

## Total VET students and courses: terms and definitions

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## Introduction

This document covers the data terms used in the *Total VET students and courses* publication and related data tools. The primary purpose of this document is to assist users to understand the specific data terms.

Terms that appear in the publication and data items are listed in alphabetical order with the following information provided for each:

- Definition: a brief explanation of the term
- Classification categories: where applicable, defined categories that apply to each term are listed
- Source: a description of the source of this information, including details of any calculations or derivations.

Unless stated otherwise, all data are sourced from the National VET Provider Collection and the National VET in Schools Collection. The National VET Provider Collection and the National VET in Schools Collection are administrative collections governed by the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard: VET Provider Collection Specifications Release 8.0 (AVETMISS Release 8.0) and AVETMISS Data Element Definitions Edition 2.3, which are available at: <a href="https://www.ncver.edu.au">www.ncver.edu.au</a>. References to the applicable field definitions within AVETMISS Release 8.0, which further define the data collected, are provided in the 'Source' section.

Terms that have a broader vocational education and training application have not been included in this document. Readers are referred to the VET glossary, which is available at NCVER's Portal: <a href="https://www.voced.edu.au/glossary-vet">https://www.voced.edu.au/glossary-vet</a>.

## Terms and definitions

| Term  | Definition   | Classification categories  | Source   |
|---|--|--|--|
| Accredited courses  | Refer to nationally recognised courses accredited by VET regulators. They are courses that that result in a statement of attainment outcome. The title of such courses commences with the words 'Course in'.   | N/A  | Derived from the AVETMISS field Program recognition Identifier and program level of education identifier from the Program file.  |
| Accredited qualifications                                 | Refer to nationally recognised courses that lead to a qualification outcome not specified in a national training package.  | N/A  | Derived from the AVETMISS field Program recognition Identifier and program level of education identifier from the Program file.  |
| Age   | The age of the student as at 30 June of the collection year. It is generally reported in age ranges, however specific ages are also reported.  | 14 years and under 15 to 19 years 20 to 24 years 25 to 44 years 45 to 64 years 65 years and over Not known | Calculated based on the AVETMISS field <i>Date of Birth</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.   |
| Agreed hours  | Nationally agreed hour values for each subject.  | N/A  | Calculated based on standard nominal hour values (agreed hours) for national reporting, which are calculated from data collected in Nominal hours field in the Subject file where values have not been provided. |
| Apprentice/trainee status                                 | Indicates whether a student is undertaking some off-the-job training under an apprenticeship/traineeship training contract.  | Apprentices and trainees<br>(undertaking off-the-job training)<br>Not apprentices and trainees             | Calculated based on the AVETMISS field <i>Client</i> identifier - apprenticeships from the <i>Training activity</i> file.  |
| Australian<br>Qualifications<br>Framework (AQF)           | Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a nationally consistent framework of credentials offered in post-compulsory education and training that covers qualifications from certificate I through to a doctoral degree. For more details on the AQF, see <a href="http://www.aqf.edu.au">http://www.aqf.edu.au</a> . | Diploma or higher Certificate IV Certificate III Certificate II Certificate I                              | Collected on the<br>Program file as <i>Program</i><br>level of Education   |
| Australian<br>Statistical<br>Geography<br>Standard (ASGS) | The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) is a geographical framework created by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the collection and dissemination of geographically classified statistics.  | State SA4 – Statistical area 4 SA3 – Statistical area 3 SA2 – Statistical area 2                           | NCVER reports data under the ASGS Main Structure  Calculated based on the AVETMISS fields of Address location – suburb, locality or town and Postcode and State from the Client file.                            |

