	E 3830; E 4619
APP00100	Prior educational achievement identifier	E 3830
APP00150	ANZSCO identifier; Credit flag; Employment arrangement identifier; Nominal duration; Statistical local area; Training contract identifier - previous	All rules (fields removed from file)
APP00150	ANZSIC identifier	E 4677
APP00150	At school flag	E 3830; E 4626; E 4627
APP00150	Date of training contract commencement; Existing worker flag; Full time identifier; Postcode; School level identifier; School-based flag; State identifier; Training contract identifier	E 3830
APP00150	Date of training contract completion	W 3207
APP00150	Date of transaction	W 3200
APP00150	Postcode	E 4661
APP00150	Program identifier	W 3833; E 4019
APP00150	Training contract status identifier	W 4679
APP00150	Training organisation identifier	W 43855; E 3921
APP00160	Employer identifier	E 3830; W 4610

File	Field	E/W Type & No.
APP00160	Postcode	All rules (field removed from file)
APP00160	Employer size; Employer type identifier	E 3830

### Advance notice - validation changes for VET and VET in Schools Collection

The following validation changes have a planned implementation date later in 2016. Further advice will follow when this change has been actioned:

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00020	Postcode	4639, 4689	VET and VET in Schools	Changing to an Error
NAT00030	ANZSCO identifier	E 4646	VET and VET in Schools	Updating rule to trigger "If not blank and not a valid value".
NAT00030	Program field of education identifier	E 3725	VET and VET in Schools	Updating rule to trigger "If not blank and not a valid value".
NAT00030	Nominal hours	E 3420 and new error (TBA)	VET and VET in Schools	Updating and splitting existing rule into two: -New rule will check if field is over 1500 hours -Updating E 3420 to only trigger if blank. Blanks will be allowed if the Subject can be found in NCVET's Agreed Hours table.
NAT00030	Program field of education identifier/ANZSCO identifier	E 3830	VET and VET in Schools	Rule will no longer trigger if blank where the classification value for the program is also blank on Training.gov.au.
NAT00030	Program name	4699	VET and VET in Schools	Changing to an Error
NAT00060	Subject field of education identifier	E 3720	VET and VET in Schools	Rule will no longer trigger if blank where the classification value for the subject is also blank on Training.gov.au.
NAT00060	Subject name	E TBA	VET and VET in Schools	New rule to check that when Subject identifier is on TGA, Subject name also matches TGA.
NAT00080	Client identifier	W 4692	VET and VET in Schools	Redefining rule to only count nominal hours for all enrolments within a collection year.
NAT00080	Date of birth	3201	VET and VET in Schools	Changing to an Error and redefining rule to only trigger if a client's age is less than ten.
NAT00080	Highest school level completed identifier	W 3741	VET and VET in Schools	Deleting warning
NAT00080	Unique student identifier	W 3860, W 3862 W 3864, W 3866,	VET and VET in Schools	Rules will no longer trigger when Program recognition identifier = 15

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00080	Year highest school level completed	W 3753	VET and VET in Schools	Deleting warning
NAT00085	Client first given name, Client family name	4631	VET	Changing to an Error
NAT00085	Postcode	3706	VET	Changing to an Error
NAT00085	Address postal – suburb, locality or town	4630	VET	Changing to an Error and redefining rule to not trigger if Postcode is OSPC, @@@@ or 0000
NAT00085	Telephone number – mobile	W 4690	VET	Updating validation to ignore spaces between numbers in this field.

## Changes – December 2015

### Updated classifications as of 1 December 2015

- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode (no system file)\*
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Unit of competency
- Nominal hours for units of competency
- Superseded unit of competency

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### AVS – change to validation process

From the 22 December 2015 onwards, when you access a past validation after AVS has undergone an update, you may be prompted to revalidate your data. Your data will then be revalidated based on the latest validation rules, ensuring it meets all of the latest validation and submission requirements. You will not need to upload your NAT files again, unless it has been longer than 28 days since your last validation (see [Data retention](#))

### Updated validation rules for VET and VET in Schools Collection

The following validation changes will be implemented from 22 December 2015:

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00010	Training organisation identifier	E 4704	VET Collection	Added new error which is only applicable for RTOs registered to submit data directly to NCVET. The new error will check that an RTO's Training organisation identifier matches the training organisation identifier used to register for AVS.
NAT00010	Training organisation identifier	E 4702	VET in Schools Collection	Added new error that only applies to Boards of Studies submitting to the VET in Schools collection. The new error checks that Training organisation identifier must have had a status of Active in the collection year on training.gov.au when Training organisation type identifier is listed as 31.
NAT00030	Program field of education identifier	E 3725	VET and VET in Schools Collection	Refined validation on this error to ensure that for this value to be valid, it must be a value at the narrow level (4-digit) in the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED), ABS catalogue no. 1272.0, 2001, as per the guidelines in the AVETMISS Data element definitions.
NAT00080	At school flag	W 4703	VET in Schools Collection	Added new Warning that At school flag is expected to be Y for the VET in Schools Collection.
NAT00085	Client first name	E 4637	VET Collection	Modifying error to allow blanks.



