



NPL and VET sector distribution methodology factsheet

From 2025, the National Planning Level will be set at 270,000 new overseas student commencements.

The National Planning Level will apply to the higher education and vocational education and training (VET) sectors. The VET Sector Planning Level will be 94,500 new overseas student commencements and distributed to public providers private providers, and new market entrants according to the following approach.

Public VET providers

Indicative new overseas student commencement limits for public providers, including TAFEs, for 2025 will be equal to their 2023 new overseas student commencements.

Private VET providers

Private VET providers will have a lower new overseas student commencement limit if they had 80 per cent or more international students in 2023.

To identify providers with at least 80 per cent international student enrolments, the Department has used enrolment data from the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) – *Total VET students and courses 2023*.

Classifications are based on a count of domestic and international students who were enrolled in a VET program in 2023, including students who were continuing from previous years. A VET program includes Training package qualifications, Accredited qualifications and Accredited courses. International/domestic student status has been determined based on the international status of the program enrolment at the training provider (not as a student characteristic).

Providers with fewer than 80 per cent international students

New overseas student commencement limits for private VET providers that had fewer than 80 per cent international student enrolments in 2023 will equal to their 2023 new overseas student commencements minus 31 per cent.

The 31 per cent reduction on 2023 new overseas student commencements applied to individual providers in this cohort was determined as follows:

- The Department forecast the total 2024 new overseas student commencements for all private VET providers with an international student concentration of less than 80 per cent.
 - The forecast was based on a count of 2024 year to date new overseas student commencements in PRISMS, and YTD 2024 Home Affairs visa grant data, factoring in month-to-month trends in both sets of data.
 - The forecast includes providers that did not have a 2023 baseline.
- The forecast 2024 total was 31 per cent lower than the total for this cohort in 2023.

This 31 per cent reduction was applied to each provider's 2023 new overseas student commencements, and then rounded. For providers with a small number of new overseas student commencements in 2023, rounding will mean actual allocations are smaller or greater than a 31 per cent reduction.

Providers with 80 per cent or more international students

New overseas student commencement limits for private VET providers that had 80 per cent or more international student enrolments in 2023 will be equal to their 2023 new overseas student commencements minus 40.8 per cent.

This 40.8 per cent reduction was determined by the remaining new overseas student commencements left after distribution to the other classes of providers. For providers with a small number of new overseas student commencements in 2023, rounding will mean actual allocations are smaller or greater than a 40.8 per cent reduction.

Recent market entrants

Limits for providers with new overseas student commencements recorded in 2024 but not 2023, will have an indicative limit determined as follows:

- A sector wide forecast of 2024 full year new overseas student commencements was undertaken.
- This forecast and the provider's individual year to date 2024 new overseas student commencements are used to project the individual provider's new overseas student commencements for full year 2024.

Providers with no new overseas student commencements recorded in both 2023 and 2024 will have an indicative limit of 30.

Future market entrants

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations will provide information on arrangements for future market entrants in due course.