| Term  | Definition   | Classification categories  | Source   |
|---|--|--|--|
| Australian<br>Vocational<br>Education and<br>Training<br>Management | AVETMISS is a national data standard, which ensures the accuracy and consistency of vocational education and training (VET) information.   | N/A  |  |
| Information<br>Statistical Standard<br>(AVETMISS                    | For more details on AVETMISS, see: <a href="https://www.ncver.edu.au/rto-hub/avetmiss-for-vet-providers">https://www.ncver.edu.au/rto-hub/avetmiss-for-vet-providers</a> >.  |  |  |
| Commencing program status   | Indicates whether the student has enrolled in a given program at a given RTO for the first time in the year, or has continued their enrolment from previous years.   | Commencing program Continuing program  | Calculated based on data from the Training activity file, and looks back to the earliest year of data submitted to NCVER for the collection. |
| Continuing<br>program   | Calculated based on data from the Training activity file, and looks back to the earliest year of data submitted to NCVER for the collection.   | Commencing students Continuing students  | Calculated based on data from the Training activity file, and looks back to the earliest year of data submitted to NCVER for the collection. |
| Commonwealth and state funding                                      | Expenditure by the Commonwealth or state/territory governments for the delivery of vocational education and training.  | 11 - Commonwealth and state general purpose recurrent 13 - Commonwealth specific | Collected in the<br>AVETMISS field<br>Funding source –<br>national in the Training   |
|   | calling.   | funding programs  15 - State specific funding programs                           | activity file.   |
| Community<br>education<br>providers                                 | Are not-for-profit, community-based organisations with a primary focus on adult education. Community-based adult education delivers courses relating to leisure, personal and community development, employment skills, preparation for VET and nationally recognised programs of study. | N/A  | Collected in the<br>AVETMISS field<br>Training organisation<br>type identifier in the<br>Training Organisation<br>file                       |
| Credit transfer   | Refers to status or credit obtained on<br>the basis of prior agreements<br>between institutions or organisations<br>in relation to the credit value of a<br>specific course/subject.   | N/A  | Collected in the AVETMISS field Outcome identifier – national from the Training activity file.   |
| Delivery mode   | Identifies whether or not a subject  | Internal only  | Collected in the   |
|   | comprises internal, external or workplace-based delivery – or a  | External only  | AVETMISS field<br>Delivery mode identifier   |
|   | combination of these modes.  | Workplace-based only   | from the <i>Training activity</i> file.  |
|   | A new matrix of delivery type was introduced in AVETMISS Release 8. This represents a break-in-series for  | Combination of internal and external   |  |
|   | reporting.   | Combination of internal and workplace-based                                      |  |
|   |  | Combination of external and workplace-based                                      |  |
|   |  | Combination of all modes   |  |
|   |  | Not applicable (RPL or credit transfer)  |  |
| Disability (including impairment or long-term condition)            | Whether the student self-identifies as having a disability, impairment or long-term condition.   | With a disability<br>Without a disability<br>Not known                           | Collected in the AVETMISS field Disability flag from the Client file.  |

