SCOTSE agreed on 7 June 2013 to arrangements for the introduction of mandatory total VET activity data collection and reporting by all RTOs from 1 January 2014.

This initiative requires all RTOs to gather and collate AVETMISS-compliant records of all students and all competency enrolments and outcomes achieved, throughout a calendar year. Early in the following year, RTOs must report this data to NCVER unless they have previously done so through existing contractual arrangements.

Information regarding the implementation of this initiative including historical developments, national policy and a series of fact sheets are available from the [Department of Industry](http://industry.gov.au) and [NSSC](http://nssc.gov.au). ASQA’s role is to enforce NVR RTOs’ regulatory compliance with these requirements as they relate under the [Standards for NVR Registered Training Organisations 2012](http://standards.asqa.gov.au) and the [Data Provisions Requirements 2012](http://standards.asqa.gov.au).

Within the national policy, SCOTSE has approved a twelve-month implementation grace-period and endorsed a range of other exemption categories that may apply or be granted to certain RTOs or relate to the delivery of certain training products.

NVR RTOs should refer to the [National VET Provider Collection Data Requirements Policy](http://standards.asqa.gov.au) for detailed information about implementation arrangements and exemption entitlements.

NVR RTO obligations to claim the twelve-month grace-period and/or special exemptions are:

1. Twelve-month implementation grace-period arrangement
   a. Complete and submit notification form to ASQA at tvaexemption@asqa.gov.au by 31 December 2013
   b. Receive and retain ASQA acknowledgement of notification

2. RTOs that deliver vital community services to the Australian community
   a. Complete and submit notification form to ASQA at tvaexemption@asqa.gov.au by 31 December 2013
   b. Receive and retain ASQA acknowledgement of notification

3. RTOs that deliver national security, border protection or policing training programs
   a. Contact ASQA at tvaexemption@asqa.gov.au to discuss entitlement to reporting exemption and negotiate reporting arrangements
   b. Receive and retain ASQA acknowledgement of data reporting arrangements

4. Enterprise RTOs that deliver training to their own employees/volunteers
   a. No additional action required to notify ASQA

5. RTOs that deliver short stand-alone vocational programs
   a. No additional action required to notify ASQA

ASQA will maintain a list of NVR RTOs that have claimed the twelve-month implementation grace-period and others that ASQA has acknowledged exemption entitlements. It should be noted that some NVR RTOs will be entitled to exemptions which apply under more than one of the categories above, depending on the organisation, student and/or the training program.
Further information for RTOs, included Fact Sheets and Frequency Asked Questions, will be developed over coming months.

All RTOs are reminded that their obligation to continue to report competency completion, learner engagement and employer satisfaction quality indicator data by the end of June each year remains unaffected by this policy until further notice.

Enquiries about Total VET Activity should be addressed to tvalexemption@asqa.gov.au or to 1300 701 801.