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OF STUDENT INFORMATION

TCSI February 2025 Provider Webinar

Wednesday 26 February 2025

Agenda

All providers:

- Gender code update
- USI Verification Triggers update

Higher Education providers (only):

- First address update
- 2024 Higher Education Provider (HEP) Student data verification
- Higher Degree by Research (HDR) reports

Gender Code update

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Gender codes (all providers)

- TCSI will be updated to align with the ABS statistical standard for Sex and gender.
- The e315: Gender Code will be updated to the following allowable values
- Providers can start using the new values in production from this Friday*, with the values becoming part of the reporting requirements for the 2026 student and staff collections

VALUE	
F	Female/Woman
M	Male/Man
N	Non-Binary
D	Different Term
P	Prefer not to answer

* check the <https://www.tcsisupport.gov.au/support/TCSI-Releases-and-upcoming-development> page to confirm the change was included in Friday's release

USI Verification Triggers update

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USI Verification Triggers update

What are the changes?

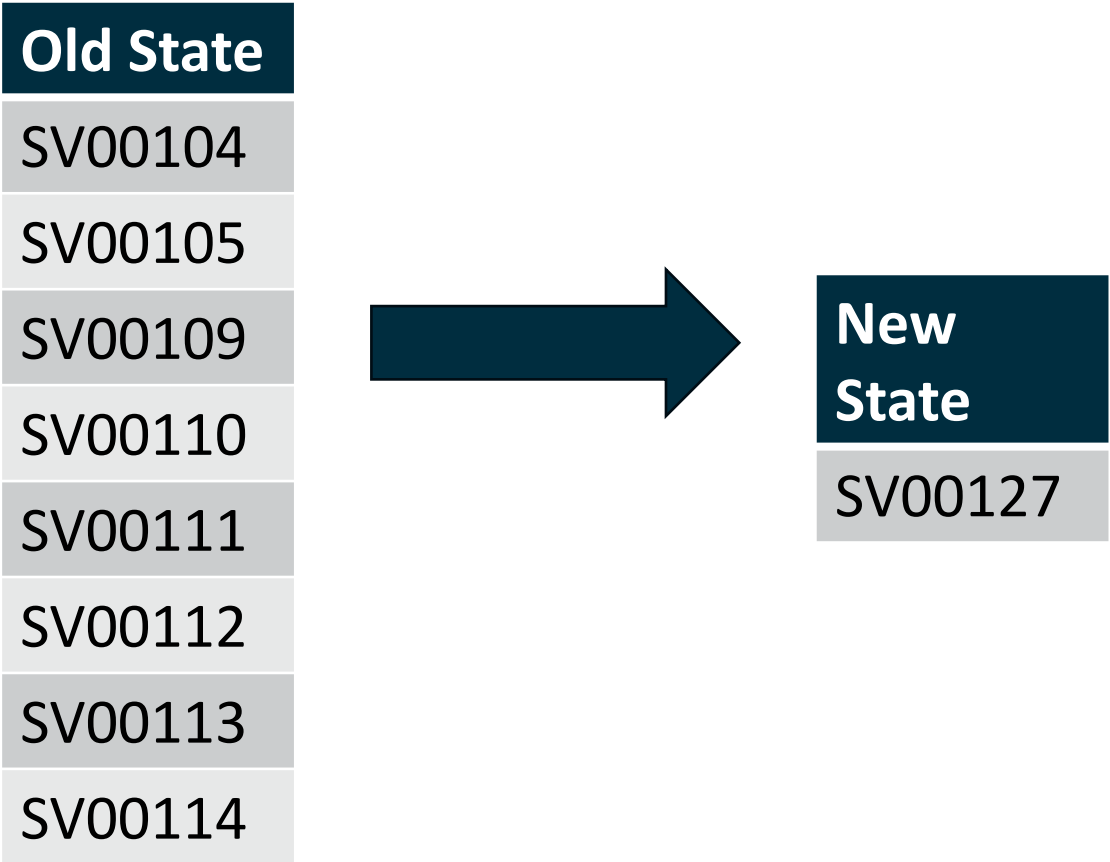
- Changes have been made to the USI Verification process to better align with the TFN verification process.
 1. USI verification retry period has been increased from 6 to 12 weeks.
 2. Patches to any student data will result in a finished USI verification period to restart, regardless of whether the patch results in any change of data.
 3. TCSI Outstanding Issue in Production #165485 (USI verification is only conducted once after being re-triggered after the verification period has concluded.) has been addressed.



