

# Australian Government TCS TERTIARY COLLECTION OF STUDENT INFORMATION

# 2024 TEQSA (PIR) student data submission walkthrough webinar

Friday 15 August 2025

### Agenda

### TEQSA PIR providers:

- 2024 TEQSA PIR student data collection overview
- 2024 TEQSA PIR student data reporting requirements
- Accessing TCSI services
- Data Submission
- TCSI response files
- View reported data

# 2024 TEQSA PIR student data collection overview

# 2024 TEQSA PIR student data collection - Overview

Submit data

Verify data

Sign off data

### What is the TEQSA PIR student data collection?

- It is an **annual collection** of your student data in the Tertiary Collection of Student Information (TCSI) system.
- The reporting requirement is part of a **provider information request (PIR)** legislated under Section 28 of the *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011* (TEQSA Act).
- This collection applies to TEQSA registered higher education providers (PIR providers).

### Importance of on-time data submission and verification

- Part of a PIR provider's responsibilities are to ensure they submit and verify accurate data within the required timeframes. Failure to meet this reporting requirement may:
  - breach the TEQSA Act and result in provider penalties; and
  - also adversely impact the up-front payments tuition protection levy's risk factor results and the levy amount payable.

### 2024 TEQSA PIR student data collection

### **Due date: Friday 19 September 2025**



#### Note:

- A planned outage of the TCSI system is scheduled to occur between 6:00pm (AEST)
   Tuesday 2 September to 6:00pm (AEST) Friday 5 September 2025.
- The original PIR student data collection has been extended to Friday 19 September 2025
  to ensure providers have sufficient time to complete the collection.

### Request for Information (RFI)

### The RFI for the 2024 TEQSA (PIR) student data collection is now open

### **Purpose**

- The RFI is designed to understand your submission and verification plans.
- To confirm primary and secondary TCSI contacts for your PIR student data collection and maintain our record.

#### **Actions**

- Submit a single response for your organisation.
- Respond by: Monday 25 August 2025





# 2024 TEQSA PIR student data reporting requirements

# 2024 TEQSA (PIR) student data submission

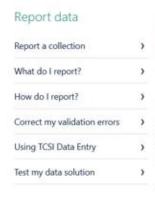
How to report the TEQSA Provider Information Request | TCSI Support



### 2024 TEQSA (PIR) student data submission

### - reporting requirements

#### Provider Information Request - Student 2025 | TCSI Support



#### Provider Information Request -Student 2025

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The Provider Information Request (PIR) is a request for information under Section 28 of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011 (TEQSA Act). This document sets out the reporting requirements for the Provider Information Request (PIR) for implementation in 2025.

All data is reported in data packets, as described in this document. Each packet comprises data elements. Detailed specifications for each data element are available from the <u>ICSI Support Data Element Dictionary</u>.

Some data packets include 'extensions', which enable providers to report more than one value for a data element or a group of data elements. These groups may be time-based and allow the reporting of changes in the characteristic of a course, student, etc. through time.

#### Reporting method

All data must be reported through:

- an application programming interface (API) from each provider's student management system to the Government, or
- TCSI Data Entry.

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Course fields of education packet (PIR) 2024