**Advance notice - validation changes for all collections**

The following validation changes have a planned implementation date in 2016. Further advice will follow when this change has been actioned:

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Applicable to	Change
Multiple	Various date fields (Activity Start date, Activity End Date, Date of Transaction, Date of Training Contract Commencement, Date of Training Contract Completion)	E 3234, E 3213, E 3210, E 3227 E 3224, E 3221	VET, VET in Schools and A&T Collection	Refining validation to ensure that these fields cannot contain '@' characters.

## Changes – September 2015

### Updated classifications

- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode (no system file)\*
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Unit of competency
- Nominal hours for units of competency
- Superseded unit of competency (for 2015 data only)

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### AVETMISS System files information: Training.gov.au system file availability

NCVER have been supplying text files on our website with training.gov.au (TGA) information (found [here](#)) on RTOs, courses, qualifications, skill sets, units of competency and superseded units of competency. This was because AVS, which uses the files, was formerly updated quarterly and was therefore out of sync with information on TGA. AVS is in the process of changing to nightly updates from TGA, so our last TGA text files that will be made available will be in December 2015. As of the beginning of 2016 we will no longer be supplying these text files on the NCVER website.

You will be able to source the TGA information for validation purposes by emailing TGA at [tgahelp@education.gov.au](mailto:tgahelp@education.gov.au). TGA will be able to assist you with setting up web services to directly link to TGA information.

### Updated validation rules for VET and VET in Schools collection

The following validation rule changes will be in effect from 21 September 2015:

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Change
00080, 00085	State identifier	E 4701	Adding new error that State identifier must not be blank or invalid.
00010, 00020	State identifier	E 3704	Extending rule 'If not blank and not a valid value' to the NAT00010 and NAT00020 files.
00080	Unique student identifier	W 3860, W 3861, W 3862, W 3863, W 3864, W 3866	These Warnings have been tightened to ensure they are triggered when a client can be identified as not being international offshore. Please refer to the Unique Student Identifier fact sheet on the <a href="#">Fact Sheets</a> page on NCVER Portal for specific details on validation.

You can find a complete set of business rules from the Collection Processing screen in AVS.

### Advance notice - validation changes for all collections

The following validation changes have a planned implementation date later in 2015. Further advice will follow when this change has been actioned:

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Applicable to	Change
NAT00010	Training organisation identifier	Error # TBA	VET Collection	Adding new error which is only applicable for RTOs registered to submit data directly to NCVER. The new error will check that an RTO's Training organisation identifier matches the training organisation identifier used to register for AVS.
NAT00010	Training organisation identifier	Error # TBA	VET in Schools Collection	Adding new error that only applies to Boards of Studies submitting to the VET in Schools collection. The new error checks that Training organisation identifier must have had a status of Active in the collection year on training.gov.au when Training organisation type identifier is listed as 31.
NAT00030	Program field of education identifier	E 3725	VET Collection	Refining validation on this error to ensure that for this value to be valid, it must be a value at the narrow level (4-digit) in the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED), ABS catalogue no. 1272.0, 2001, as per the guidelines in the AVETMISS Data element definitions.
NAT00080	At school flag	Warning # TBA	VET in Schools Collection	Adding new Warning that At school flag is expected to be Y for the VET in Schools Collection.
Multiple	Various date fields (Activity Start date, Activity End Date, Date of Transaction, Date of Training Contract Commencement, Date of Training Contract Completion)	E 3234, E 3213, E 3210, E 3227, E 3224, E 3221	VET, VET in Schools and A&T Collection	Refining validation to ensure that these fields cannot contain '@' characters.

### Using Outcome identifier – national '90' in the Jan-Dec collection

*Outcome identifier – national classification value '90 – Not yet available at interim collection'* is not a valid code for submissions to the January-December VET Provider collection. Validations run in AVS using this outcome value for the collection period 'Jan-Dec' will result in a Status of 'Error'.

Registered training organisations may need to continue using this outcome for submissions to their state training authority prior to finalising their end of year data. In this case, they may use the new checkbox 'Allow Outcome Id – national 90' on the Collection Processing screen. Using this checkbox will result in a status of 'Part-Validated' as a way of notification that data has passed validation with exceptions, and is not yet ready for end-of-year submission.

