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THE AUSTRALIAN VET SECTOR



# Getting to know **NCVER**

National Centre for Vocational Education Research



The **National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER)** helps promote better understanding and discussion within the vocational education and training (VET) sector, and assists policymakers, practitioners, industry, training providers, and students to make informed decisions.

We are the national professional body responsible for collecting, managing, analysing and communicating VET research and statistics.

NCVER is an independent, not-for-profit body owned by the Commonwealth, state and territory ministers responsible for training.

Our board of directors have experience across government, industry, unions and training providers and our staff offer expertise in research, data analytics, public policy, economics, sociology and education.

## What we do



Conduct and manage **research** under a set of national research priorities as determined through the Skills Senior Officials Network Research Working Group.



Coordinate the national VET administrative **data** collections and surveys.



Manage the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS) and **support** registered training organisations to report their activity.



Undertake **consultancy** research and evaluation services to help clients address specific information needs.

## Why we do it

The VET sector plays a critical role in creating a productive and skilled workforce. Our information and services support this by helping our clients to:

### Government

- build an efficient and effective VET sector
- monitor, review and evaluate VET policy and programs
- understand training participation and outcomes.

### Industry and business

- strategise for emerging labour market and skills issues
- understand training trends and outcomes at industry and occupational levels.

### Educational providers

- understand the VET marketplace and their place within it
- deliver high-quality training
- improve the efficiency of data reporting processes.

### Students

- make informed decisions about their training options
- access their training records through the unique student identifier (USI) transcript service.

## Where to find it

Our online Portal is the primary location for all of our data and resources. Visit us at [ncver.edu.au](http://ncver.edu.au) for access to our extensive catalogue of research and statistical products. The Portal also hosts a hub dedicated to resources and support for RTOs.

# Research

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[ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics](https://ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics)



We undertake and deliver objective and valued research to inform national VET policy and practice.

The themes which guide our work are: teaching and learning; the impact of VET; and, structures and systems for skilling and learning. We coordinate this through the Skills Senior Officials Network Research Working Group.

## Research products

[ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics](https://ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics)

Our research is available in many different formats depending on the topics being explored. From traditional summaries, papers and reports, to more innovative and interactive products like dashboards, infographics and visualisations, our research products are designed to engage, inform and influence all participants in Australia's VET sector.

## National research priorities

[ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/national-research-priorities](https://ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/national-research-priorities)

Learn more about the research priorities that guide our work.

## Current research

[ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/research-projects](https://ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/research-projects)

Find out what research is currently in progress.

## Consultancy services

[ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/consultancy-services](https://ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/consultancy-services)

We provide a professional research and evaluation service to Australian and international clients. We consult in areas such as the training needs of diverse groups, analysis of industry skill requirements, program evaluations, and research into a range of national training policy and practice issues.

# VOCEDplus

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[voced.edu.au](http://voced.edu.au)



VOCEDplus is an online international database of tertiary education research, policy, practice and statistics.

This comprehensive database contains over 75 000 Australian and international records of tertiary education research and published statistics. You can also submit documents for inclusion in accordance with our selection criteria.

## VET Knowledge Bank

[voced.edu.au/vet-knowledge-bank](http://voced.edu.au/vet-knowledge-bank)

Providing a complete picture of Australia's complex and diverse VET sector, the VET Knowledge Bank contains a suite of custom products, including a VET sector overview, policy timelines, landmark documents and more.

## Glossary of VET

[voced.edu.au/glossary-vet](http://voced.edu.au/glossary-vet)

The language of VET is complex and particularly prone to jargon and acronyms. This glossary is a useful resource for understanding key concepts and acronyms used in VET in Australia.

## Pod Network

[voced.edu.au/pod-network](http://voced.edu.au/pod-network)

The Pod Network provides a single entry point to relevant, quality collections of research and resources. These collections are presented within themed 'Pods', with more specific sub-topics presented within smaller Pods called 'Podlets'.

## Ask a librarian

[voced.edu.au/content/ask-librarian](http://voced.edu.au/content/ask-librarian)

If you require information on a specific topic, our research librarians can conduct a literature search on your behalf.

# Data collections

[ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics](http://ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics)



**NCVER manages four national data ‘collections’, each covering different aspects of VET in Australia.**

NCVER’s national collections collate and summarise data that training organisations are required by law to submit to us under the AVETMIS Standard.

## Students and courses

The National VET Provider Collection is the data source for the following publications:

- *Total VET students and courses*
- *Government-funded students and courses.*

This collection provides a summary of Australia’s VET system (delivered via both public and private providers) including statistics relating to students, participation, courses and qualifications.

Data from this collection feed into the unique student identifier (USI) transcript service.

## VET in Schools

The National VET in Schools Collection offers information about students undertaking VET as part of their secondary school certificate. Data from this collection also feed into the USI transcript service.

## Apprentices and trainees

The National Apprentice and Trainee Collection provides a summary of the training activity of all apprentices and trainees employed under a training contract. Data are released on a quarterly basis.

## VET finance and funding

The National VET Finance Collection provides financial information about Australia’s public VET system, including data on financial performance and use of public funds.

Work is currently being undertaken to transition this collection from a financial-based to a funding-based model.