| Term   | Definition   | Classification categories                      | Source   |
|--|--|--|--|
| Domestic fee-for-<br>service funding         | Revenue provided by a student whose citizenship status is Australian, New Zealand or permanent resident for the purpose of undertaking education and training.   | N/A  | Calculated from the AVETMISS field Funding source – national from the Training activity file for subject enrolments        |
| English (main<br>language spoken<br>at home) | Whether the student speaks a language other than English at home.  | Non-English<br>English<br>Not known            | Collected in the AVETMISS field Language identifier from the Client file.  |
| Enrolment<br>(program/subject)               | Is the registration of a student for the purpose of undertaking a program or subject.  | N/A  | Calculated based on the AVETMISS fields<br>Program Identifier and<br>Client Identifier from the<br>Training activity file. |
| Enterprise<br>providers                      | Are registered training organisations whose primary business is not the delivery of training and development.  | N/A  | Collected in the AVETMISS field Training organisation type identifier in the Training Organisation file                    |
| Field of education                           | Describes the broad area of study related to a qualification or subject in which a student is enrolled.  | Natural and physical sciences                  | For subject enrolments,  |
|  |  | Information technology                         | collected in the<br>AVETMISS field Subject   |
|  |  | Engineering and related technologies           | field of education identifier from the Subject file.   |
|  |  | Architecture and building                      | For program enrolment collected in the AVETMISS field Program field of   |
|  |  | Agriculture, environmental and related studies |  |
|  |  | Health   | education identifier from  |
|  |  | Education                                      | the <i>Program</i> file  |
|  |  | Management and commerce                        | This classification is based on the Australian   |
|  |  | Society and culture                            | Standard Classification of Education (ASCED),  |
|  |  | Creative arts                                  | ABS catalogue  |
|  |  | Food, hospitality and personal services        | no.1272.0, 2001.   |
|  |  | Mixed field programs                           |  |
|  |  | Not assigned                                   |  |
| Full-time students                           | Students whose program of study constitutes at least 75% of the normal full-time study load. The former Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) regarded a full-time study load as 720 contact hours in a year. Therefore, any student undertaking 540 hours or more is regarded as a full-time student. | N/A  | The derived field student full time flag is calculated from the Reporting hours derived field.                             |
| Full-year training equivalent (FYTE)         | Measures the training activity undertaken by a student on a full-time basis for one year.  | N/A  | Derived field calculated based on <i>Reporting hours</i> (1 FYTE = 720 hours).   |

| Term                                      | Definition  | Classification categories  | Source  |
|---|---|--|---|
| Funding source                            | The predominant source of the funding for a subject enrolment.  For students with subject enrolments in more than one funding category, a major funding source is assigned in hierarchical order (Commonwealth and state funding, Domestic full-fee paying and International full-fee paying)." | Government funding Commonwealth and state general purpose recurrent Commonwealth specific funding programs State specific funding programs No government-funding Domestic client – other revenue International client – other revenue Other Revenue earned from another training organisation. | Collected in the AVETMISS field Funding source – national from the Training activity file.                        |
| Gender                                    | Whether the student identifies as male, female or other.  Other includes individuals who may have mixed or non-binary sexual characteristics; identify as gender  | Males Females Other  | Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Gender</i> from the <i>Client</i> file.  |
|   | diverse; or identify as neither male nor female.  | Not known  |   |
| Government funding                        | Relates to Commonwealth and state/territory funded activity delivered by registered training providers  | Commonwealth and state general purpose recurrent   | Collected in the<br>AVETMISS field<br>Funding source –  |
|   | (RTOs).   | Commonwealth specific funding programs  State specific funding program   | national from the Training activity file for subject enrolments.  |
| Indigenous status                         | Whether a student self-identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.   | Indigenous students Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander  | Collected in the AVETMISS field Indigenous Status Identifier from the Client file.                                |
|   |   | Non-Indigenous   |   |
|   |   | Not known  |   |
| International fee-<br>for-service funding | Revenue provided by a client who holds a student visa or a temporary residency permit or who resides in an overseas country for the purpose of undertaking education and training.  | International client – other revenue   | Collected in the AVETMISS field Funding source – national from the Training activity file for subject enrolments. |
| Labour force status                       | Describes a student's employment status.  | Employed Unemployed Not in the labour force Not known  | Collected in the AVETMISS field Labour force status identifier from the Client file.                              |
| Locally developed programs                | Include non-nationally recognised courses and skill sets developed to meet an identified training need.   | Locally recognised skill sets<br>Locally developed courses   | Collected in the AVETMISS field Program recognition identifier from the Program file.                             |
| Nationally<br>recognised<br>programs      | Includes training package qualifications, accredited qualifications, training package skill sets and accredited courses that are listed on the National Training Register (training.gov.au).  | Nationally accredited qualification specified in a national training package  Nationally recognised accredited course, other than a qualification specified in a national training package  Nationally recognised skill set specified in a national training package                           | Collected in the AVETMISS field Program recognition identifier from the Program file.                             |