#### Campuses group (PIR) 2024

Campus packet (PIR) 2024

#### Courses on campus group (PIR) 2024

Course on campus packet (PIR) 2024

#### Students group (PIR) 2024

Student packet (PIR) 2024

First reported address packet (PIR) 2024

Disability packet (PIR) 2024

Citizenship packet (PIR) 2024

#### Course admissions group (PIR) 2024

Course admission packet (PIR) 2024

Basis for admission packet (PIR) 2024

Course prior credit packet (PIR) 2024

Specialisation packet (PIR) 2024

#### Course admission shortcuts (PIR) 2024

Exit awards packet (PIR) 2024

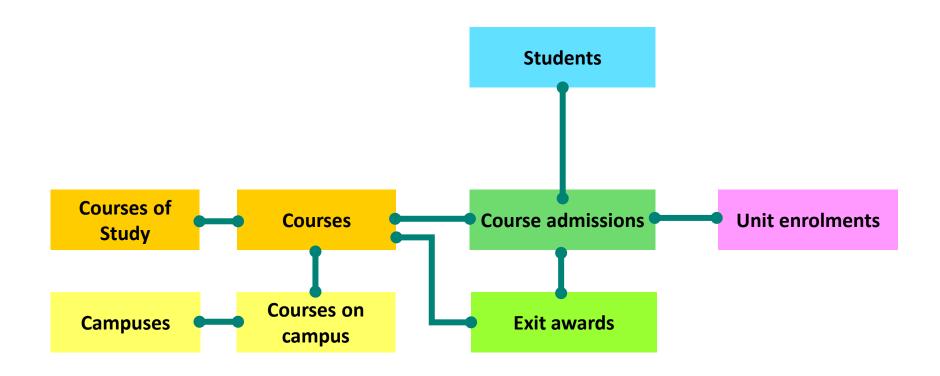
#### Unit enrolments group (PIR) 2024

Unit enrolment packet (PIR) 2024

### **Important**

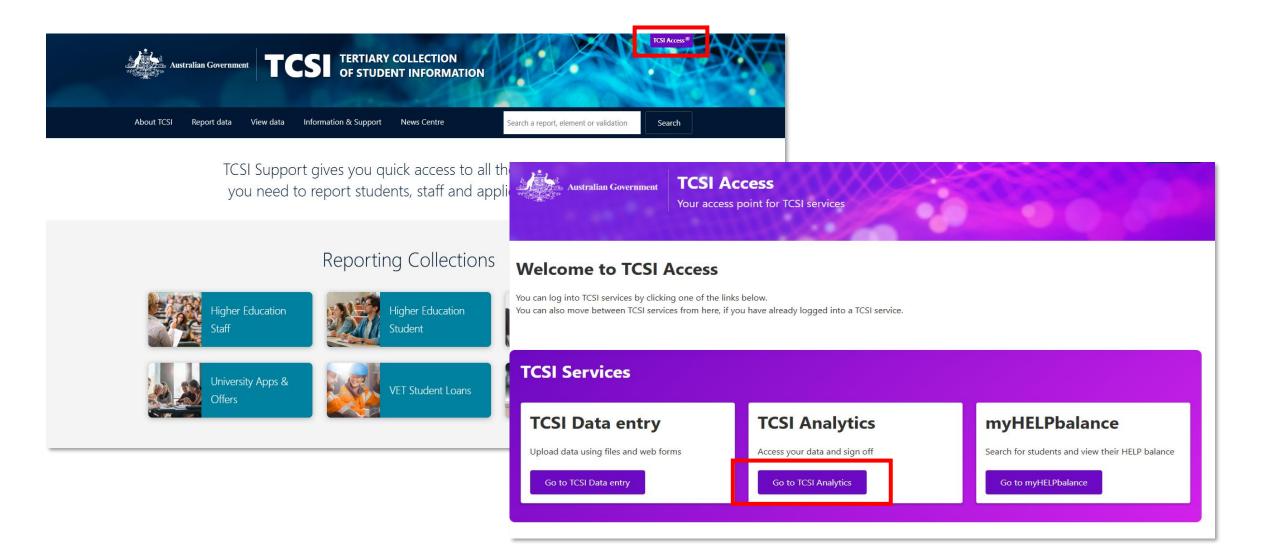
- Ensure you understand the scope of the collection.
- Understand the value specifications of each data element in each packet.
- Note that not all reporting values need to be reported, it can depend on a student's study situation.

