

## How much training did exempt RTOs report?

Under the National VET Data Policy, registered training organisations (RTOs) may apply for exemptions from reporting to the National VET Provider Collection. Two types of exemption exist:

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

Where an exemption exists, the RTO must collect and submit annual aggregate competency commencement and completion data that does not identify the student, their location, or other fields deemed within the scope of the exemption for each program and subject. The data must be submitted directly to NCVER for all activity covered by the exemption, by the end of March of the year following the year in which the training occurred.

However, where an RTO is granted a Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption, and a student provides their USI to the RTO, the exemption does not apply and the RTO must report data compliant with AVETMISS for the National VET Provider Collection.

Even though an exemption may apply, an RTO may still choose to collect and submit data compliant with AVETMISS for the National VET Provider Collection to NCVER. For further information, refer to <https://www.education.gov.au/national-vet-data-policy-0>.

## What data does NCVER collect from exempt RTOs?

The collection is program and subject centric and does not identify students, their location, or other fields deemed within the scope of the exemption for each program and subject.

The collection includes:

- commencements and completions in programs that are associated with one or more clusters of nationally recognised subjects. These include training package qualifications, accredited course qualifications, training package skill sets and accredited courses
- commencements and completions in nationally recognised subjects that are not associated with a program
- nationally recognised training delivered by Australian RTOs to students in Australia.

The collection excludes:

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

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It is not possible to determine whether an RTO has submitted the same training activity in both their annual aggregate competency commencement and completion data and to the National VET Provider Collection.

## How many RTOs received an exemption?

In 2018, 42 RTOs were granted an exemption from reporting AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection by a VET regulator.

- 24 RTOs submitted annual aggregate competency commencement and completion data, of which:
  - 11 RTOs submitted annual aggregate data only
  - 13 RTOs submitted annual aggregate data and AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection
- 17 RTOs submitted AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection only
- 1 RTO submitted a nil return.

**Table 1 Number of RTOs granted exemptions from reporting for the National VET Provider Collection, 2018**

	ASQA	Other regulator	Total
Annual aggregate data only	8	3	11
AVETMISS compliant data only	17	0	17
Both annual aggregate data and AVETMISS compliant data	11	2	13
Nil return	1	0	1
<b>Total number of RTOs granted an exemption</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>42</b>

## Training activity submitted as annual aggregate data by exempt RTOs

Data from the 24 RTOs submitting 2018 annual aggregate competency commencement and completion data show that there were:

- 15 645 program commencements
  - 38% of program commencements were in the Engineering and related technologies
  - 54% of program commencements were in certificate II qualifications
- 10 081 program completions
  - 50% of program completions were in Health
  - 58% of program completions were in certificate II qualifications
- 165 401 subject commencements and 142 317 subject completions.

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**Table 2 Programs and subjects reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2018**

Nationally accredited training	Commencements	Completions
<b>Programs</b>		
Training package qualifications	14 283	8 725
Accredited qualifications	0	0
Training package skill sets	200	200
Accredited courses	1 162	1 156
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 645</b>	<b>10 081</b>
<b>Subjects</b>		
Units of competency	164 595	141 511
Accredited modules	806	806
<b>Total</b>	<b>165 401</b>	<b>142 317</b>

**Table 3 Program commencements and completions by field of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2018**

Program field of education	Commencements	Completions
Natural and physical sciences	0	0
Information technology	0	0
Engineering and related technologies	5 873	2 021
Architecture and building	45	6
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	0	0
Health	5 201	5 064
Education	60	4
Management and commerce	281	237
Society and culture	3 956	2 520
Creative arts	29	29
Food, hospitality and personal services	0	0
Mixed field programmes	0	0
Not assigned	200	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 645</b>	<b>10 081</b>

**Table 4 Program commencements by level of education and type of accreditation reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2018**

Program level of education	Training package qualifications	Accredited course qualifications	Training package skill sets	Accredited Courses	Total
Graduate certificate	58	0	0	0	58
Advanced diploma	613	0	0	0	613
Diploma	2 129	0	0	0	2 129
Certificate IV	574	0	0	0	574
Certificate III	2 165	0	0	0	2 165
Certificate II	8 379	0	0	0	8 379
Certificate I	365	0	0	0	365
Statement of attainment	0	0	200	1 162	1 362
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 283</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 162</b>	<b>15 645</b>

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**Table 5 Program completions by level of education and type of accreditation reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2018**

Program level of education	Training package qualifications	Accredited course qualifications	Training package skill sets	Accredited courses	Total
Graduate certificate	40	0	0	0	40
Advanced diploma	526	0	0	0	526
Diploma	551	0	0	0	551
Certificate IV	585	0	0	0	585
Certificate III	1 021	0	0	0	1 021
Certificate II	5 868	0	0	0	5 868
Certificate I	134	0	0	0	134
Statement of attainment	0	0	200	1 156	1 356
<b>Total</b>	<b>8725</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1 156</b>	<b>10 081</b>

**Table 6 Subject commencements and completions by field of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2018**

Subject field of education	Commencements	Completions
Natural and physical sciences	267	309
Information technology	0	0
Engineering and related technologies	37 605	32 694
Architecture and building	362	129
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	1 541	1 548
Health	65 244	60 437
Education	1 247	1 247
Management and commerce	17 491	16 352
Society and culture	22 801	12 962
Creative arts	366	327
Food, hospitality and personal services	0	0
Mixed field programmes	17 714	15 710
Not assigned	763	602
<b>Total</b>	<b>165 401</b>	<b>142 317</b>

**Table 7 Program and subject commencements by type of exemption reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2018**

Commencements	National security, border protection and policing exemption (5.3)	Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption (5.5)	Total
<b>Programs</b>	4 649	10 996	<b>15 645</b>
<b>Subjects</b>	72 188	93 213	<b>165 401</b>

**Table 8 Program and subject completions by type of exemption reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2018**

Completions	National security, border protection and policing exemption (5.3)	Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption (5.5)	Total
<b>Programs</b>	2 770	7 311	<b>10 081</b>
<b>Subjects</b>	58 033	84 284	<b>142 317</b>