| Term                                 | Definition  | Classification categories  | Source   |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Nationally<br>recognised<br>subjects | Includes accredited units of competency or modules that are listed on the National Training Register (training.gov.au).   | Module<br>Unit of competency   | Derived from the AVETMISS field Subject identifier from the Training activity file.  |
| Nationally recognised training (NRT) | Training that leads to vocational qualifications and credentials that are recognised across Australia, that are   | Nationally accredited qualification specified in a national training package                                     | Collected in the<br>AVETMISS field<br>Program recognition  |
|                                      | delivered by registered training organisations (RTOs). Nationally recognised training is listed on the National Training Register   | Nationally recognised accredited course, other than a qualification specified in a national training package     | identifier from the<br>Program file.  Derived from the<br>AVETMISS field Subject   |
|                                      | (training.gov.au).  | Nationally recognised skill set specified in a national training package   | identifier from the Training activity file.  |
|                                      |   | Module   |  |
|                                      |   | Unit of competency   |  |
| Nominal hours                        | Are values assigned to a program or subject and nominally represents the anticipated hours of supervised training deemed necessary to conduct the training and assessment activities associated with the program or | N/A  | Sourced from the Victorian training package purchasing guides or collected in the <i>Nominal hours</i> field in the <i>Subject</i> file. |
|                                      | subject.  |  | Collected in the <i>Nominal</i> hours field in the <i>Program</i> file.  |
| Non-nationally                       | Includes locally developed courses, higher level qualifications and locally developed skill sets. Non-nationally recognised training is not listed on the National Training Register (training.gov.au).             | Locally developed courses  | Collected in the   |
| recognised training<br>(non-NRT)     |   | Higher-level qualification, other than training package qualification or nationally recognised accredited course | AVETMISS field Program recognition identifier from the Program file.   |
|                                      | (traiting.gov.au).  | Locally developed skill sets   |  |
|                                      |   | Module   | Derived from the   |
|                                      |   | Unit of competency   | AVETMISS field Subject identifier from the   |
|                                      |   | •  | Training activity file.  |
| Occupation                           | The intended occupational outcome   | Managers   | Collected in the   |
| (ANZSCO) group                       | of a program. Occupations are<br>classified using the Australian and<br>New Zealand Standard Classification<br>of Occupations (ANZSCO) First  | Professionals  | AVETMISS field  ANZSCO Identifier from   |
|                                      |   | Technicians and Trades<br>Workers  | the <i>Program file</i> .  |
|                                      | Edition, Revision 2.  | Community and Personal<br>Service Workers  |  |
|                                      |   | Clerical and Administrative<br>Workers   |  |
|                                      |   | Sales Workers  |  |
|                                      |   | Machinery Operators and Drivers  |  |
|                                      |   | Labourers  |  |
|                                      |   | Not known  |  |
| Off-the-job training                 | For apprentices and trainees refers to training that takes place away from a  | Apprentices and trainees (undertaking off-the-job training)  | Calculated based on the AVETMISS field <i>Client</i>   |
|                                      | training that takes place away from a person's job, usually off the premises (for example, at TAFE) but may also be on the premises (for example, in a special training area).                                      | Not apprentices and trainees   | identifier – apprenticeship<br>from the <i>Training activity</i><br>file.  |