# PIR Student - Data Framework guide



# **Accessing TCSI services**

### **TCSI Access**

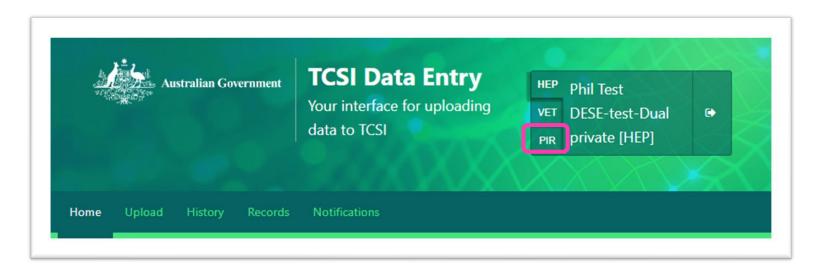


### Student data submission

**TCSI Access** 

### **TCSI Data Entry Portal**

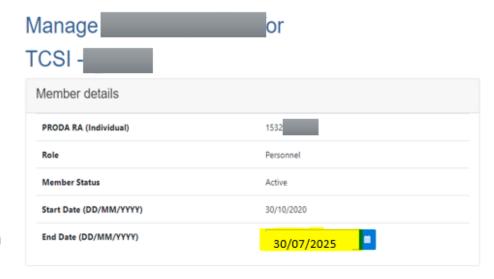
• **PIR providers**, who do not use an application programming interface (API), must report student data via the TCSI Data Entry Portal by selecting the "**PIR**" header.



### **PRODA Access**

Providers should consider the following key points:

- 1. Identify staff within your organisation who require access to TCSI and the level of access they require for their role.
- Ensure the staff members are added to your PRODA organisation.Key TCSI attributes for PIR Student submission:
  - TCSI Data Entry Portal: Provides access to TCSI Data Entry.
  - TCSI Analytics Read: Provides read only access to TCSI Analytics
- Staff access can be set for a maximum of 12 months from the date it is delegated. We recommend staff check their access to ensure they still have access to the relevant attributes. Directors and Staff with delegable access can assign and extend TCSI and PRODA attributes.



4. More information can be found on The <u>Accessing TCSI Services (PRODA)</u> user guide and by contacting TCSISupport@education.gov.au.

# **Data Submission**

### **Student Management Software**

If your organisation is using Student Management Software (SMS) to report through APIs, we recommend reaching out to your vendor on questions such connecting the software or how to report data to TCSI using your software.

It is inadvisable to use TCSI Data Entry portal if you will be submitting data via APIs, given the system and data risks associated with this. Risks that we are currently aware of include that:

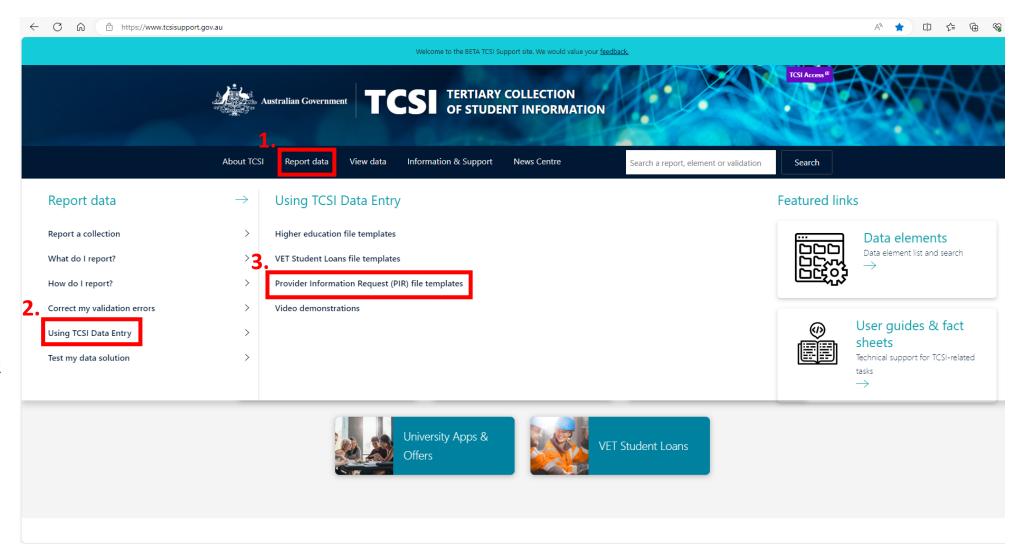
- data manually reported in TCSI Data Entry may be automatically overwritten
- staff may make revisions in the student management system and not copy those into TCSI Data Entry, and
- staff will need to maintain skills to use TCSI Data Entry correctly.

Providers should consider and seek to mitigate these risks, as well as unforeseeable risks, associated with reporting in a manner that was not covered by the TCSI system design.

# **Navigating to PIR File Templates**

The submission file templates can be found from the TCSI Home Page by navigating to:

Report data → Using TCSI
Data Entry → <u>Provider</u>
<u>Information Request (PIR)</u>
<u>file templates.</u>

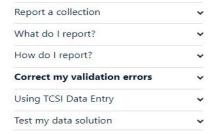


## **Navigating to PIR File Templates**

Please note at the top of the page, the sequence of files which you should follow when uploading your submission files through TCSI Data Entry Portal.



