

# CONTRACT NOTIFICATION

<b>CN No.</b>	<b>2021-05</b>	<b>Date:</b> 19 February 2021
<b>To:</b>	VET data reporting personnel / Admissions personnel	
<b>Purpose:</b>	Advice on Contract requirement	
<b>Scope:</b>	All 2021 VET Funding Contracts (version 1.0)	
<b>Subject:</b>	New Fee Exemption/Concession Type Identifier for asylum seekers and minor wording updates to the Victorian VET Student Statistical Collection Guidelines – 2021	

## Purpose

This Contract Notification is to advise training providers of updates to the Victorian VET Student Statistical Collection Guidelines – 2021 (the 2021 Guidelines) to:

- introduce a new Fee Exemption/Concession Type Identifier value of 'A – Asylum Seeker NOT currently holding a relevant pensioner Concession Card, health Care Card or Veteran's Gold Card'; and
- make other minor wording updates throughout.

## Background

The VET Funding Contract (Contract) requires training providers to grant a concession to students enrolled under the Asylum Seeker VET Program. This is regardless of whether the student holds one of the types of concession cards listed in the [Guidelines About Fees](#).

The Funding Source Identifiers for the Asylum Seeker VET Program ('ASP' and 'ASL') are used to trigger specific payments and entitlements for students enrolled under the program, such as concession contribution payments.

From late 2020, there have been changes to the Contract to include funding for new programs and initiatives. Consequently, there is an increased likelihood that a student may meet criteria to participate in more than one initiative, each with a unique Funding Source Identifier.

## Main points

A new Fee Exemption/Concession Type Identifier value 'A' has been introduced to report students enrolled under the Asylum Seeker VET Program who **do not** hold a Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card or Veteran's Gold Card.

The new Fee Exemption/Concession Type Identifier value allows us to track and reconcile payment for these asylum seeker students, regardless of which Funding Source Identifier is used to report them.

It is **not mandatory** to use the new value for the remainder of 2021.

However, if you choose not to report the new value, we will be unable to track, and pay concession contribution payments and other entitlements, for asylum seeker students who do not hold a concession card and are reported using Funding Source Identifiers other than 'ASP' and 'ASL'.

The 2021 Guidelines has been updated to include this new value.

We also want to bring to your attention minor word changes to the updated version of the 2021 Guidelines as follows:

Change	Page
Removed paragraph when Client Tuition Fee can be blank	30
Added new description for Outcome Id – National value 79	34, 181
Added whenever fee waiver is reported, the Client Tuition Fee must be reported with zero value	82
Included Waiver code R in Field Value table	83
Removed paragraph about DOB and Prior Education Achievement ID reporting post 01/01/2010	183

### Resources

An updated release (V1.01) of the Victorian VET Student Statistical Collection Guidelines – 2021 is published on the Department's [website](#) and in the 'Documents' section of SVTS.

The wording of relevant Contract sections will be updated to reflect this change in due course.

### Critical Dates

The new Fee Exemption/Concession Type Identifier value 'A' will be an accepted value in SVTS from Monday 22 February 2021.

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