| Term                       | Definition  | Classification categories              | Source  |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| Parent training packages   | Refers to industry groupings of current and superseded training packages for the reporting of training package enrolments over time.  | N/A                                    | Collected in the AVETMISS field Program Identifier from the Program file.   |
|                            |   |  | Must be a valid national<br>code listed on the<br>National Training<br>Register<br>(training.gov.au).   |
| Participation rates        | Are derived by calculating the number of VET students with a usual residential address in an Australian state or territory, other Australian territories or dependencies and where the state/territory is Not known as a percentage of the estimated Australian residential population in the corresponding age groups. | N/A                                    | Figures are based on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) estimated resident population figures (catalogue number 3201.0), as at June of the reporting year. |
|                            | Offshore international students are excluded from the calculation.  |  |   |
|                            | Usual residential address refers to where the student usually resides rather than a temporary address a student relocates to for training, work, or other purposes.   |  |   |
| Previous highest           | The highest level of education  | Pacholor dograp or Ligher              | Calculated based on the   |
| education level            | The highest level of education, including post-compulsory education, a student had successfully completed before commencing training.   | Bachelor degree or Higher degree level | hierarchical order of the   |
|                            |   | Advanced diploma or Associate degree   | classification collected as AVETMISS fields Prior Educational   |
|                            |   | Diploma                                | Achievement Identifier from the Prior   |
|                            |   | Certificate IV                         | Educational   |
|                            |   | Certificate III                        | Achievement file and<br>Highest School Level  |
|                            |   | Year 12                                | Completed from the Client file.   |
|                            |   | Year 11                                | onom mo.  |
|                            |   | Certificate II                         |   |
|                            |   | Year 10                                |   |
|                            |   | Certificate I                          |   |
|                            |   | Miscellaneous education                |   |
|                            |   | Year 9 or lower                        |   |
|                            |   | Did not go to school                   |   |
|                            |   | Not known                              |   |
| Private training providers | Refers to privately-owned and operated training providers that are registered by the Australian Skills Quality Authority, or a state/territory accrediting body.  | N/A                                    | Collected in the AVETMISS field Training organisation type identifier in the Training organisation file   |
| Programs                   | Refer to structured study where associated subjects are grouped together as qualifications, courses or skill sets.  | N/A                                    | Collected in the AVETMISS field Program identifier from the Program file.   |

| Term                                     | Definition  | Classification categories             | Source   |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Program funding source                   | Is the source of funding for a program  | Government funding                    | Collected in the   |
|  | enrolment. Where a program enrolment has subject enrolments in  | Domestic fee-for-service funding      | AVETMISS field<br>Funding source –   |
|  | more than one funding category,<br>funding source is assigned according<br>to the following hierarchical order:<br>government-funding, international fee-   | International fee-for-service funding | national from the Training activity file.                                  |
|  | for-service funding, domestic fee-for-<br>service funding.  |                                       |  |
| Program level of education               | The level of education identifies the level of a program in which a student   | Graduate diploma                      | Collected in the<br>AVETMISS field   |
|  | is enrolled.  | Graduate certificate                  | Program level of education identifier from                                 |
|  | It identifies the degree of complexity of the program of study.   | Advanced diploma  Diploma             | the <i>Program</i> file.   |
|  | , ,   | ·                                     | This classification is   |
|  |   | Certificate IV Certificate III        | based on the Australian<br>Standard Classification                         |
|  |   | Certificate II                        | of Education (ASCED),<br>ABS catalogue                                     |
|  |   | Certificate I                         | no.1272.0, 2001.   |
|  |   | Statement of attainment               |  |
| Provider type                            | Refers to the type of institution or  | TAFE institutes                       | Collected in the   |
| Provider type                            | organisation providing the training.  | Universities                          | AVETMISS field   |
|  |   | Schools                               | Training Organisation Type Identifier from the                             |
|  |   | Community education providers         | Training Organisation file.  |
|  |   | Enterprise providers                  | ille.  |
|  |   | Private training providers            |  |
|  |   |                                       |  |
| Qualifications                           | In the VET sector refer to the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) levels of education from certificate I through to graduate diploma.  | Graduate diploma                      | Collected in the AVETMISS field Program level of education identifier from |
|  |   | Graduate certificate                  |  |
|  |   | Advance diploma  Diploma              | the <i>Program</i> file.   |
|  |   | Certificate IV                        | For more details of the  |
|  |   | Certificate III                       | AQF, <i>go</i> to<br><http: td="" www.aqf.edu.au<=""></http:>              |
|  |   | Certificate II                        |  |
|  |   | Certificate I                         |  |
| Overlië e eti e e                        | Defends the formula continuation that is  |                                       | Callantad in the   |
| Qualification completions                | Refer to the formal certification that is awarded by an accredited authority in   | Graduate diploma                      | Collected in the<br>AVETMISS field   |
|  | recognition of the successful completion of the units of competency   | Graduate certificate                  | Program level of<br>education identifier from                              |
|  | or modules that comprise an   | Advanced diploma                      | the Program completed  |
|  | Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) qualification, as specified by a  | Diploma  Certificate IV               | file.  |
|  | nationally endorsed training package or an accredited course that provides  | Certificate III                       |  |
|  | training for that qualification.  | Certificate II                        |  |
|  |   | Certificate I                         |  |
|  | Training providers registered by the  |                                       |  |
| Registered training organisations (RTOs) | Training providers registered by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) or, in some cases, a state or territory registering and accrediting body, to deliver training and/or conduct assessment and issue nationally recognised qualifications in accordance with the Australian Quality Training Framework or the VET Quality Framework. | N/A                                   | The RTO is listed on training.gov.au (TGA).                                |

