

Tertiary Collection of Student Information (TCSI) Data Collections

2024 Reporting Year

2024 Data Requirements and Change Control Document

Section 1 – 2024 Data Requirements

The Ministerial Notice (higher education) and Secretary's Notice (VET Student Loans) require providers to check for any changes to data requirements which may be made from time to time.

This change control document details new requirements the 2024 reporting for the higher education data collections.

Details of changes are noted in Sections 2 and 3 in this document. This document includes information on the:

1. Higher Education Data Collection:
 - 2024 Reporting requirements
 - 2024 Data element specifications

Providers will also be notified of changes through the TCSI Support site at <https://www.tcsisupport.gov.au> and newsletter at <https://www.tcsisupport.gov.au/news>.

Section 2 – Change Control Summary for the 2024 Reporting Year

Changes for 2024 Data Requirements - issued 07 November 2024

HIGHER EDUCATION DATA COLLECTION

1. Pacific Engagement Visa (PEV)

To support Pacific engagement visa holders access Commonwealth assistance (including HELP) and track the uptake, a new code has been added to element 358. Providers will be able to report the new code, 'P', either from 1 February 2024 or after legislation is passed by Parliament.

2. Nuclear Powered Submarine Student Pathways

To support the development of sovereign nuclear-related expertise the Australian Government has created 4,000 additional Commonwealth Supported places from 2024-2027. To track the uptake of the program a new code has been added to element 392. This will only apply to providers within the program.

3. Startup Year Program

To support student participation in incubator and accelerator programs to drive the creation of new commercial opportunities, the Australian Government has created 2,000 STARTUP-HELP places per year. To track the uptake of the program, new codes have been added to element 310 and 490. For 2024, this change will only apply to providers within the pilot.

4. Microcredentials Pilot

The Australian Government is piloting microcredential courses in national priority areas (IT, engineering, sciences, health and education) to upskill or reskill the workforce and meet the needs of employers and industry. These courses provide access to FEE-HELP loans, credit toward higher education courses and digital badges for students who successfully complete a microcredential. To track uptake of the program and support payment calculations using enrolment data, new codes have been added to element 310 and 490. This change will only apply to providers within the pilot.

To improve clarity new glossary terms have been created.

- Microcredential course

A microcredential course is a course of instruction that consists of one or more units of study and has received a grant under the Microcredentials Pilot in Higher Education.

- Microcredentials Pilot in Higher Education

The Microcredentials Pilot in Higher Education is a program piloting the design and delivery of microcredentials which meet the specific criteria specified in the FEE-HELP Guidelines 2017 and the conditions of eligibility set out in the Higher Education Support (Other Grants) Guidelines 2022.

- Unit of study (Higher education) updated to include

A subject or unit made available by a higher education provider under the Microcredentials Pilot in Higher Education, and that a person could undertake as part of a microcredential course of study.

Section 3 - Change Control Details

HIGHER EDUCATION DATA COLLECTION – 2024 Reporting Year

Reporting requirements – 2024 Data element specifications

Source of change	Version	Change and Impact	Packets	Issue Date
<i>Pacific Engagement Visa</i>				
Element 358 Citizen resident code	7.1	<p>A new code has been added to the allowable values; Code 'P' - Students/applicants with Pacific Engagement Visa (PEV)</p> <p>Code '2' amended to read “New Zealand citizen or a diplomatic or consular representative of New Zealand, a member of the staff of such a representative or the spouse or dependent relative of such a representative, whether or not the individual has Australian Permanent Resident status. An individual who meets these requirements, and is also an Australian citizen, must be reported as an Australian citizen.</p> <p>Code '8' amended to read “Students/applicants with permanent humanitarian visa (except those meeting the definition for value '2')”</p> <p>Code '3' amended to read “Students/applicants with permanent visa other than permanent humanitarian visa (except those meeting the definition for value '2')”</p> <p>May require system change</p>	HEP - Student PIR Apps & Offers VET	07/11/2023
<i>Startup Year Program</i>				
Element 310 Course of study type	9.1	<p>Code '51' added to report STARTUP-HELP courses approved under the Startup Year program</p> <p>May require system change</p>	HEP - Student PIR Apps & Offers	07/11/2023
Element 490 Student status code	7.2	<p>Code '290' added to identify courses approved under the Startup Year program</p> <p>May require system change</p>	HEP - Student PIR VET	07/11/2023
<i>Nuclear Powered Submarine Student Pathways</i>				07/11/2023
Element 392 Maximum student contribution code	6.1	<p>New Code added 'S' to identify students supported under the Nuclear Powered Submarine Student Pathways program</p> <p>May require system change</p>	HEP - Student	07/11/2023

<i>Microcredentials Pilot</i>				
Element 310 Course of study type	9.1	Code '52' added to report Microcredentials courses approved under the Microcredential Pilot program May require system change	HEP - Student PIR Apps & Offers	07/11/2023
Element 490 Student status code	7.2	Code '230' amended to read "Deferred all or part of Award or Enabling course or Microcredential course tuition fee through FEE HELP" Code '302' amended to read "Paid full Award or Enabling course or Microcredential course tuition fee" May require system change	HEP - Student PIR VET	07/11/2023
<i>Changes to improve clarity</i>				
Element 346 Country of birth code	7.2	Allowable values have been updated to read; "1101 to 9299 Country code from countries classification indicating where the person was born" "9998 No information on country for person who was born outside Australia" No system change	HEP - Student HEP - Staff PIR VET	07/11/2023
Element 510 Organisational unit code	5.1	Allowable values have been updated to read; 1XXX - ""XXX" is the code (<i>up to 3 characters in length</i>) for an academic organisational unit. These codes should be consistent with the codes used for academic organisational units reported in the Higher Education Student Collection." No system change	HEP - Staff PIR	07/11/2023
<i>Higher degree by research end-user engagement packet</i>	2.1	The deadline for reporting elements in the Higher degree by research end-user packet has been updated from, "31 January 2023, or 7 days after the student completed their course, whichever is later.", to, "7 days after the student completed their course." Affected elements in this packet include; E593: HDR end-user engagement code E798: Days of engagement with a research end-user E609: HDR end-user engagement effective from date E610: HDR end-user engagement effective to date No system change		07/11/2023

Element 593 Higher degree by research end-user engagement code	3.2	<p>Additional clarification has been provided by the addition of the following sentences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A research internship that was agreed to within the relevant period is to be reported against value 07. • For the RTP PhD internship weighting to apply, all eligibility criteria must be met prior to the course completion date, however, it is not a requirement of a research internship for the internship to end by this date. • Information on eligibility for the RTP PhD industry internship weighting can be found at paragraph 1.4.13 of the Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017, as well as the Frequently asked questions for the RTP industry internship weighting. <p>“Values 03, 07 and 08 can be reported concurrently, however two instances of the same value cannot overlap (see Reporting effective dates guide for further information).”</p> <p>No system change</p>	HEP - Student	07/11/2023
<i>Grandfathered student indicator changes</i>				
Element 392 Maximum student contribution code	6.1	<p>Removed Code '0' "Student is student contribution exempt"</p> <p>May require system change</p>	HEP - Student	07/11/2023