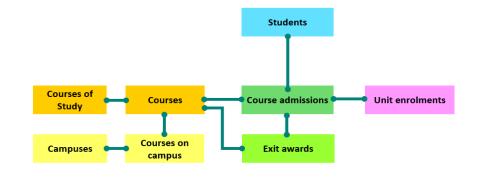
#### Report data



### Provider Information Request file templates

#### Sequence of files





### How to Create a Submission File for Upload

1.1\_PIR-Course-of-study-v1.1 template file (contains mock data)

	Α	В	C	D	E	F
	Information Type	E533	E394	E310	E350	E455
		Course of Study Code	Course of Study Name	Course of Study Type	Course of Study Load	Combined Course of
1						Study Indicator
2	Course of Study	A00001	Higher Doctorate	01	2.0	False
3	Course of Study	S00002	Doctorate by research	02	4.5	False
4	Course of Study	C00003	Doctorate by coursework	12	4.5	False
5	Course of Study	M00004	Masters (Extended)	14	4.5	False
6	Course of Study	B00005	Masters (Research)	03	4.5	False
7	Course of Study	E00006	Masters (Coursework)	04	4.5	False
8	Course of Study	F00007	Postgraduate Qualifying or Preliminary (for Mast	05	4.5	False
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	Information Type	Identifying Element		Single Active Values		

- **Information type** identifies what type of information is to be reported in each row.
- Identifying element identifies the record you are attempting to create or update. This column cannot be left blank.
- Single active values can only have one value at any time. Cells can be left blank if not required as a part of your submission.
- Important that the element names in the column heading remain the same when uploading to TCSI Data Entry.

### How to Create a Submission File for Upload

### 2.1 PIR-Students-v1.2 file (with mock data)

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-4	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	Х	Υ	Z	AA	AB
	nformation Type	E313	E314	E402	E403	E404	E410	E469	E615	E609			E609
		Student	Date of Birth	Student family name	Student given name	Student given name	Residential Address	Residential address	Disability code	Disability Effective	Disability Effective To	Citizen resident code	Citizenship Effective
1		Identification Code			first	others	Street	suburb		From date	date		From date
2	Student	E123456	1986-09-12	Ricketts	Tamar	Rachelle	21 Soway Way	Gallifrey					
3	Citizenship	E123456										2	2018-02-20
4	Citizenship	E123456										8	2017-02-20
5	Student	E369154	1955-07-23	Drake	Bobbie	9999	2862 Tree Frog Lane	Durham					
6	Citizenship	E369154										1	2014-02-28
7	Disability	E369154							12	2019-08-29			
8	Disability	E369154							11	2019-08-29			
9	Student	E013843	1999-08-29	LeBeau	Anna-Marie	Rouge	3035 Chandler Drive	New Orleans					
10	Citizenship	E013843										1	2012-06-21
11	Disability	E013843							13	2012-06-21			
12	Student	E247812	2001-12-31	Who	Doctor	Fran	3206 Thomas Street	Missouri					
13	Citizenship	E247812										8	2018-03-14
14	Disability	E247812							18	1999-03-06	2018-02-20		
15	Student	E136943	2005-01-01	OGORD	9999	9999	3206 Thomas Street	Missourii					
16	Citizenship	E136943										8	2015-04-30
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Info	rmation Type	Identifying El	ement		Single Act	ive Values					Extensions		

- Note the multiple information types for this file template. Each information type requires a new row when entering data.
- **Extensions**, highlighted in blue and pink allow you to manage elements with multiple true values or important history. For example, if a student's citizenship status changes.
- Note that in the template above, when reporting the Citizenship and Disability information type, they are each on a new row and only the identifying element (E313) and the relevant disability and citizenship element columns have data reported, the single active value columns should be left blank in these rows. Whereas the opposite is true for the Student information type where the extension columns are blank, and the identifying element and single active value columns are populated with data.
- We recommend utilising and referring to the file templates when preparing your own files for submission.