| Term                     | Definition  | Classification categories                               | Source   |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| Reporting hours          | Are based on the nominal hour allocations for training package units of competency from the Victorian training package purchasing guides or the median value of nominal hours for accredited course units and modules submitted to NCVER. | N/A   | Derived field based on<br>standard nominal hour<br>values for national<br>reporting, which is<br>sourced from Victorian<br>training package<br>purchasing guides or<br>collected in <i>Nominal</i> |
|                          | Excludes enrolments submitted with an Outcome identifier – national of '41 — Incomplete due to RTO closure' and '70 — Continuing activity'.   |   | hours field in the Subject file.   |
| School status            | Whether a student is still at school or   | At school   | Collected in the   |
|                          | not.  | Not at school   | AVETMISS field At<br>school flag from the  |
|                          |   | Not known   | Client file.   |
| Schools                  | Are established or recognised under an Act of parliament for the purpose of providing courses of instruction in preschool, primary or secondary education.  | N/A   | Collected in the<br>AVETMISS field<br>Training organisation<br>type identifier in the<br>Training organisation file  |
| SEIFA Index of           | This index is a general socio-  | Quintile 1: most disadvantaged                          | SEIFA 2016 was   |
| Relative<br>Disadvantage | economic index that summarises information about the economic and   | Quintile 2  | released in March 2018<br>and has been backdated   |
| (IRSD)                   | social resources of people and households within an area. This index  | Quintile 3  | to 2016. It is based on ABS ASGS SA2 regions   |
|                          | focuses on disadvantage. A high score (or quintile) reflects a relative   | Quintile 4  | (which are derived from the AVETMISS fields  |
|                          | lack of disadvantage rather than relative advantage.  | Quintile 5: least disadvantaged Unknown                 | Postcode and Suburb from the Client file).   |
|                          |   |   | SEIFA 2011 was released in March 2013 and has been backdated to 2011. It is based on ABS ASGS SA2 regions (which are derived from the AVETMISS fields Postcode and Suburb from the Client file).   |
|                          |   |   | Data for 2006-2010 are mapped to the SEIFA indexes using ABS ASGC Statistical Local Areas (which are derived from the AVETMISS fields Postcode and Suburb from the Client file).                   |
| State/territory of       | Is the state or territory relating to the   | Australia (onshore)                                     | Collected in the   |
| delivery location        | specific training location where the activity was delivered. For online   | New South Wales   | AVETMISS field State identifier from the   |
|                          | delivery it must be the location from which the training delivery is  | Victoria  | Training Organisation delivery location file.  |
|                          | coordinated.  | Queensland  | •  |
|                          |   | South Australia   |  |
|                          |   | Western Australia                                       |  |
|                          |   | Tasmania  |  |
|                          |   | Northern Territory  Australian Capital Territory        |  |
|                          |   | Other (inc. Australian                                  |  |
|                          |   | territories or dependencies                             |  |
|                          |   | territories or dependencies<br>and Not known)  Offshore |  |

