



Update to the 2020 Reporting Requirements for the Higher Education Data Collections

I am writing to advise you that the update to the 2020 Ministerial Notice, issued under section 19-70 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA), was released on Monday 24 September 2019.

My letter of 25 June 2019 releasing the 2020 Ministerial Notice covered the method by which information will be collected and the timeline for adopting the TCSI solution. This update to the Notice specifically addresses what information is collected, the elements to support this collection and the timing of reporting.

The department has engaged in extensive consultation throughout 2018 and into 2019 to implement changes to the information that is collected. This commenced in January 2018 with the release of the discussion paper *Redevelopment and Audit of the Higher Education Data Collection* and the establishment of the TCSI co-design group. We have continued to work with the sector through webinars, the TCSI newsletters and the Service Hub, to improve the quality of the data that is collected, reduce duplication and support students applying for or accessing government entitlements.

Draft documents were first released on 5 February 2019. Feedback and outcomes from the sector over the past seven months have been incorporated into the final version released today. All documents are available from the [TCSI Resources](#) page of HEIMSHelp.

During October, the TCSI systems will commence the migration to the production environments. Following production verification during November, TCSI will be open to all providers for reporting from December 2019. Full transition to event based reporting for student data is required no later than 31 May 2020.

If you have any queries relating to the 2020 transition to TCSI, please contact Maureen Wood, Transforming the Collection of Student Information, on (02) 6218 4470 or Maureen.Wood@education.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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24 September 2019



HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT ACT 2003

Notice under subsection 19-70(1)

I, Dr Andrew Taylor, Branch Manager, Market Analysis and Data Branch, Department of Education, as delegate of the Minister for Education under paragraph 238-5(1)(b) of the [Higher Education Support Act 2003](#) (HESA) for the purposes of subsection 19-70(2) of HESA:

Approve the reporting requirements for 2020 data. This includes the scope, structure and timing of reporting contained in the 2020 Higher education reporting requirements and supported by the 2020 Data element specifications.

The reporting requirements are available by contacting HEIMS Data Collections on (02) 6240 7487 or emailing HEIMS.datacollections@education.gov.au.

You are required to check for any changes that may, from time to time, be made to the data requirements. All changes to the requirements for the Higher Education Data Collection will be noted in the 2020 Data element specifications and Change Control document.

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