



## Aggregate data reported by exempt RTOs in 2019

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 2019, 43 RTOs were granted an exemption from reporting AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection by a VET regulator.

- 23 RTOs submitted annual aggregate competency commencement and completion data, of which:
  - 10 RTOs submitted annual aggregate data only
  - 13 RTOs submitted annual aggregate data and AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection
- 16 RTOs submitted AVETMISS compliant data to the National VET Provider Collection only
- 4 RTOs either made no submission or submitted through STA.

**Table 1** Number of RTOs granted exemptions from reporting for the National VET Provider Collection, 2019 YoY

	2018			2019		
	ASQA	Other regulator	Total	ASQA	Other regulator	Total
Annual aggregate data only	8	3	11	6	4	10
AVETMISS compliant data only	17	0	17	16	0	16
Both annual aggregate data and AVETMISS compliant data	11	2	13	13	0	13
Nil return	1	0	1	0	0	0
Submitted through STA	0	0	0	1	0	1
No submission	0	0	0	2	1	3
<b>Total number of RTOs granted an exemption</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>

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

The following summarises the commencement and completion data submitted by the 23 RTOs in 2019:

- 13 767 program commencements, a 12.0% decrease from 2018
  - 30.7% of program commencements were in Health, followed by 27.5% in Society and Culture
  - 41.4% of program commencements were Certificate II qualifications.
- 12 837 program completions, a 27.3% increase from 2018
  - 32.1% of program completions were in Health, followed by 24.2% in Society and Culture
  - 42.8% of program completions were Certificate II qualifications.
- 130 516 subject commencements (a 21.1% decrease from 2018) and 118 468 subject completions (a 16.8% decrease from 2018).

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**Table 2 Programs and subjects reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2019 YoY**

Nationally accredited training	2018		2019	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
<b>Programs</b>				
Training package qualifications	14 283	8 725	12 691	11780
Accredited qualifications	0	0	0	0
Training package skill sets	200	200	183	170
Accredited courses	1 162	1 156	893	887
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 645</b>	<b>10 081</b>	<b>13 767</b>	<b>12 837</b>
<b>Subjects</b>				
Units of competency	164 595	141 511	130 007	117 983
Accredited modules	806	806	509	485
<b>Total</b>	<b>165 401</b>	<b>142 317</b>	<b>130 516</b>	<b>118 468</b>

**Table 3 Program commencements and completions by field of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2019 YoY**

Program field of education	2018		2019	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Natural and physical sciences	0	0	18	12
Information technology	0	0	0	0
Engineering and related technologies	5 873	2 021	2 897	2 738
Architecture and building	45	6	0	0
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	0	0	0	0
Health	5 201	5 064	4 229	4 127
Education	60	4	3	36
Management and commerce	281	237	2 643	2 637
Society and culture	3 956	2 520	3 787	3 110
Creative arts	29	29	7	7
Food, hospitality and personal services	0	0	0	0
Mixed field programmes	0	0	0	0
Not assigned	200	200	183	170
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 645</b>	<b>10 081</b>	<b>13 767</b>	<b>12 837</b>

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**Table 4 Program commencements and completions by level of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2019 YoY**

Program level of education	2018		2019	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Graduate certificate	58	40	55	41
Advanced diploma	613	526	480	263
Diploma	2 129	551	2 208	1 805
Certificate IV	574	585	2 392	2 437
Certificate III	2 165	1 021	1 776	1 675
Certificate II	8 379	5 868	5 706	5 499
Certificate I	365	134	80	60
Statement of attainment	1 362	1 356	887	887
Not assigned	0	0	183	170
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 645</b>	<b>10 081</b>	<b>13 767</b>	<b>12 837</b>

**Table 5 Program commencements by level of education and type of accreditation reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2019**

Program level of education	Training package qualifications	Accredited course qualifications	Training package skill sets	Accredited Courses	Total
Graduate certificate	55	0	0	0	55
Advanced diploma	480	0	0	0	480
Diploma	2 208	0	0	0	2 208
Certificate IV	2 386	0	0	6	2 392
Certificate III	1 776	0	0	0	1 776
Certificate II	5 706	0	0	0	5 706
Certificate I	80	0	0	0	80
Statement of attainment	0	0	0	887	887
Not assigned	0	0	183	0	183
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 691</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>13 767</b>

**Table 6 Program completions by level of education and type of accreditation reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2019**

Program level of education	Training package qualifications	Accredited course qualifications	Training package skill sets	Accredited courses	Total
Graduate certificate	41	0	0	0	41
Advanced diploma	263	0	0	0	263
Diploma	1 805	0	0	0	1 805
Certificate IV	2 437	0	0	0	2 437
Certificate III	1 675	0	0	0	1 675
Certificate II	5 499	0	0	0	5 499
Certificate I	60	0	0	0	60
Statement of attainment	0	0	0	887	887
Not assigned	0	0	170	0	170
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 780</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>12 837</b>

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**Table 7 Subject commencements and completions by field of education reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2019 YoY**

Program field of education	2018		2019	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
Natural and physical sciences	267	309	422	313
Information technology	0	0	62	38
Engineering and related technologies	37 605	32 694	31 960	27 749
Architecture and building	362	129	66	47
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	1 541	1 548	571	553
Health	65 244	60 437	49 640	48 483
Education	1 247	1 247	582	642
Management and commerce	17 491	16 352	14 426	13 038
Society and culture	22 801	12 962	19 801	15 871
Creative arts	366	327	284	340
Food, hospitality and personal services	0	0	0	0
Mixed field programmes	17 714	15 710	11 744	10 692
Not assigned	763	602	958	702
<b>Total</b>	<b>165 401</b>	<b>142 317</b>	<b>130 516</b>	<b>118 468</b>

**Table 8 Program and subject commencements and completions by type of exemption reported by exempt RTOs as annual aggregate data, 2019 YoY**

Nationally accredited training	2018		2019	
	Commencements	Completions	Commencements	Completions
<b>Programs</b>				
National security, border protection and policing exemption (5.3)	4 649	2 770	6 381	5 661
Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption (5.5)	10 996	7 311	7 386	7 176
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 645</b>	<b>10 081</b>	<b>13 767</b>	<b>12 837</b>
<b>Subjects</b>				
National security, border protection and policing exemption (5.3)	72 188	58 033	39 994	28 811
Delivery of emergency or safety community services exemption (5.5)	93 213	84 284	90 522	89 657
<b>Total</b>	<b>165 401</b>	<b>142 317</b>	<b>130 516</b>	<b>118 468</b>