USI Verification Notifications Update

What are the changes?

- New SV00127 has been introduced to replace 8 previous scheduled validations.
- Cut down on the number of USI related scheduled validations providers receive for a single student.
- Streamlining process of addressing genuine USI errors in TCSI.



First address update

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First address (HE providers)

- The migration from HEIMS to TCSI caused some incorrect postcodes for first address.
- To fix the issue, the department has previously rectified this manually. This will cease in 2024.
- The University Statistics team emailed providers regarding action that is required.
- The action is to check TCSI first addresses match those in your student management systems.

First address (HE providers)

FAQs

- There will be no changes to historical data or funding.
- The fix implemented by the department was fixing poor quality of data migrated from HEIMS.
- The fix impacts the reported First Address regional and remote data only.
- Data can be requested which shows which students were impacted to narrow the action if necessary.
- The department expects First Address information for all domestic students to be accurate.
- First Address should be a residential address, not a PO Box.

2024 Higher Education Provider (HEP) – Student data verification

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2024 HEP Student data verification

What's data verification?

- Data verification is part of a provider's reporting requirements under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA). It is a declaration that the data reported are accurate.

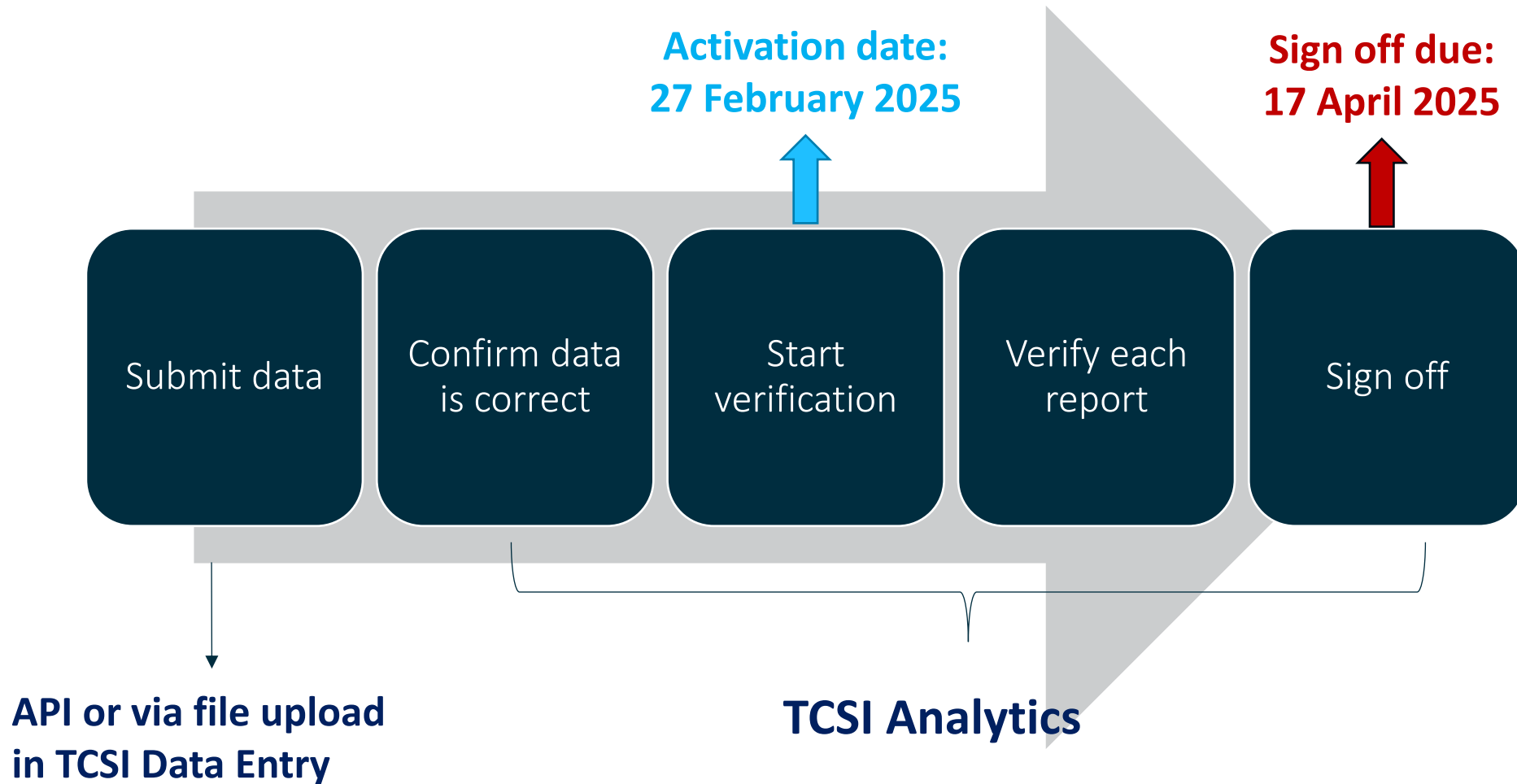
Why is data verification important?