### Data retention

To enhance compliance with the Australian Privacy Principles, which indicate data should be deleted when no longer required, data stored in the AVETMISS Validation Software (AVS) will automatically be deleted after 28 days, effective 21 September 2015.

If you are trying to access past validations and it has been over 28 days since you last uploaded your AVS data, you will see a message advising that the data has expired. You will not be able to see Error Details associated with expired validations, nor proceed with finalising your submission, but you will be able to export a Collection Processing Summary Report from the Collection Processing screen. The validation history will remain listed on the Collection History screen, though the Date displayed will be the date the data expired. Data which has already been submitted via AVS remains held by NCVET, even if it is no longer on the AVS server.

We recommend that you keep a saved a copy of your AVETMISS file set on your local computer to re-upload at a later point should you ever need to access your past validations.

## Changes – June 2015

### Updated classifications

- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode (no system file)\*
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Unit of competency
- Nominal hours for units of competency
- Superseded unit of competency (for 2015 data only)

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### Updated validation rules for VET and VET in Schools collection

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
00010	Training organisation identifier	4645	*This rule will remain an Error for AVS users with with an RTO profile who are registered to submit data directly to NCVET. For all other AVS users, this rule will become a Warning.
00030	Program name	W 4699	Adding warning that a Program identifier existing on the training.gov.au master list should have the Program name listed on training.gov.au.
00120	Funding source - national	E 4700	Adding error that a Funding source – national code of ‘11’, ‘13’ or ‘15’ cannot have a corresponding Training organisation delivery location identifier with a State identifier of 99.

\*This rule was originally changed from a Warning to an Error earlier in 2015 (see ‘Changes – March 2015’) as an interim change.

### Updates to USI validation for VET and VET in Schools collection

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
<b>Changes in effect</b>			
00080	Unique student identifier	3864	This rule has changed from an Error to a Warning until further notice. Please refer to the Unique Student Identifier fact sheet on the <a href="#">Fact Sheets</a> page on NCVET Portal for specific details on validation.
<b>Advance notice</b>			
00080	Unique student identifier	W 3860, W 3861, W 3862, W 3863, W 3864, W 3866	In the coming months, these Warnings will be tightened to ensure they are triggered when a client can be identified as not being international offshore. Please refer to the Unique Student Identifier fact sheet on the <a href="#">Fact Sheets</a> page on NCVET Portal for specific details on validation.

### Advance notice - validation change for VET collection

The following validation change has a planned implementation date later in 2015. Further advice will follow when this change has been actioned:

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Change
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00010	Training organisation identifier	Error (# TBA)	Adding new error which is only applicable for RTOs registered to submit data directly to NCVER. The new error will check that an RTO's Training organisation identifier matches the training organisation identifier used to register for AVS.
00080, 00085	State identifier	Error (# TBA)	Adding new error that State identifier must not be blank or invalid.
00010, 00020	State identifier	E 3704	Extending rule 'If not blank and not a valid value' to the NAT00010 and NAT00020 files.

**Reminder notice – VET transition arrangement on client address data no longer in effect**

A reminder that a transition arrangement was in effect for the 2014 Collection Year on the reporting of client address and client postal address data. This included the allowance of a NAT00085A file. As the NAT00085A file was specific to the 2014 Collection Year, AVS will no longer allow the upload of this file. Please refer to [this fact sheet](#) for specific transition arrangement information.

## Changes – March 2015

### Updated classifications

- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode (no system file)\*
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Unit of competency
- Nominal hours for units of competency
- Superseded unit of competency (for 2015 data only)

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### Updated validation rule for VET and VET in Schools collection

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
00010	Training organisation identifier	4645	*This rule has changed from a Warning to an Error.

\*Please note that this change has been implemented as an interim measure. A longer term change to this rule is being worked on which will ensure this Error only applies to registered training organisations registered to submit data directly to NCVET.

### Advance notice - validation changes for VET and VET in Schools collection

The following validation changes will be implemented in June 2015:

File	Field	E/W Type & No.	Change
00030	Program name	Warning (# TBA)	Adding warning that a Program identifier existing on the training.gov.au master list should have the Program name listed on training.gov.au.
00120	Funding source - national	Error (#TBA)	Adding error that a Funding source – national code of '11', '13' or '15' cannot have a corresponding Training organisation delivery location identifier with a State identifier of 99.

You can find a complete set of VET business rules and A&T business rules on the [AVS resources](#) page on the NCVET Portal.

