

Aggregate data reported by exempt RTOs in 2025

Under the National VET Data Policy, registered training organisations (RTOs) may apply for exemptions from reporting AVETMISS-compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection. Two types of exemptions are available:

- National security, border protection and policing exemption (section 5.3)
- Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption (section 5.5).

Exemptions are issued by the registered training organisation's VET regulator: the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA), or the Training Accreditation Council (TAC).

Where an exemption applies, RTOs must collect and submit annual aggregate competency commencement and completion data directly to NCVER. These data cover all training activity under the exemption and must be submitted to NCVER by the end of March each year.

Where a student provides their unique student identifier (USI) to an RTO for training activity covered by a *Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption*, the RTO is required to report AVETMISS-compliant data to ensure the student's training is recorded on their Authenticated VET Transcript.

Although exempt, RTOs may voluntarily submit AVETMISS-compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection. For further information, refer to <<https://www.dewr.gov.au/national-vet-data/national-vet-data-policy>>.

Scope of data collection from exempt RTOs

For RTOs granted an exemption, NCVER collects aggregate data that are program- and subject-centric. These data do not identify individual students, their location, or any other fields deemed within the scope of the exemption.

Included in the collection:

- training package qualifications, training package skill sets and accredited courses
- commencements and completions in nationally recognised subjects undertaken independently of a formal program, where the subjects are recognised and granted as stand-alone exemptions
- nationally recognised training delivered by Australian RTOs to students in Australia.

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Excluded from the collection:

- any training activity where a student has provided their USI to the RTO, in which case the exemption does not apply, and the RTO must report full AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection
- any activity, even if exempt, that has been reported for the National VET Provider Collection
- programs or subjects reported without commencement or completion activity.

Given data are submitted in aggregate form, NCVER cannot determine whether the same training activity has been reported both in the aggregate exemption data and in the National VET Provider Collection.

How many RTOs received an exemption?

In 2025, 54 RTOs were granted an exemption from reporting AVETMISS-compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection.

- 25 RTOs submitted annual aggregate competency commencement and completion data. Of these:
 - 5 RTOs submitted annual aggregate data only
 - 20 RTOs submitted both annual aggregate data and AVETMISS-compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection.
- 27 RTOs were granted an exemption, but submitted only AVETMISS-compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection and did not submit to the aggregate collection.

Table 1 Number of RTOs granted exemptions from reporting for the National VET Provider Collection by VET regulator and type of submission, 2024 and 2025.

	2024			2025		
	ASQA	Other regulator	Total	ASQA	Other regulator	Total
Annual aggregate data only	6	1	7	4	1	5
Both annual aggregate data and AVETMISS compliant data	16	3	19	17	3	20
RTOs submitting annual aggregate data	22	4	26	21	4	25
AVETMISS compliant data only	25	3	28	24	3	27
No submission	-	-	-	2	-	2
Total number of RTOs granted an exemption	47	7	54	47	7	54

Note: The scope of submission pathways was expanded in 2025 to account for RTOs whose data may be provided indirectly. This has adjusted the count of RTOs by type of submission, but the total is unchanged.

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Training activity submitted as annual aggregate data by exempt RTOs

The following figures represent the submitted annual aggregate data from the 25 exempt RTOs in 2025, as compared with the 26 exempt RTOs in 2024:

- 11 715 program commencements, a -4.5% decrease from 2024
- 10 420 program completions, a -7.0% decrease from 2024
- 95 949 subject commencements, a 45.0% increase from 2024
- 86 440 subject completions, a 40.1% increase from 2024.

Table 2 Programs and subjects reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2024 and 2025

Nationally accredited training	2024		2025	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Programs				
Training package qualifications	9 027	8 214	8 522	8 222
Training package skill sets	2 417	2 418	1 460	1 460
Accredited courses	818	575	1 733	738
Total programs	12 262	11 207	11 715	10 420
Subjects				
Units of competency	66 071	61 622	94 544	86 028
Accredited modules	98	98	1 405	412
Total subjects	66 169	61 720	95 949	86 440

Table 3 Program commencements and completions by field of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2024 and 2025

Program field of education	2024		2025	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Natural and physical sciences	4	6	3	5
Information technology	6	0	2	0
Engineering and related technologies	564	372	991	653
Architecture and building	0	0	0	0
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	0	0	0	0
Health	3 136	3 096	3 043	3 044
Education	135	40	0	0
Management and commerce	3 372	3 108	3 405	2 352
Society and culture	2 496	2 029	2 738	2 821
Creative arts	0	0	1	1
Food, hospitality, and personal services	0	0	0	0
Mixed field programmes	0	0	0	0
Not assigned	2 549	2 556	1 532	1 544
Total	12 262	11 207	11 715	10 420

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Table 4 Program commencements and completions by level of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2024 and 2025

Program level of education	2024		2025	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Graduate certificate	79	96	52	39
Advanced diploma	476	515	580	475
Diploma	2 977	2 561	2 618	2 885
Certificate IV	1 640	1 308	1 395	1 188
Certificate III	788	706	736	509
Certificate II	3 034	2 995	3 131	3 109
Certificate I	33	33	13	18
Statement of attainment	3 235	2 993	3 190	2 197
Total	12 262	11 207	11 715	10 420

Table 5 Program commencements by level of education and type of accreditation reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2025

Program level of education	Training package qualifications	Training package skill sets	Accredited courses	Total
Graduate certificate	52	0	0	52
Advanced diploma	577	0	3	580
Diploma	2 618	0	0	2 618
Certificate IV	1 395	0	0	1 395
Certificate III	736	0	0	736
Certificate II	3 131	0	0	3 131
Certificate I	13	0	0	13
Statement of attainment	0	1 460	1 730	3 190
Total	8 522	1 460	1 733	11 715

Table 6 Program completions by level of education and type of accreditation reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2025

Program level of education	Training package qualifications	Training package skill sets	Accredited courses	Total
Graduate certificate	39	0	0	39
Advanced diploma	474	0	1	475
Diploma	2 885	0	0	2 885
Certificate IV	1 188	0	0	1 188
Certificate III	509	0	0	509
Certificate II	3 109	0	0	3 109
Certificate I	18	0	0	18
Statement of attainment	0	1 460	737	2 197
Total	8 222	1 460	738	10 420

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Table 7 Subject commencements and completions by field of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2024 and 2025

Subject field of education	2024		2025	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Natural and physical sciences	26	25	155	90
Information technology	0	1	3	3
Engineering and related technologies	14 684	11 806	24 170	19 307
Architecture and building	8	7	13	13
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	132	132	624	619
Health	42 305	41 481	56 150	54 045
Education	156	156	29	29
Management and commerce	2 946	2 924	5 665	4 104
Society and culture	2 737	2 383	3 823	3 713
Creative arts	134	131	19	19
Food, hospitality, and personal services	0	0	0	0
Mixed field programmes	3 041	2 674	5 298	4 498
Not assigned	0	0	0	0
Total	66 169	61 720	95 949	86 440

Table 8 Program and subject commencements and completions by type of exemption reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2024 and 2025

Nationally accredited training	2024		2025	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Programs				
National security, border protection and policing exemption (5.3)	8 628	7 845	7 058	6 756
Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption (5.5)	3 634	3 362	4 657	3 664
Total	12 262	11 207	11 715	10 420
Subjects				
National security, border protection and policing exemption (5.3)	25 322	25 559	27 021	26 015
Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption (5.5)	40 847	36 161	68 928	60 425
Total	66 169	61 720	95 949	86 440