

Contract Notification

CN No.	2020-06	Date:	1 July 2020
To:	Chief Executive Officer or equivalent		
Purpose:	Variation to Contract		
Scope:	All 2018-19 VET Funding Contracts (extended to 31 December 2020)		
Subject:	Variation of Clause 18 of Schedule 1		

For all Training Provider staff

Purpose

- This Contract Notification varies the 2018-19 VET Funding Contracts (extended to 31 December 2020) (the Contracts) to revise the percentage of eligibility exemptions that may be granted in the 2020 calendar year under Clause 18 of Schedule 1.

Background

- Clause 18 of Schedule 1 of the Contract sets out the 'TAFE and Learn Local Eligibility Exemptions for up to 10% of Commencements' initiative, under which TAFEs, Dual Sector Universities, Learn Local Organisations and AMES may exempt up to 10 per cent of commencements in the 2020 calendar year from:
 - the 'upskilling' requirement
 - the 'two at level in a lifetime' and/or 'two "courses in..." in a lifetime' limits.

Main Points

- Training providers have reported that an increased number of individuals are seeking to enrol in training to re-skill and re-gain employment due to the impact of COVID-19.
- Training providers have indicated that many of these individuals are unable to access *Skills First* training without an eligibility exemption and they are unlikely to be able to accommodate the level of demand within the current 10 per cent limit under Clause 18 of Schedule 1.
- The Victorian Government has accordingly approved an increase to the amount of eligibility exemptions that can be offered under this initiative by TAFEs, Dual Sector universities, Learn Local Organisations and AMES. The amount is raised from **10** per cent to **30** per cent of total commencements for the 2020 calendar year. This variation takes effect as of 30 June 2020.
- Clause 18 the Contracts is varied as per **Attachment 1**. All variations are highlighted in grey. Consequential amendments to the Guidelines About Determining Student Eligibility and Supporting Evidence will be made shortly.
- Consistent with Clause 18.6 of Schedule 1, preference for exemptions should continue to be granted to individuals seeking to enrol in training that meets identified skills shortages and localised labour market needs and/or improves their employment prospects.
- It is expected that priority will be given to people impacted by the coronavirus, such as women, young people and migrants, and other vulnerable people.

Resources

- **Attachment 1** provides the specific variations to Schedule 1, Clause 18 of all 2018-19 VET Funding Contracts (as extended to 31 December 2020).

Critical dates

- This variation is effective from **1 July 2020**.

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Contract Notification CN 2020-06 - Attachment 1

EFFECTIVE FROM: 1 JULY 2020

Variation to:

- 2018-19 TAFE VET Funding Contract (extended to 31 December 2020) - version 3.0
 - 2018-19 Dual Sector VET Funding Contract (extended to 31 December 2020) - version 3.0
 - 2018-19 Standard VET Funding Contract (extended to 31 December 2020) - version 3.0
 - 2018-19 Restricted VET Funding Contract (extended to 31 December 2020) - version 3.0
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18. TAFE AND LEARN LOCAL ELIGIBILITY EXEMPTIONS FOR UP TO 30% OF COMMENCEMENTS

18.2 The number of commencements exempted under Clause 18.1 in a calendar year (as identified where the Eligibility Exemption Identifier in the NAT00120 file has been set to “Y”), cannot exceed 30% of the Training Provider’s total number of commencements for that calendar year, as defined in clause 18.3, unless directed by the Department.