### Reminder notice – VET transition arrangement on client address data no longer in effect

A reminder that a transition arrangement was in effect for the Collection Year 2014 on the reporting of client address and client postal address data. If users have not formatted their 2015 data in Release 7.0 format, they may now experience validation errors. Please refer to [this fact sheet](#) for specific transition arrangement information.

## Changes – February 2015

### Updated classifications

- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode (no system file)\*
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Unit of competency
- **New!** Superseded unit of competency (for 2015 data only)

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### Major validation changes for 2014 VET data

File	Field	E/W No.	Change for 2014 training activity
(STA only!) 00005	Training Authority Identifier	<b>New!</b> E 4698	<i>New validation rule added:</i> Training Authority Identifier must be consistent with the data submitter code in the AVS registration profile.

### Major validation changes for 2015 data

File	Field	E/W No.	Change for 2015 training activity
<b>Unique student identifier</b>			
00080	Unique student identifier	E 3865	Added error that, when Unique student identifier provided, it <b>must be in a valid format</b> .
00080	Unique student identifier	W 3860, W 3861, W 3862, W 3863, E 3864, W 3866	<b>Added warnings and one error to ensure Unique student identifier is present when required.</b> Please refer to the Unique Student Identifier fact sheet on the <a href="#">Fact Sheets</a> page on NCVET Portal for specific details on validation.
00080	Unique student identifier	W 3867	<b>Added warning for state training authorities only that Unique student identifier should be unique</b> for each Name for encryption/Sex/Date of birth combination.
00080	Unique student identifier	W 3868	<b>Added warning that Name for encryption/Sex/Date of birth combination should be unique</b> for each Unique student identifier.
00120	Specific funding identifier	E 4685	Changing from a warning to an error. Specific Funding Identifier must be a valid value if Funding Source - National is '13'.
00120	Client identifier	E 4693	Changing from a warning to an error. If duplicate records found based on: Training organisation delivery location identifier, Client Identifier, Subject Identifier, Program Identifier (noting this can be blank), Activity Start Date.
00120	Subject identifier/Outcome identifier	W 3869	Added new warning: Outcome Identifier 61 (Superseded subject) is invalid if there is no enrolment in a replacement unit.



File	Field	E/W No.	Change for 2015 training activity
00120	Subject identifier/Outcome identifier	W 3870	Added warning that when a Subject identifier is not listed as superseded on the TGA master list, Outcome identifier '61' (Superseded subject) is invalid.
00120	Specific funding identifier	W 4696	Added warning that Specific funding identifier codes '13' and '31' are not valid when Activity start date is after 1 Jan 2015.

### Advance notice: Re-titling of Vocational Graduate Diplomas and Vocational Graduate Certificates

The full implementation of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) review came into effect from 1 January 2015. This requires that the term 'Vocational' be omitted from Vocational Graduate Certificate (VGC) and Vocational Graduate Diploma (VGD) nomenclature. This will impact on 39 Vocational Graduate Diplomas and Vocational Graduate Certificates as listed on the national register [training.gov.au](http://training.gov.au). NCVET will be updating its classification database accordingly listing updated names.

Using the old program name in AVS will deactivate the validation software's auto-population function which overwrites incorrect or blank program attributes. These violations will now appear as errors and need to be fixed by the data submitter by either

- a) entering the correct name as per reference table or
- b) entering the correct level of education, field of education, ANZSCO and program recognition identifier.

Possible errors on the NAT00030 file that could arise from this change are:

File	Field	E No.	Validation rule
00030	Program recognition identifier	E 3709	Program Recognition Identifier must not be blank or invalid if the Program Identifier and Name in combination do not match the code and name combination listed on the National Register.
	Program level of education identifier	E 3880	Program Level of Education Identifier must not be blank except if the Program Identifier and Name in combination match the code and name combination listed on the national Register or Program Recognition Identifier is "13 - Nationally Recognised Skill Set Specified in a National Training Package" or "16 - Locally Recognised Skill Set".
	Program level of education identifier	E4530	If Program Identifier is on the TGA master list of Training Package Qualifications or Courses but the Program Level of Education Identifier does not match the TGA Training Package Program Level of Education Identifier

File	Field	E No.	Validation rule
	Program field of education identifier	E 3880	Program Field of Education Identifier must not be blank except if the Program Identifier and Name in combination match the code and name combination listed on the national Register or Program Recognition Identifier is "13 - Nationally Recognised Skill Set Specified in a National Training Package" or "16 - Locally Recognised Skill Set".
	Program field of education identifier	E 4532	If Program Identifier is on the TGA master list of Training Package Qualifications but the Program Field of Education Identifier does not match the TGA Training Package Qualifications, Program Field of Education Identifier, where the reference list is not blank
	ANZSCO Identifier	E 3830	ANZSCO Identifier must not be blank except if the Program Identifier and Name in combination match the code and name combination listed on the national Register or Program Recognition Identifier is "13 - Nationally Recognised Skill Set Specified in a National Training Package" or "16 - Locally Recognised Skill Set"
	ANZSCO Identifier	E 4531	If Program Identifier is on the master list of Training Package, Qualifications or Course but the ANZSCO does not match the Training Package Qualifications or Course ANZSCO where the reference list is not blank