# Surveys

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NCVER also conducts surveys of VET students, youth and employers to further complete the picture of Australia's VET system.

Surveys are used to collect data from various groups voluntarily.

## National Student Outcomes Survey

This annual survey gathers information from both VET graduates and subject completers on their reasons for undertaking training, employment outcomes, further study patterns, satisfaction with training, and any reasons for not continuing with training. International students completing Australian onshore VET programs are now also included. The survey results are published annually as 'VET student outcomes' and 'International onshore VET graduate outcomes'.

## Employers' use and views of the VET system

This biennial survey of approximately 9000 Australian businesses collects information about their engagement and satisfaction with the VET system and the various ways they use it to meet their skill needs. The results are published as 'Employers' use and views of the VET system', with information available at national, industry, business-size and state levels.

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## Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY)

[lsay.edu.au](https://lsay.edu.au)

For over 20 years the LSAY program has surveyed more than 60 000 young people, from their mid-teens to their mid-20s, as they move from school to work, further study and other destinations.

This comprehensive dataset is an important evidence base for youth policy and research, providing an understanding of young people's key transitions and pathways.

A number of LSAY data products and datasets are available at [lsay.edu.au/data](https://lsay.edu.au/data).



# Data support

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Need help with our data? Looking for a dataset not available in our published products? See below for how we can help.

## Data services

[ncver.edu.au/data-access](https://ncver.edu.au/data-access)

NCVER has a number of data products and services that may meet your data needs. If the data you require is not available from any of our published products, we may be able to provide you with a customised data solution.

## Questions?

If you have any questions or require further information on any of our collections and surveys please email [\*\*support@ncver.edu.au\*\*](mailto:support@ncver.edu.au).



# Research and statistical products

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Based on your level of experience, the following products are available on the NCVET Portal.

## General user

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### Publications

[ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/publications](https://ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/publications)

Our publications cover a wide range of topics and range from short summaries presenting key findings, through to in-depth reports.

### Infographics

[ncver.edu.au/infographics](https://ncver.edu.au/infographics)

Engaging and easy to understand visual presentation of summary information.

## Regular user

### Data slicer

[ncver.edu.au/data](https://ncver.edu.au/data)

Quickly filter data using clearly defined labels.

### Data visualisations

[ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/visualisation-gallery](https://ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/visualisation-gallery)

Visual presentations of detailed data in an interactive format that enables self-directed querying and analysis.

## Expert user

### VOCSTATS

[ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/vocstats](https://ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/vocstats)

If you're an experienced data user, you can construct your own data tables using this interactive web interface. To access this detailed data a registration form must be completed.

### De-identified Unit Record Files (URFs)

[ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/accessing-vet-data](https://ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/accessing-vet-data)

If you wish to explore our data even further, you may apply to access unit record files from our collections and surveys.

# RTO support

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[ncver.edu.au/rto-hub](http://ncver.edu.au/rto-hub)



Need help with your AVETMISS reporting? We offer services and resources to help you meet your data reporting obligations.

## RTO Hub

[ncver.edu.au/rto-hub](http://ncver.edu.au/rto-hub)

Visit our RTO Hub for reporting tools, resources and support relating to the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS).

## AVETMISS Validation Software

[avs.ncver.edu.au](http://avs.ncver.edu.au)

The AVETMISS Validation Software (AVS) is an online file validation and data submission system designed for training organisations and agencies to validate and submit data to the national VET collections.

## AVETMISS client support

As a registered training organisation (RTO), do you understand your mandatory VET data reporting obligations?

Our online resources available from the RTO Hub can help you to meet your RTO reporting obligations, and assist you in using the AVETMISS validation software to validate and submit your AVETMISS compliant data.

If you require support in submitting your AVETMISS data, contact our friendly client support team on:

**e** [support@ncver.edu.au](mailto:support@ncver.edu.au)

**p** 1800 649 452

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- [linkedin.com/company/ncver](https://linkedin.com/company/ncver)
- [youtube.com/ncver](https://youtube.com/ncver)

Follow us on Twitter and LinkedIn, and check out our tutorials and other informative clips on our YouTube channel.

## Newsletters

[ncver.edu.au/news-and-events](https://ncver.edu.au/news-and-events)

- **NCVER News (fortnightly)**  
Latest news, releases and events.
- **Data Support Bulletin (ad-hoc)**  
Essential information for RTOs.
- **SMS Vendor Update (quarterly)**  
For RTOs with in-house student management systems.
- **VOCEDplus News (quarterly)**  
Latest news and information about VOCEDplus resources.
- **VOCEDplus Highlights (monthly)**  
A selection of the latest additions to the database.

## Upcoming releases

[ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/upcoming-releases](https://ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/upcoming-releases)

View soon-to-be-released research and statistical reports and data release dates.

## ‘No Frills’

[ncver.edu.au/news-and-events](https://ncver.edu.au/news-and-events)

Our well-known VET research conference ‘No Frills’ has been held annually since 1991. Join other VET sector researchers and practitioners to present, discuss and share information about key issues confronting the sector.

## Events

[ncver.edu.au/news-and-events](https://ncver.edu.au/news-and-events)

Join the discussion at our conferences, forums, webinars and workshops.

## LSAY

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