



## Reporting the international student data by calendar, financial year or other periods

The international student data of the Department of Education relate only to international students in Australia on student visa and are reported on a standard calendar year basis. However, different agencies and stakeholders often use financial years, semesters and other periods for reporting purposes. The data can be used to report on other periods provided data types are used consistently. This Snapshot provides advice on how to use the department's data to report on calendar year, financial year and other periods including semesters using sample data for the VET sector.

### Enrolments by Calendar Year

Enrolments in a calendar year consist of enrolments by international students on a student visa on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January plus all commencements by students up to the end of December.

During a year, the department produces data for each month as the year progresses. Individual monthly 'Year-to-date' enrolments refer to international students enrolled on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January plus those who commenced each month up until, and including, the reporting month. For example, using enrolment data from Fig. 1 and commencement data from Fig. 2, the 'Year-to-date' March 2018 enrolments are:

96,264 [enrolments as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018] + 18,199 + 16,184 + 7,122 [commencements for January, February and March].

This totals 137,769 enrolments. Note: Figures 1 and 2 below are produced using the data from the department's enrolments and commencements pivot table.

### Enrolments by Financial Year

Enrolments in a financial year consist of those who were enrolled on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July plus all those who commenced each month until the end of the financial year, i.e. 30 June in the following year.

For example, using sample VET data (below), the 2017/18 financial year enrolments are (highlighted in yellow):

91,977 [enrolments as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017] + 141,230 [total commencements from January 2017 to June 2018 indicated in yellow in Fig. 2]

This totals 233,207 financial year enrolments.

Figure 1

Sector		Enrolments											
VET		Data	Month										
		Sum of DATA As at 1st Month											
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2017	80,278	92,757	99,472	95,754	99,454	102,880	91,977	104,582	105,385	102,400	109,228	109,575	
2018	96,264	106,620	114,850	111,446	116,145	117,096	106,731	118,876	118,721	116,309	125,749	126,431	

Figure 2

Sector		Commencements											
VET		Data	Month										
		Sum of DATA Commencements for Month											
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2017	19,320	13,841	6,449	13,023	10,367	4,907	23,040	8,780	8,795	14,822	8,434	4,067	
2018	18,199	16,184	7,122	16,467	9,370	5,950	24,589	9,554	9,518	17,868	10,124	3,078	

### Other periods – Second Semester

Other periods can be calculated using appropriate 'start of period' data (1<sup>st</sup> of any month) plus as many months of commencements as constitute the desired range.

For example, enrolments in a defined 'second semester 2018' are (highlighted in blue):

106,731 [enrolments as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 – Fig. 1] + 74,731 [total commencements from July 2018 to December 2018 – Fig. 2].

This totals 181,462 second semester enrolments.

*Note: It is not possible to simply calculate year-to-date enrolments for second semester by subtracting year-to-date enrolments as at June from year-to-date enrolments as at December. This calculation only produces the total commencements in second semester without including the 'start of the period'.*