## Changes – December 2014

### Updated classifications

- National qualifications
- National course
- Postcode (no system file)\*
- Registered training organisation (RTO)

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### Changed ANZSCO classification in national qualifications

Code	National qualification	ANZSCO old	ANZSCO new
MSF40313	Certificate IV in Design of Kitchens, Bathrooms and Interior Spaces	399912	312112

### Advance notice – removal of ASCO field in national qualifications and courses list

As the ASCO field is no longer needed for the Apprentices and Trainee collection and is not part of the VET Provider collection, the field will be removed from system files in 2015.

### Advance notice - validation changes for VET collection for 2015 data

File	Field	E/W No.	Change for 2015 training activity
00080	Unique student identifier	E 3865	Added new error that, when Unique student identifier provided, it must be in a valid format.
00080	Unique student identifier	W 3860, W 3861, W 3862, E 3863, W 3864, W 3866	Added new warnings and one error to ensure Unique student identifier is present when required. Please refer to the Unique Student Identifier fact sheet on the <a href="#">Fact Sheets</a> page on NCVER Portal for specific details on validation.
00080	Unique student identifier	W 3867	Added new warning for state training authorities only that Unique student identifier should be unique for each Name for encryption/Sex/Date of birth combination.
00080	Unique student identifier	W 3868	Added new warning that Name for encryption/Sex/Date of birth combination should be unique for each Unique student identifier.
00120	Specific funding identifier	E4685	Changing from a Warning to an Error
00120	Client identifier	E 4693	Changing from a Warning to an Error
00120	Subject identifier	W 3869	Added new warning Outcome Identifier 61 (Superseded subject) is invalid if there is no enrolment in a replacement unit.
00120	Subject identifier	W 3870	Added new warning that when a Subject Identifier is not listed as superseded on the TGA master list, Outcome Identifier 61 (Superseded subject) is invalid.

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File	Field	E/W No.	Change for 2015 training activity
00120	Specific funding identifier	W 4696	Added new warning that Specific funding identifier codes '13' and '31' are not valid when Activity start date is after 1 Jan 2015.

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## Changes – September 2014

### Updated classifications

- National course
- Nominal hours for units of competency
- Postcode (no system file)\*
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Skill Set

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### AVS classification inaccuracy in VET collection

The following classifications had been deactivated in our internal classification and reference database. AVS continued to treat these data as if they were valid and current classifications. With the update of AVS release 2.5 on 8 Sept 2014 this bug has been fixed. The following classification and reference codes will now cause validation errors. Please use the current valid values instead:

Classification	Deactivated Codes		Valid Codes	
	Classification Value	Classification Name	Classification Value	Classification Name
Country	8418	Netherlands Antilles	8400; 8433; 8434; 8435	Caribbean; Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba; Curacao; Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
Country	4199	North Africa	4100; 4108	Northern Africa; Spanish North Africa
Country	2101	Channel Islands	2100;  2107; 2108	United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man; Guernsey; Jersey
Indigenous status	9	Yes – Client is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin	1; 2; 3	Yes, Aboriginal; Yes, Torres Strait Islander; Yes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Language	7105	Teochew	7107	Min Nan
Language	7103	Hokkien	7107	Min Nan
Language	9305	Motu	9503	Moto (HiriMoto)
Language	9401	Tok Pisin	9504	Tok Pisin (Neomelaneysian)
Language	4203	Assyrian	4206; 4207; 4208	Assyrian Neo-Aramaic; Chaldean Neo-Aramaic; Mandaean (Mandaic)
Outcome	54	Recognition of current competency - not granted	51	Recognition of prior learning not granted
Outcome	53	Recognition of current competency - granted	52	Recognition of prior learning granted
Training organisation type	23	School - Australian Technical College	21; 25; 27	School - government School - Catholic School - independent

### Training.gov.au classification validation

Since 25/7/2014 NCVER's validation system AVS uses training.gov.au web services tables when validating identifier codes (e.g. RTO code, Program code) and classification attributes (e.g. Field of Education, ANZSCO). As these tables are updated daily, AVS will access the newest additions which may not be in the NCVER systems files, as these are updated quarterly.

