

Contract Notification

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| CN No. | 2019-20 | Date: | 15 November 2019 |
| To: | Chief Executive Officer or equivalent | | |
| Purpose: | Variation to Contract | | |
| Scope: | All 2018-19 VET Funding Contracts (extended to 31 December 2020) | | |
| Subject: | Variation to percentage of eligibility exemptions that may be granted in 2020 | | |

For all Training Provider staff

Purpose

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

Background

- Schedule 1, Clause 18 of all 2018-19 VET Funding Contracts (extended to 31 December 2020) describes conditions under which TAFE Institutes, Dual Sector Universities, Learn Local Organisations and AMES may exempt individuals from the 'upskilling', 'two at level in a lifetime' and/or 'two "courses in..." in a lifetime' *Skills First* eligibility settings.
- The clause includes provision allowing such exemptions for up to 20 per cent of commencements for each calendar year.

Main Points

- To target funding in 2020 to those most in need, the current 20 per cent eligibility exemption envelope will be reduced to 10 per cent of total commencements for the 2020 calendar year.
- Effective from 1 January 2020, Schedule 1, Clause 18 of all 2018-19 VET Funding Contracts (extended to 31 December 2020) is varied as per **Attachment 1**. All variations are highlighted in grey.
- This variation only applies to 2020 commencements. The 20 per cent limit remains in place with respect to 2019 commencements.
- Consistent with Schedule 1, Clause 18.6, 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.

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 January 2020** and applies to the 2020 calendar year.

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