### **Updating Records Example**

#### Original record existing in TCSI

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	X	Υ	Z	AA	AB
	Information Type	E313	E314	E402	E403	E404	E410	E469	E615	E609	E610	E358	E609
		Student	Date of Birth	Student family name	Student given name	Student given name	Residential Address	Residential address	Disability code	Disability Effective	Disability Effective To	Citizen resident code	Citizenship Effective
1		Identification Code			first	others	Street	suburb		From date	date		From date
2	Student	E369154	1955-07-23	Watts	Naomi	9999	2862 Tree Frog Lane	Durham					
3	Disability	E369154							18	2020-06-22			
4	Disability	E369154							11	2019-08-29			

#### Wanting to update the record due to surname change and incorrectly reported E609 value

Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	H	X	Υ	Z	AA	AB
Information Type	E313	E314	E402	E403	E404	E410	E469	E615	E609	E610	E358	E609
	Student	Date of Birth	Student family name	Student given name	Student given name	Residential Address	Residential address	Disability code	Disability Effective	Disability Effective To	Citizen resident code	Citizenship Effective
	Identification Code			first	others	Street	suburb		From date	date		From date
Student	E369154	1955-07-23	Smith	Naomi	9999	2862 Tree Frog Lane						
Disability	E369154							18	2020-11-22			
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Disability	E369154							18	2020-11-22			
Disability	E369154							11	2019-08-29			

- Outlined cells in **red** is the **incorrect** way to update the record. If uploaded, this will cause the E469 and the 2020 disability record to be deleted in TCSI.
- Outlined cells in green is the correct way to update the record. If uploaded, this will update the surname and the E609 date for the record existing in TCSI. It's important when making updates to report the full record and include all extension records if making updates to these elements.

# **Tips for Creating Your Submission File**

Ensure that your formatting is correct for each cell i.e., text formatting.
Any cells that contain data with leading zero's, (i.e. your E313 might = 003178) should be formatted as text, otherwise the leading zero's will be removed.
Any dates or date of birth cells should be formatted as text with a YYYY-MM-DD format.
Don't use any formulas in your submission file as this can cause errors. If you do use formulas, ensure you copy and paste as value and source formatting to
remove the formula from your submission file but maintain the correct formatting and data.
File name can only have alphanumeric, underscore, hyphen and period characters e.g. Student_Submission_File.xlsx
All columns in the template must be included in your submission (you can change the order)
Additional columns cannot be added to your submission file
Utilise the templates provided and refer to them as an example.
Note the information type column which will inform what columns should be populated with data for that row.
Your file cannot exceed 5MB in size when uploading to TCSI Data Entry
Only 1 sheet (tab) per file

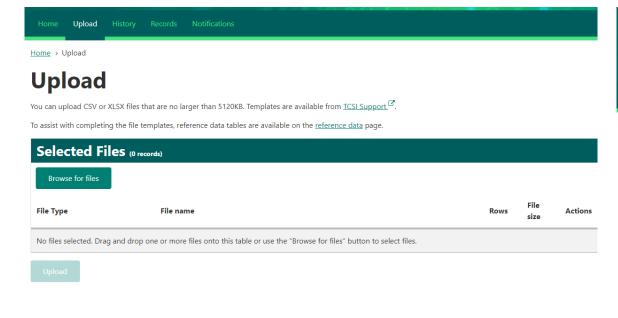
#### Further useful resources:

- <u>Video demonstrations</u>
- File template user guide (noting it is HEP)

# **TCSI** response files

### **Uploading and Downloading Response Files**

### Upload



#### **Download**

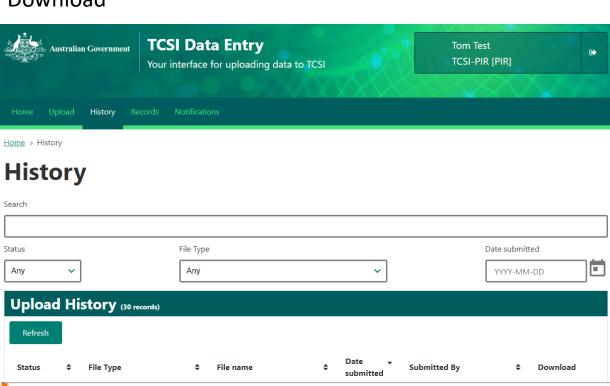
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## **Reading Your Response Files**