### Major validation changes for VET collection

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
00080	Client identifier	W 4692	Added new warning on 'Client has enrolments which exceed 1000 hours'
00120	Client identifier	W 4693	Added new warning on duplicate enrolment records for Client Identifier with the same Training organisation delivery location identifier, Subject Identifier, Program Identifier and Activity Start Date
00120	Specific funding identifier	W4685	Tidied up specific funding validation and merged two rules (4683 & 4685) into one rule on 'Specific Funding Identifier should be a valid value if Funding Source - National is '13'

Please note that warnings 4685 and 4693 will become errors when validating 2015 training activity next year. Warning 4692 is currently under review and may become an error in 2015.

You can extract VET business rules directly out of AVS. When in the *AVS Collection Processing* screen simply select your *Collection Details* and the *Export AVS Rules* button will appear at the bottom of the page.

### Major validation changes for A&T collection

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
APP00150	ASCO	3713, 3830	Removed validation on ASCO as field is obsolete

A complete set of A&T business rules is found on the [AVS resources](#) page on the NCVER Portal.

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## Changes – June 2014

### Updated classifications

- National course
- National qualification
- Nominal hours for units of competency
- Postcode (no system file)\*
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Skill Set
- Units of competency

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### Updated validation rule for VET and VET in Schools collection

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
NAT00120	VET in Schools Flag	4691	Invalid field check changed from warning to error

You can find a complete set of VET business rules and A&T business rules on the [AVS resources](#) page on the NCVET Portal.

## Changes – March 2014

### Updated classifications

- ANZSCO
- National course
- National qualification
- Nominal hours for units of competency (system file only)
- Postcode\*
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Skill Set
- Unit of competency

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### New ANZSCO version

ANZSCO Version 1.2 is in effect for 2014 training activity. AVETMIS Standard documents and references on the NCVER website will be updated later in March 2014. For AVETMISS data validation relevant changes are the addition of ten new occupational codes and the removal of one code.

ANZSCO Code	ANZSCO Name	Change
133612	Procurement Manager	Occupation added
234413	Hydrogeologist	Occupation added
234915	Exercise Physiologist	Occupation added
251112	Nutritionist	Occupation added.
254425	Registered Nurse (Paediatrics)	Occupation added.
271214	Intellectual Property Lawyer	Occupation added.
272414	Archaeologist	Occupation added.
311415	Hydrographer	Occupation added
361115	Kennel Hand	Occupation added
451513	Herbalist (Western)	Occupation added
234512	Anatomist and Physiologist	<b>Occupation deleted</b> , retired code covered by 234599 - Life Scientists nec.
133600	Supply, Distribution and Procurement Managers	Name change from <i>'Supply and Distribution Managers'</i>
231215	Marine Surveyor	Name change from <i>'Ship's Surveyor'</i>
234400	Geologists, Geophysicists and Hydrogeologists	Name change from <i>'Geologists and Geophysicists'</i>
251100	Nutrition Professionals	Name change from <i>'Dieticians'</i>
252700	Audiologists and Speech Pathologists or Therapists	Name change from <i>'Speech Professionals and Audiologists'</i>
253100	General Practitioners and Resident Medical Officers	Name change from <i>'Generalist Medical Practitioners'</i>
253111	General Practitioner	Name change from <i>'General Medical Practitioner'</i>
323315	Saw Doctor	Name change from <i>'Saw Maker &amp; Repairer'</i>
541211	Information Officer	Name change from <i>'Inquiry Clerk'</i>
599411	Human Resources Clerk	Name change from <i>'Human Resource Clerk'</i>



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**Updated validation rules for A&T collection**


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File	Field	E/W No.	Change
APP00005	State Identifier	E3738	Removed obsolete rule.
APP00150	Date of Training Contract Completion	E3222	Re- introduced to flag date inconsistency where <i>Date of Training Contract Completion</i> cannot be before <i>Date of Training Contract Commencement</i> .
APP00150	ANZSIC Identifier	E3711	Updated by removing date restriction 'after 30 June 2008' to enable ANZSIC validation for all training contract commencement dates.
APP00150	Training Contract Identifier- Previous	W4680	Updated to trigger only where <i>Training Contract Status Identifier</i> is 02 (=active-recommended) and the original <i>Training Contract Status Identifier</i> is 11 (= transferred) and the <i>Training Contract Identifier - Previous</i> value does not match the original <i>Training Contract Identifier</i> for the same Client Identifier.

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Please find the updated [A&T business rules](#) document on the [NCVER Portal website](#).

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## Changes – January/February 2014

### Updated classifications

- National course
- National qualification
- Registered training organisation (RTO)\*
- Units of competency

\*Note: The RTO system text file is aligned with the RTO reference file in the validation software. Fields 'Status' and 'Training Organisation Type' have been removed.