- The department uses the verified data to reconcile your funding and to publish information on your organisation, including data on course completions and success rates.
- The verification process gives you a final opportunity to check your data carefully, as changes cannot be made to your 2024 Student verified data after it is signed off and finalised.

2024 HEP Student data verification due date

- 17 April 2025

Verification Process Overview



Data Verification webpage

What's available

Tailored information for your provider type:

- Universities
- HESA-approved non-university providers

Comprehensive resources and instructions:

- key dates
- data submission resources
- verification reports
- verification instructions
- user tips

Data Verification webpage

<https://www.tcsisupport.gov.au/view-data/TCSI-Analytics/verification>

Data Verification

Verification is a declaration that the student and staff data reported by providers to the department is complete, accurate and finalised.

To access relevant data verification information and instructions, providers need to first determine their provider type. Providers who have been approved under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003 (HESA)* can offer HELP loans. Non-HESA-approved providers cannot offer HELP loans and are considered to be TEQSA Provider Information Request (PIR) providers.

Please check the table below and click on the provider type that matches your organisation:

	Approved to offer HELP loans under HESA in the reporting year	Listed as a Table A or Table B university in HESA in the reporting year
Provider Information Request (PIR)	No	No
HESA-approved non-university providers (NUHEP)	Yes	No
University Higher Education provider (HEP)	Yes	Yes

Be mindful during verification



Priority fields - Resolve NULL values and scheduled validations

E584	Unique student identifier
E358	Citizen resident code
E490	Student status code
E315	Gender code
E316	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander code
E615	Disability code
	Residential address (all relevant elements)
E329	Mode of attendance code
E330	Type of attendance code

Key takeaways

Data checking:

- You must review and verify **ALL** verification reports before sign off

Useful Resources:

- [Data Verification](#) webpage
- 'Null Value Compliance Live data' report
- 'Provider Notifications - Scheduled validation error' report
- Previous years 'Verification data comparisons table'
(via the TCSI Analytics portal)

Remember:

- Data needs to be accurate before signing off the Collection(s).
- No changes can be made after your verification reports are signed off and the Collections are finalised by the department.

Upcoming request for information

HEP Student verification - Request for Information (RFI)

- The RFI is designed to understand your submission and verification plans
- To confirm primary and secondary TCSI contacts for your student data collection and maintain our provider contact record
- RFI request will be sent in the first week of March seeking a single response for your organisation by 18 March 2025



Higher Degree by Research (HDR) reports

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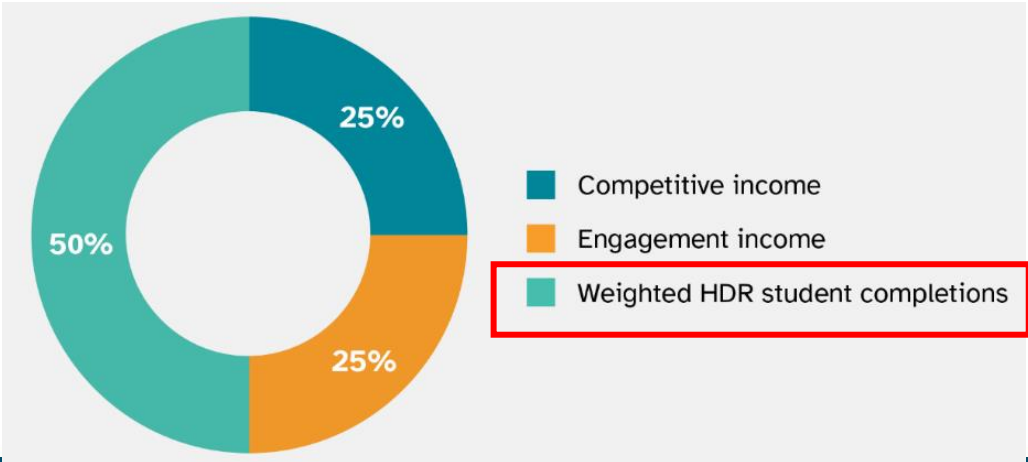
Research Training Program



\$1.25b in 2025

The RTP provides \$1.25 billion annually in block grants to eligible HEPs to support higher degree by research (HDR) students by the provision of RTP scholarships.