	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	I I	J	K	L	T
	New/Existing Record	Attempted Action	Outcome	Error Code	Severity	Error Description	Information Type	E313 Student	E307 Course	E534 Course of	E354 Unit of	E489 Unit of	E477 Delivery
								Identification	Code	Study	Study Code	Study Census	Location
								Code		Commencement		Date	Postcode
1										Date			
2	New	Create	Successful				Unit Enrolment	CIM5378	BBus	2021-02-01	ACCT203	2023-06-16	2060
3	Existing	Update	Successful				Unit Enrolment	CIM5584	BBus	2021-09-27	ISBS202	2023-06-16	2155
4	Existing	No Update	No Action				Unit Enrolment	CIM6543	BBus	2021-09-27	ISBS202	2023-06-16	2762
	New	Create	Failed	10019CURLOG	Fatal	The Delivery Location	Unit Enrolment	CIM8990	BBus	2021-09-27	ISBS202	2023-06-16	800
						Postcode (E477) is not							
						a valid postcode.							
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- Details on which records were successful and detail on any records that had any errors highlighted in the blue cells.
- Records not highlighted with an error may still require investigation.

### **Fixing Real Time Validation Errors**



#### Report data



#### TCSI Validations

The TCSI validations are subject to change until testing is complete on the TCSI solution. Any changes will not be tracked between versions.

#### Validations download

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TCSI Data Validations V0.38 (2 August 2024).xlsx (206.61 KB)	206.61 KB

A table of validations returning unique identifiers (UIDs) is available at <u>validations returning a UID</u>.

The web version of the validations have been taken down while they are being updated. The download gives the most up-to-date source of TCSI validations.

# TCSI Data validations spreadsheet The TCSI Validations | TCSI

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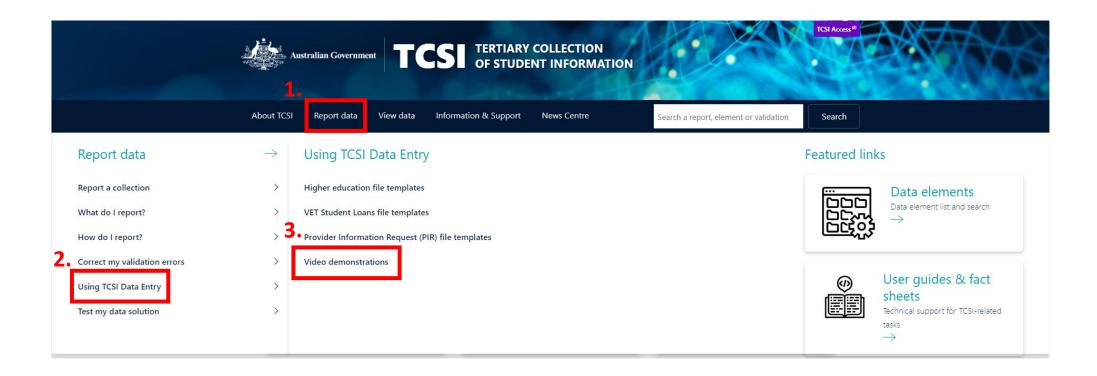
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 Download the TCSI Data Validations spreadsheet to troubleshoot your validation errors



- Filter on the ITSP Error Code (column c)
- When searching for the error, only search for the 5 digits in the error code, leave out the letters. E.g. our 10019CURLOG error we would filter on 10019 in the ITSP Error Code Column
- The spreadsheet provides further detail on the error and how to resolve it.
- TCSI Validations Spreadsheet

