

USI Exemptions Table

(Applicable from January 2015 and subject to review in 2016)

NOTE:

- unless exempt, a USI is required for all nationally recognised training courses
- an exemption from the USI means that an RTO can issue a VET qualification or statement of attainment to a student without collecting and verifying a USI from them
- where an exemption from the USI applies, RTOs must inform the student prior to enrolment or commencement of training/assessment (whichever comes first) that the results of the training will not appear on the authenticated VET transcript accessed through the student's USI account (the transcript service is expected to become available later in 2016)

1	Exempt RTOs or VET courses
	<p>A USI is not required where RTOs (or courses) are exempted by the Regulator* from AVETMISS reporting**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ on defence or national security grounds; or ○ because they deliver emergency, fire, rescue or first aid training on a non-commercial basis (such as to their staff or volunteers)
2	Courses delivered over a single day or less before 1 January 2017
	<p>A USI is not required where courses are delivered over a single day or less and a student is unable to provide a USI before completion of the course. If students have a USI, RTOs must collect it and verify it.</p>
3	Exempt Individuals
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ International students undertaking their entire VET course outside Australia (also known as offshore training). ○ Students who have completed their VET training prior to 1 January 2015 but have not yet been issued with a qualification or statement of attainment in respect of that training. ○ Students who have applied for and obtained an individual exemption in writing from the Student Identifiers Registrar because they have a genuine personal objection to being assigned a USI.
4	Advice for New Zealand Citizens
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students who hold a New Zealand passport and intend to come to Australia cannot apply for a USI using their New Zealand passport while still in New Zealand. A USI may only be created after entry to Australia.

* The Australian Skills Qualifications Authority (ASQA) is the national VET regulator; RTOs registered only in Victoria are regulated by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA); RTOs registered only in Western Australia are regulated by the WA Training Accreditation Council (WATAC).

** All RTOs are required to report their training activity as a condition of their registration in line with the AVETMISS national data standard. The USI is an AVETMISS data field. Where RTOs are exempted by their Regulator from the requirement to report they are also exempted from collecting a USI for their students. Where there is no Regulator exemption but only a USI exemption, RTOs may still be required to collect and submit AVETMISS compliant data - there could be reduced reporting requirements in some instances. For all AVETMISS inquiries please complete the [contact form](#) or email support@ncver.edu.au **phone:** 08 8230 8400 **toll free:** 1800 649 452