RTP funding is allocated based on a formula which considers a HEP’s relative share of competitive research and development income, engagement research income and **weighted HDR student completions**.



The data verified via the HDR course completions report is used to calculate the **weighted HDR student completions** which are used in the RTP funding formula.

HDR completions weightings from 2024 grant year				
HDR level	Cost type	Research internship	Non-Indigenous student	Indigenous student
Research Doctorate	High	No	4.70	9.40
		Yes	6.70	11.40
	Low	No	2.00	4.00
		Yes	4.00	6.00
Research Masters	High	N/A	2.35	4.70
	Low	N/A	1.00	2.00

Example of current report

Research Type	Doctorate by research				Master's by research				Total
Indigenous Status	Indigenous students		Non-Indigenous students		Indigenous students		Non-Indigenous students		
Reporting Year	Low Cost	High Cost	Low Cost	High Cost	Low Cost	High Cost	Low Cost	High Cost	
2024	4	1	11	5	1	5	20	15	58
Domestic Students	4	1	5	3	1	5	16	10	26
Overseas Students	0	0	6	2	0	0	4	5	17

- Providers cannot view their end-user engagement data.

Enhancing the HDR course completions reports

Example of enhancement

Research Type	Doctorate by research								Master's by research				Total
Indigenous Status	Indigenous students				Non-indigneous students				Indigenous students		Non-indigenous students		
Reporting Year	Low Cost		High Cost		Low Cost		High Cost		Low Cost	High Cost	Low Cost	High Cost	
Internship status	Eligible	Not eligible	Eligible	Not eligible	Eligible	Not eligible	Eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	
2024	28	9	8	14	6	14	8	14	8	10	6	14	139
Domestic Students	6	4	6	6	4	8	6	8	4	4	4	8	68
Overseas Students	22	5	2	8	2	6	2	6	4	6	2	6	71

- Providers can now verify their end-user engagement data with improved visibility via TCSI Analytics.
- Drill downs are also available to view all end-user engagement data

New HDR RTP Scholarship Reports

Example of new report

Reporting Year	RTP Fees Offset	RTP Stipend	RTP Allowance	RTP Fees Offset, RTP Stipend	RTP Fees Offset, RTP Allowance	RTP Stipend, RTP Allowance	RTP Fees Offset, RTP Stipend, RTP Allowance	Not Provided)	Total
2024	58	326	11	44	86	18	26	68	637
Doctorate by research	2	2	6	12	51	3	3	55	134
Masters by research	56	324	5	32	35	15	23	13	503

Outcome

- Providers can now view and verify RTP scholarship data in TCSI Analytics
- Drill downs are also available to view all RTP scholarship data

Changes to reporting E623 RTP stipend amount

- There has been inconsistency in the way that E623 RTP stipend amount has been reported for part-time students and students completing their studies before the end of the year.
- E623 RTP stipend amount is being changed so that all providers should report the annual full-time equivalent amount regardless of whether a student has completed their course part-time or completed their course early in the year.



Example A: A student commences their HDR studies in July 2024 and is studying full-time. They are awarded a RTP stipend and receive \$20,000 in their bank account in 2024. The annual full-time equivalent RTP stipend rate awarded to the student is \$40,000 in 2024. A RTP stipend rate of \$40,000 is reported in E693.



Example B: A student commences their HDR studies in January 2024 and is studying part-time. They are awarded a RTP stipend and receive \$20,000 in their bank account in 2024. The annual full-time equivalent RTP stipend rate awarded to the student is \$40,000 in 2024. A RTP stipend rate of \$40,000 is reported in E693.

Helpful hints – reporting E623 RTP stipend amount

Report the RTP stipend amount only

exclude any RTP allowances & RTP fees offset

Report the annual full-time equivalent amount

including when a student is part-time or completed their course early in the year

Exclude any form of top ups or co-contributions

such as other university funds, industry funds or other government funds



More information and support

Research Block Grants

RBGrants@education.gov.au

www.education.gov.au/research-block-grants

Coding notes for the reports

www.tcsisupport.gov.au/view-data/TCSI-Analytics



Questions?

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