The list of postcodes could not be updated due to technical difficulties and may miss any new postcodes added by Australia Post since 26/10/2013. Please consult with the authority you are submitting your data to (State Training Authority or NCVET) in case valid postcodes cause errors in the validation software.

### New ANZSCO version

ANZSCO Version 1.2 will come into effect for 2014 training activity. Documents and system files on the NCVET website will be updated in March 2014. For AVETMISS data validation relevant changes are the addition of ten new occupational (6 digit) codes and the removal of one code:

ANZSCO Code	ANZSCO Name	Change
133612	Procurement Manager	Occupation added
311415	Hydrographer	Occupation added
361115	Kennel Hand	Occupation added
451513	Herbalist (Western)	Occupation added
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234915	Exercise Physiologist	Occupation added
271214	Intellectual Property Lawyer	Occupation added.
272414	Archaeologist	Occupation added.
251112	Nutritionist	Occupation added.
254425	Registered Nurse (Paediatrics)	Occupation added.
234512	Anatomist and Physiologist	<b>Occupation deleted</b> , retired code covered by 234599 - Life Scientists nec.

## Changes – December 2013

### Updated classifications

- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode
- Registered training organisation (RTO)\*
- Units of competency
- Country
- Country index system file

\*Note: The RTO system text file from the NCVER website is now aligned with the RTO reference file in the validation software. Fields 'Status' and 'Training Organisation Type' have been removed.

Country lists have been updated with former country codes to assist with the entry of country of birth places that cannot be mapped to any codes available in the current country classification system (SACC 2011, Australian Bureau of Statistics). We recommend using the [country classification index file](#) on the NCVER website as a look up table to find the appropriate country code.

Former country	Code	Code name
New entries		
Africa	0918	Africa, nfd
Asia	0917	Asia, nfd
East Asia	0916	East Asia, nfd
Europe	0911	Europe, nfd
Kurdistan	0915	Kurdistan, nfd
USSR	0912	Former USSR, nfd
Existing entries in country index		
Czechoslovakia	3300	Eastern Europe
Serbia and Montenegro	3200	South Eastern Europe
Yugoslavia	3200	South Eastern Europe
Channel Islands	2100	United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man
Netherlands Antilles	8400	Caribbean

### Changed classifications

Code	National qualification	FOE old	FOE new	ANZSCO old	ANZSCO new
CPP20112	Certificate II in Surveying and Spatial Information Services	0311	0311	552314	312116
CPP30112	Certificate III in Surveying and Spatial Information Services	0311	0311	552314	312116
CPP40212	Certificate IV in Spatial Information Services	0311	0311	552314	312116
CPP50212	Diploma of Spatial Information Services	0311	0311	512299	312116
CPP60112	Advanced Diploma of Spatial Information Services	0311	0311	512299	312116
CPP60312	Advanced Diploma of Diploma of Surveying	0403	0311	312113	312116
CPC10111	Certificate I in Construction	0307	0403	821113	821113

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**Advance notice: new ANZSCO version**

ANZSCO Version 1.2 will come into effect for 2014 training activity. For AVETMISS data validation the only relevant change will be the removal of occupational code '23451 - Anatomist and Physiologist' from ANZSCO classification tables.

**Changes – September 2013****Updated classifications**

- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Units of competency

**Changes – June 2013****Updated classifications**

- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Units of competency
- New: country coding index system file

**Changed classifications**

Code	National qualification	FOE old	FOE new	ANZSCO old	ANZSCO new
PUA 20110	Certificate II in Public Safety (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community Policing)	0911	0911 (same)	224912	441312
PUA 50210	Diploma of Public Safety (Policing)	0999	0911	441111	441312

**Changes – March 2013****Updated classifications**

- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Units of competency

## Changes – February 2013

### Updated classifications

- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Units of competency

## Changes – December 2012

### Updated classifications - A&T data submitters

- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Units of competency

## Changes – September 2012

### Updated classifications - A&T data submitters

- Language
- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Units of competency

### Updated validation rules - A&T data submitters

File	Field	E/W No.	Change
APP00160	Employer size	E3409	Change from warning to error when zeros in Employer size field. Employer Size must be at least 1 and less than 1,000,000. The correct value for not specified is @@@@@.
APP00160	Employer identifier	E4505	Change from warning to error when Employer identifier is not in Training contract transaction (APP00150) file.

### Key changes - Language classification

Revision 1 (August 2011) of the Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) is now in effect for data validation with this release.

