

CONTRACT NOTIFICATION

CN No.	2021-07	Date: 28 April 2021
To:	Chief Executive Officer or equivalent	
Purpose:	Variation to Contract	
Scope:	All 2021 VET Funding Contracts (version 2.0)	
Subject:	Release of updated versions of the 2021 VET Funding Contract and Guidelines About Eligibility	

Purpose

This Contract Notification is to advise training providers about the release of the:

- 2021 Standard VET Funding Contract (version 2.0)
- 2021 VET Funding Contract (Non-Victorian based training provider delivering to a National Enterprise) (version 2.0)
- 2021 TAFE VET Funding Contract (version 2.0)
- 2021 Dual Sector VET Funding Contract (version 2.0)
- 2021 Guidelines About Eligibility (version 1.1)

All documents are published in the 'Documents' section of SVTS and replace versions 1.0.

Background

On 4 December 2020, the Department published version 1.0 of the 2021 VET Funding Contract (the Contract) and associated Guidelines in the 'Documents' section of SVTS.

It is standard process that the Department may vary the Contract and Guidelines from time-to-time to reflect changes to policy, reflect new or updated initiatives or to make minor administrative edits.

Main Points

New approach to Contract variations

Previously, the Department's approach to varying the Contract involved documenting changes within Contract Notifications or in attachments to Contract Notifications. This approach required you to keep track of multiple documents to understand the various changes made to the Contract.

From 2021, the Department will adopt a new approach to varying the Contract. We will now make changes directly in the Contract itself and re-issue it as a new version each time. This approach will make it easier for you to keep track of Contract changes by providing updated versions.

Summary of changes

Regional loading

The application of the 10% regional loading is extended to provide additional support to training providers following the impact of COVID-19.

From 1 April 2021 until 31 December 2021, the regional loading will apply to training providers with regional delivery locations for students who:

- do online and other externally delivered training (i.e. the Predominant Delivery Mode Identifier is 'E')
- live in regional Victoria (as determined by the Department with reference to the student's usual residential address).

SVTS will be set up to process regional loading payments for these students by the end of May 2021, with payments to be made in the following invoice.

Minor changes

All other Contract changes are minor administrative changes, or to align with recent changes to data reporting and SVTS. These changes do not impose new obligations on training providers.

Attachment 1 summarises updates to the Contracts and Guidelines, and the reasons for the changes.

Resources









Version 2.0 of the Contracts and version 1.1 of the Guidelines About Eligibility are published in the 'Documents' section of SVTS. All changes are highlighted in grey within each document.









Critical Dates






Version 2.0 of the Contract and Version 1.1 of the Guidelines About Eligibility take effect from 28 April 2021.

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Contract Type	Change	Clause	Summary of Change
Main Contract			
Dual	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	1.1	Amended to correct an in-clause reference in the Disallowed Person definition.
All	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	1.1	'CCD' replaced with 'PCD' to align with terminology in Funded Courses Report.
All	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	2.2(b)	Amended to correct the date after which the Contract may cease to continue following a period of no training activity.
Non-Vic	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	4.9(h)	Amended to correct formatting error in sub-clauses.
All	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	7.5(a)	Amended to replace the word 'Notice' with 'notification'. The word 'Notice' was inadvertently left in this clause.
Standard, TAFE and Dual	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	19.1(b)	Amended to include Clause 3.3 of Schedule 1 which was inadvertently excluded from the list of survival clauses.
Schedule 1 – Skills First Program Specifications			
All	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	11.2(b)(iii)	Amended in-clause references to align with references to Fee Concession entitlement in the Guidelines About Fees.
All	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	11.2(c)(ii)	Amended to replace 'course code' with 'program code'.

Contract Type	Change	Clause	Summary of Change
All	NEW WORDING 	11.2(d)	Updated to reflect that from 1 April 2021 until the end of the calendar year, the 10% regional loading applies to students living in regional Victoria who undertake online and other externally delivered training at training providers with regional delivery locations.
All	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	11.8(b)	'Fee Waiver/Exemption Contribution Per Hour' replaced with 'Fee Waiver Contribution Per Hour' to align with terminology in Funded Courses Report.
All	NEW WORDING 	11.10	Updated to reflect changes to application of Reject Code 11 following release of SVTS 10.4. Refer to 'Factsheet – Reject 11' published in the 'Documents' section of SVTS on 8 October 2019.
All	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	11.15	Minor wording change to avoid ambiguity about the circumstances under which the Department may recover Funds if no final valid Outcome Identifier – National is reported after the Activity End Date.
Standard and Non-Vic	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	11.21	Amended to replace 'Course Commencement Date' with 'Program Commencement Date'.
All	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	11.21	'CCD' replaced with 'PCD' to align with terminology in Funded Courses Report.
Standard and Non-Vic	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	11.23(d)	Amended to replace 'course code' with 'program code'.
All	NEW CLAUSE 	13.5	New clause added to reflect the introduction of Fee Exemption/Concession Type Identifier 'A' which provides a new reporting option for the Asylum Seeker VET Program. Refer to 'CN 2021-05: New Fee Exemption/Concession Type Identifier for asylum seekers' published in the 'Memos' section of SVTS on 23 February 2021.

Contract Type	Change	Clause	Summary of Change
Standard and Non-Vic	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	15.5	Updated to reflect reporting arrangements for the 'Training to support the 10-year industry plan for family violence prevention' initiative, following the introduction of skill sets policy. You must use Funding Source Identifiers – State Training Authority for skill sets (being 'PSP' and 'GSP') to report delivery of 22510VIC – Course in identifying and responding to family violence risk' instead of 'FVP'.
TAFE and Dual Sector	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	15.6	Updated to reflect reporting arrangements for the 'Training to support the 10-year industry plan for family violence prevention' initiative, following the introduction of skill sets policy. You must use Funding Source Identifiers – State Training Authority 'PSP' or 'GSP' for delivery of '22510VIC – Course in identifying and responding to family violence risk', and 'FVP' for 'TAE40116 – Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.'
All	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	16.21(b)	'Fee Waiver/Exemption Contribution Per Hour' replaced with 'Fee Waiver Contribution Per Hour' to align with terminology in Funded Courses Report.
Guidelines About Eligibility			
N/A	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	1.7(d)(i)	Updated to reflect that eligibility exemptions under the TAFE NDIS training campaign are not available for enrolments in '22469VIC - Course in Introduction to the National Disability Insurance Scheme' in 2021.
N/A	ADMINISTRATIVE EDIT 	1.9(a)	Updated to reflect that eligibility exemptions under the TAFE NDIS training campaign are not available for enrolments in '22469VIC - Course in Introduction to the National Disability Insurance Scheme' in 2021.