| Term                              | Definition  | Classification categories  | Source   |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| State/territory of                | The state or territory in which the   | New South Wales  | Collected in the   |
| student residence                 | student usually resides.  | Victoria   | AVETMISS field State<br>identifier from the Client   |
|                                   |   | Queensland   | file.  |
|                                   |   | South Australia  |  |
|                                   |   | Western Australia  |  |
|                                   |   | Tasmania   |  |
|                                   |   | Northern Territory   |  |
|                                   |   | Australian Capital Territory   |  |
|                                   |   | Offshore   |  |
|                                   |   | Not known  |  |
| State/territory of                | This is the state or territory of the   | New South Wales  | Collected in the   |
| training provider's head office   | training provider's head office.  | Victoria   | AVETMISS field State identifier from the   |
| nead office                       |   | Queensland   | Training Organisation  |
|                                   |   | South Australia  | file.  |
|                                   |   | Western Australia  |  |
|                                   |   | Tasmania   |  |
|                                   |   | Northern Territory   |  |
|                                   |   | Australian Capital Territory   |  |
|                                   |   | Not known  |  |
| Students                          | Individuals who were enrolled in a stand-alone subject and/or program during the reporting period.  | N/A  |  |
| Student remoteness (ARIA+) region | The degree of remoteness of a location in terms of the ease or difficulty people face in accessing services in non-metropolitan Australia.  ARIA+ is an index of remoteness derived from measures of road distance between populated localities and service centres. These road distance measures are then used to generate a remoteness score for any location in Australia.  The ASGC divides Australia into six Remoteness Areas and is used for collection and dissemination of geographically classified statistics. It groups locations together into comparative classes of remoteness so that data can be collected, analysed and disseminated for broad regions which are more or less remote. | Major cities Inner regional Outer regional Remote Very remote Overseas Not known | Student remoteness (ARIA+) regions are mapped to the Access/Remoteness Index of Australia Plus (ARIA+), which was developed by the National Centre for Social Applications of GIS (GISCA) at the University of Adelaide.  From 2011, Student remoteness (ARIA+) is based on ABS ASGS SA2 regions (which are derived from the AVETMISS fields Postcode and Suburb from the Client file).  Data for 2006-2010 were mapped to Studen remoteness (ARIA+) using the AVETMISS fields Postcode and Suburb from the Client file). This constitutes a break-in-series for reporting Student remoteness (ARIA+). |
| Study mode                        | Whether a student undertakes full-<br>time or part-time study. A student who<br>undertakes 540 hours of delivery or<br>more annually is considered a full-<br>time student.   | Full-time<br>Part-time   | Calculated based on nationally agreed nominal hours for all enrolments and aggregated for each student.  |