The following files, currently prefixed with “For A&T only” and a suffix year of “2011”, will be available on the [NCVER](#) website by Mo 17/9:

- [language system files](#)
- supporting documents to Data element definition ed. 2.1: language classification and coding index

Forty-eight Australian indigenous languages and 27 non-indigenous languages have been added to the classification. Ten indigenous languages have been renamed or re-assigned codes in the ASCL, based on genetic affinity, and geographic and cultural information. Some non indigenous languages have been renamed, deleted or re-described, based on research and stakeholder recommendations to better reflect the languages in each group.

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A summary of changes and detailed correspondence lists of ASCL edition 2, revision 1 (2011) changes can be downloaded from the [ABS website](#). Correspondence lists are available as [Excel sheets](#) in the ABS ASCL data cube.

The following tables list the key changes with respect to validation software changes. A total 22 codes have been retired while the associated language description has been moved to a new code.

The codes for the following Australian indigenous languages have changed:

Old code	New code	Name	Narrow group
8912	8157	Garrwa	Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages
8513	8162	Ngandi	Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages
8942	8165	Yanyuwa	Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages
8124	8171	Gundjeihmi	Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages
8134	8172	Kune	Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages
8135	8173	Kuninjku	Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages
8108	8174	Kunwinjku	Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages
8145	8175	Mayali	Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages
8102	8181	Burarra	Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages
8125	8182	Gun-nartpa	Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages
8126	8183	Gurr-goni	Arnhem Land and Daly River Region Languages
8260	8262	Djinba	Yolngu Matha
8241	8291	Dhuwaya	Yolngu Matha
8245	8293	Madarrpa	Yolngu Matha
8604	8610	Anmatyerr	Arandic
8605	8620	Arrernte	Arandic
8923	8815	Kija	Kimberley Area Languages

The code and the name of following languages have changed or expanded:

Old code	New code	Old name	New name
4203	4206	Assyrian	Assyrian Neo-Aramaic
4203	4207	Assyrian	Chaldean Neo-Aramaic
4203	4208	Assyrian	Mandaean (Mandaic)
7103	7107	Hokkien	Min Nan
7105	7107	Teochew	Min Nan
9305	9503	Motu	Moto (HiriMotu)
9401	9504	Tok Pisin	Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)

Updated names only:

Code	Old name	New name
6102	Haka	Chin Haka
8299	Other Yolngu Matha	Other Yolngu Matha, nec
8403	Torres Strait Creole	Yumplatok (Torres Strait Creole)
9500	Papua New Guinea Papuan Languages	Papua New Guinea Languages
9599	Papua New Guinea Papuan Languages, nec	Papua New Guinea Languages, nec

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## Changes – May 2012

### Updated classifications

- Country
- National course
- National qualification
- Postcode
- Registered training organisation (RTO)
- Units of competency

### Updated validation rules - A&T data submitters

File	Field(s)	E/W No.	Change
APP00080	Address location – suburb, locality or town; Postcode; State identifier	E4660	Check wasn't working correctly. Address location – suburb, locality or town; Postcode; State identifier in combination must match Australia Post list except where Postcode is OSPC, @@@@ or 0000.

### Key changes - Country classification

Revision 1 of the second edition of the Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC) is now in effect for data validation with this release. The updated [country text file](#) for your systems and the country classification and coding index (supporting documents to Data element definition ed. 2.1) are available on the [NCVER](#) website.

The code of the following country has changed:

Old code	New code	Name	Minor group
8418	8400	Netherland Antilles	Caribbean

The following country codes are new:

Code	Name
4111	South Sudan
8433	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba
8434	Curacao
8435	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)

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The following countries have changed their name:

Code	Old name	New name
5101	Burma (Myanmar)	Burma (Republic of the Union of Myanmar)
5206	East Timor	Timor-Leste
8202	Bolivia	Bolivia, Plurinational State of
8216	Venezuela	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of

### Key changes – Occupation (ANZSCO) classification

Revision 1 of the first edition of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupation (ANZSCO) is now in effect for data validation with this release. The updated [ANZSCO text file](#) for your systems and the occupation classification (Supporting documents to Data element definition ed. 2.1) are available on the [NCVER](#) website.

### Key changes – Prior educational achievement identifier classification

Code 992 (bridging and enabling courses not identifiable by level) is no longer a valid code. It is replaced with '990 – miscellaneous education'.

### Advance notice - changes to language classification

Revision 1 of the Australian Standard Classification of Languages (ASCL) from August 2011 will come into effect for data validation with the next update. 48 Australian Indigenous and 27 Non-Indigenous languages will be added to the classification. No codes have been retired. The updated language text file (AVETMISS system file) and the language classification and coding index (supporting documents to Data element definition ed. 2.1) will be available on our website then.



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