



Enhanced VET Data and Evidence

Streamlining and sharing data to strengthen the VET system

What is the Enhanced VET Data and Evidence initiative?

Through the National Skills Agreement, the Australian Government will partner with the states and territories to improve the accessibility of accurate, timely and quality VET data, including through implementing the VET Data Streamlining (VDS) program and transition to the new VET Information Standard.

What are the benefits?

Enhanced VET data and evidence is needed to deliver on the broader objectives of the National Skills Agreement. For Ministers to jointly steward VET nationally, they require a shared, accurate and up-to-date understanding of what is happening in the sector.

This initiative will deliver better, faster, nationally consistent data to provide stakeholders, researchers and governments with a richer understanding of VET activity to inform evidence-based decision making.

What does it mean for the VET system?

Phased throughout 2024 to 2028, this initiative will simplify reporting pathways, improve data quality, and increase reporting timeliness throughout the VET system. VET data reforms under the VDS program will include measures to improve the cyber security of the sector, support collaboration with states and territories and the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) in the new VET Information Standard and National ICT capability for sharing VET data and information.

A new information standard will enable the collection of a wider range of data, allow for flexible data reporting, and provide the public, training providers and business with a better understanding of what is working well across VET, and what needs to be improved.

How much funding has been allocated?

The Australian Government will invest a total of \$116 million in the initiative. This comprises:

- a maximum of \$65 million over five years to implement the VET Data Streamlining Program, including transitioning to the new VET Information Standard.
- up to \$50 million over five years to support the development of a new National VET Data System, VET Information Standard, cyber security, and VET Data Reform Blueprint and Investment Roadmap.

What are the next steps?

The Australian Government will continue to work in partnership with stakeholders to further progress the development of these reforms.

Further information about the VDS program is available via the following website:

[VET Data Streamlining program - Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, Australian Government \(dewr.gov.au\)](https://www.dewr.gov.au/vet-data-streamlining-program).