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TERTIARY COLLECTION OF STUDENT INFORMATION (TCSI)

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Agenda

- Upcoming TCSI readiness surveys
- Top TCSIsupport questions
- USI to higher education Q and A

TCSI Readiness Surveys

Education providers – [survey link](#)

Your response to this survey will give the TCSI Project team more information about your transition plans to make sure we can support your transition

- Consider the updated dates for transitioning
- Consult the provider [journey map](#) and transition checklist
- Please provide one response for your organisation as a whole



Key dates for transitioning to TCSI

- **December 2020** – TCSI released to production
Providers may choose to start using TCSI to report their 2020 records (ie December 2020 census days).
- **January 2021** – Open uptake
All providers can commence transitioning to TCSI for their 2021 student data.
- **31 March 2021** – All providers have adopted event based reporting using TCSI.
No further use of HEPCAT*

* Note – VSL Providers may request continued use of HEPCAT to 7 April 2021, and complete their transition to TCSI from 8 April 2021

TCSI Readiness Surveys

TCSI Developers (software vendors)

We will also be surveying TCSI Developers to understand when your clients will receive software and how long it might take to get onboarded with TCSI.

Please join us for our upcoming TCSI Developer webinar **Friday 21 August at 2pm.**





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Top TCSIsupport questions

TCSI Project Team – TCSIsupport@dese.gov.au



Updating effective dates – reporting the past

TCSI only requires information which is in the scope of higher education, VET Student Loans/VET FEE-HELP and PIR collections in each year (e.g. TCSI does not require course information prior to 2005)

- Backdating the effective from date (E609) on a migrated record can cause errors
 - “Invalid code value in [...]” or
 - “[...] is not a valid code”
- To fix the error, try setting a date after the code/element was introduced

Entitlement checks during transition

- myHELPbalance, HEIMS Webservices and HEIMS Admin will continue to work during transition

Unit of study completions (mid-year 2020)

- Not required if your system cannot produce the file

Address validation in TCSI

- Address validation will produce warnings (not fatal errors)

E477 - Delivery location postcode

- Code “8999” must be used for short course unit enrolments in HEPCAT and TCSI
- The new code will be added as a specific allowable value for TCSI



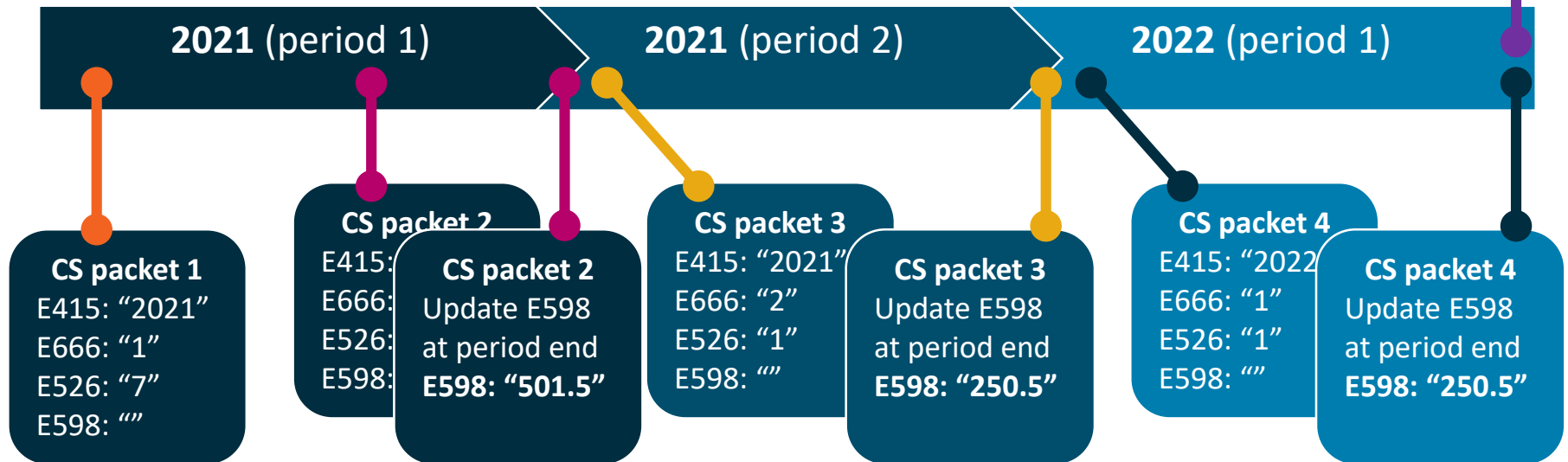
Field of Research codes for HDR reporting

- HDR primary field of research code (E594) and HDR secondary field of research code (E595) are only required in TCSI at the 4 digit level
- The scope includes students in a HDR course with a census date in 2021 (includes continuing students)
- The latest FOR codes are available from the ABS website (*incl. correspondence*)
1297.0 - Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC), 2020
<https://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1297.0>
- Website updates are coming soon
(update to the reporting requirements are also needed)

VALUE	MEANING
1	Student has an Active Commonwealth Scholarship
2	Student has a Deferred Commonwealth Scholarship
3	Student has a Terminated Commonwealth Scholarship
7	Student has been offered a Commonwealth Scholarship

Commonwealth Scholarships

- From 2021, all active CS packets will require an existing offer CS packet migrated packet
- CS recipients will have two packets in the same year/period if the recipient is re-offered and are awarded a CS in the same period





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Expansion of the Unique Student Identifier (USI) to Higher Education

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USI Extension to Higher Education Questions

- What is a 'new' student?
- Are students required to obtain their own USI?
- Can you provide an example of a scenario where a provider requests a USI for student and what that process looks like?
- When you say "Commonwealth financial assistance", does that include accepting a Commonwealth supported place?
- Will international offshore students require a USI?
- Will it be a requirement to report the USI on a higher education transcript?

USI Extension to Higher Education Questions

- What is the timeframe for updates to the eCAF?
- Can we continue to use our own eCAF systems or do students have to submit a Government eCAF form?
- Do providers need to verify the USI?
- Will we need to replace the CHESSN on the CAN?
- If a student has a CHESSN only, can the student graduate?



Any Questions?

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