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| Subject funding source                                     | Refers to the source of funding for a  | Government funding   | Collected in the AVETMISS field   |
|  | subject enrolment.   | Domestic fee-for-service funding   | Funding source –  |
|  |  | International fee-for-service funding  | national from the<br>Training activity file.  |
| Subject result   | The result that is recorded against a  | Competency achieved/pass   | Collected in the  |
|  | student's subject enrolment for that reporting period.   | Competency not achieved/fail   | AVETMISS field<br>Outcome Identifier –  |
|  |  | Withdrawn/discontinued   | National from the<br>Training activity file.  |
|  |  | Incomplete due to RTO closure  | rranning delivity inc.  |
|  | Incomplete due to RTO closure was introduced for the 2018 collection.  | Recognition of prior learning granted  |   |
|  |  | Recognition of prior learning not granted  |   |
|  |  | Credit transfer/national recognition   |   |
|  |  | Superseded subject   |   |
|  |  | Continuing activity  |   |
|  |  | Non-assessable enrolment – satisfactorily completed  |   |
|  |  | Non-assessable enrolment – withdrawn or not satisfactorily completed   |   |
|  |  | Not yet started  |   |
| Subjects not   | Includes stand-alone nationally recognised subject enrolments and enrolments in nationally recognised subjects that are delivered as part of a non-nationally recognised program.  | Module   | Collected in the AVETMISS field Subject identifier from the Training activity file.   |
| delivered as part of<br>a nationally<br>recognised         |  | Unit of competency   |   |
| program  |  | Locally developed course   | Collected in the  |
|  |  | Higher-level qualification, other than training package qualification or nationally recognised accredited course | AVETMISS field<br>Program recognition<br>identifier from the<br>Program file.   |
|  |  | Locally recognised skill set   |   |
| TAFE (technical<br>and further<br>education)<br>institutes | TAFE institutes are created by an Act of parliament and have responsibilities specified in that and other legislation and via ministerial directions. These institutes are public bodies in receipt of government funding and provide a range of technical and VET courses and other programs (for example, entry and bridging courses, language and literacy courses, adult basic education courses, senior secondary certificate of education courses, personal enrichment courses, and small business courses). | N/A  | Collected in the AVETMISS field Training organisation type identifier in the Training organisation file.                    |
| Total VET activity (TVA)                                   | All nationally recognised training (incorporating both government-funded and fee-for-service activity) delivered by registered training providers.   | N/A  | Derived from the National VET Provider Collection and National VET in Schools Collection, with duplicated activity removed. |

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| Training packages                             | Are developed by Service Skills Organisations (formerly by Industry Skills Councils) to meet the training needs of an industry, or a group of industries. Each training package is made up of three components; units of competency, qualifications framework levels of education and assessment guidelines. For further information refer to <a href="http://www.training.gov.au">http://www.training.gov.au</a> . | Nationally accredited qualification specified in a national training package | Collected in the AVETMISS field Program Identifier from the Program file.  Must be a valid national code listed on the National Training Register (training.gov.au).  |
| Training package qualifications               | Are nationally endorsed qualifications specified in a national training package.  | Nationally accredited qualification specified in a national training package | Collected in the AVETMISS field Program recognition identifier from the Program file.  Must be a valid national code listed on the National Training Register <training.gov.au>.</training.gov.au>                    |
| Training package<br>skill set                 | Are nationally recognised skill sets, specified in a national training package. Based on groupings of units of competency which are combined to provide a clearly defined statement of the skills and knowledge required by an individual to meet industry needs or a licensing or regulatory requirement.  | Nationally recognised skill set specified in a national training package     | Collected in the AVETMISS field Program recognition identifier from the Program file.  Must be a valid national code listed on the National Training Register <training.gov.au>.</training.gov.au>                    |
| Unique Student<br>Identifier (USI)            | The Unique Student Identifier (USI) uniquely identifies an individual who accesses vocational education and training over his or her lifetime.  | N/A  | Collected in the AVETMISS field <i>Unique</i> Student Identifier from the Client file.  |
| Universities                                  | Include Australia's universities, which have been established or recognised under state or territory legislation, except the Australian National University, which is constituted under an Act of the federal parliament. Data reported for universities are for graduates who completed VET qualifications.  | N/A  | Collected in the AVETMISS field Training organisation identifier in the Training organisation file.   |
| Victorian training package purchasing guides  | Contain nominal hour allocations for units of competency; maximum hour allocations for qualifications within training packages and sample training programs that have been developed for nationally endorsed training packages.   | N/A  | For more information refer to <a href="https://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/providers/rto/Pages/purchasingguides.aspx">https://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/providers/rto/Pages/purchasingguides.aspx</a> . |
| Vocational<br>education and<br>training (VET) | Post-compulsory education and training that provides people with occupational or work-related knowledge and skills. VET also included programs which provide the basis for subsequent vocational programs.  | N/A  |   |