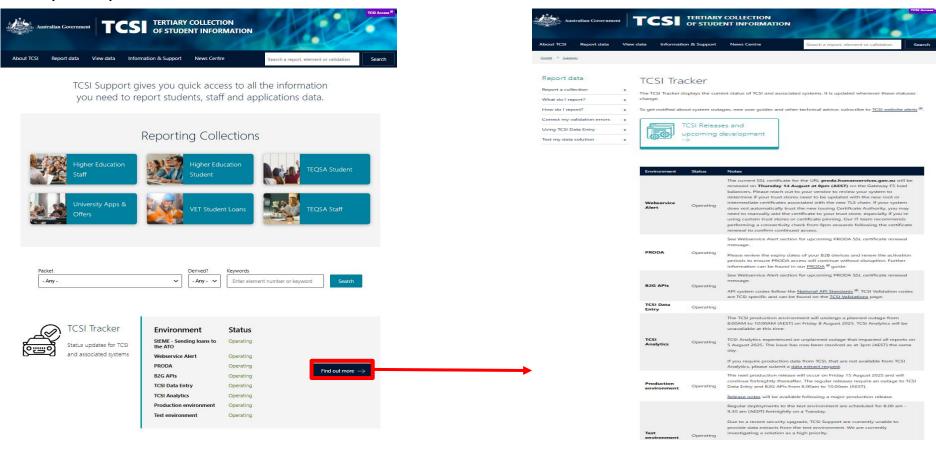
## Video Demonstrations – TCSI Data Entry Portal



- <u>TCSI video demonstrations | TCSI Support</u>
- Webinar demonstration TCSI Data Entry records screen demonstration (PIR)

### **TCSI Tracker**

The TCSI Tracker displays the current status of TCSI and associated systems. It is updated whenever these statuses change. To get notified about system outages, new user guides and other technical advice, subscribe to the <a href="https://example.com/TCSI website alerts">TCSI website alerts</a> newsletter subscription preference.



### **Privacy reminder**

TCSI Support would like to remind providers to consider their own privacy obligations and consider the 13 Australian Privacy Principles outlined under the <u>Privacy Act 1988</u> when sending data via email to TCSI support.

If student information needs to be communicated to the department, providers can send the following identifiers:

- o E313: Student identification code
- o <u>E306: Provider code</u>

If TCSI support requires sensitive data in relation to an enquiry, they will send follow up correspondence requesting the data to be uploaded using the department's secure Web Transfer Client (FTP server).

For additional information relating to Privacy for both students and providers, please see <a href="Privacy notice messaging for students">Privacy notice messaging for students</a>.

Actual live or production data should **not** be used in the test environment.

More information can be found on TCSI - Testing for providers.

# Viewing reported data

### Viewing reported data in TCSI

Providers can view data that has been reported to TCSI via the following methods:

### **TCSI Analytics**

TCSI Access -> TCSI Analytics



- Coding notes for each report can be found one the <u>TCSI Analytics</u> webpage under the 'PIR reports' header.
- TSCI Analytics reports begin refreshing at 1 am [AEST] every night. Please ensure your submission has time to complete before 1am if you would like updates to show in your reports the next day.

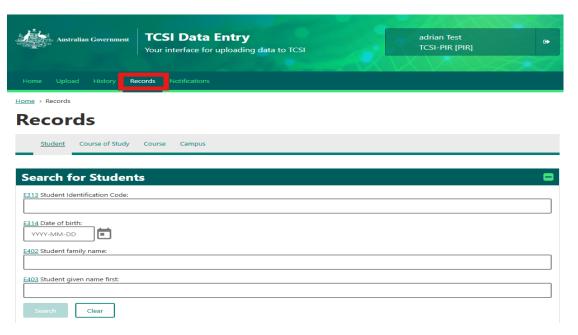
#### **TCSI Data Extract**

- The department provides data extracts where requested. This extract will show all the data that has been reported to the TCSI database, up to the day your extract is processed.
- Providers can request a data extract via the <u>Request a data extract</u> webpage.

### Viewing reported data in TCSI

### **TCSI Data Entry portal**

- Providers can view individual student records using the TCSI Data Entry portal records screen.
- The TCSI system may take some time to display a student record in the TCSI Data Entry portal after the record is submitted, even though it acknowledges that the student exists in the database.



#### **Provider Student Management System**

- Some Student management systems (SMS) have been designed with the ability to be able to view data currently stored in TCSI.
- Providers should contact their vendors regarding any questions or issues they may have in relation to their SMS.

Questions or to *Contact us at:* request a meeting? TCSIsupport@education.gov.au



## **Next steps**

1. Complete the Request For Information or request a link from <a href="mailto:TCSIsupport@education.gov.au">TCSIsupport@education.gov.au</a> (includes contact details update)

2. Read the reporting requirements and start submitting your data (one file at a time)

3. Register for the Verification webinar from the TCSIsupport.gov.au "News" page