



VET Student Loans

Program Improvements

The VET Student Loans (VSL) program assists eligible students, enrolled in approved higher level (diploma and above) VET courses at approved course providers, to pay their tuition fees. The program is designed to provide financial support to students undertaking higher level training in courses that address workplace and industry needs, creating better opportunities for employment.

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (the department) is making improvements to administrative, business and regulatory elements of the program to streamline processes and reduce participation requirements.

Progress on improving and simplifying VSL

Over recent months there have been a range of practical improvements to VSL administrative processes to make the program easier to navigate for training providers and students. Some of the changes that we have made include:

- Removing the **statutory declaration** requirement for data reporting, reducing administrative requirements for providers.
- Improving the **eCAF** support materials to help improve the rate of successful completion and reduce the amount of assistance needed from providers.
- Improving the look, feel and functionality of the **student progression form**, making it easier for students to complete.
- Moving to a **no approval rounds** approach, which allows providers to submit applications at a time when it is most suitable to them.
- Introducing an eligibility **self-assessment quiz** that helps providers to understand eligibility requirements before applying to be a VSL provider.
- Introducing new **virtual information sessions** to assist providers to learn about the VSL program, with topics informed by providers.

The department appreciates that providers experience VSL in different ways. We want to capture the diversity of views and understand the practical operational issues associated with participation in the program.

More consultation is expected to be undertaken in the coming months about further program improvements.