



## Reporting the Department of Education and Training Data by Calendar, Financial Year or Other Periods

Department of Education and Training data 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 2006 enrolments are:

33,878 [enrolments as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006] + 4,288 + 11,365 + 3,151 [commencements for January, February and March].

This totals 52,682 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 2005/06 financial year enrolments are:

33,974 [enrolments as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005] + 42,912 [total commencements from July 2005 to June 2006 indicated in yellow in Fig. 2]

This totals 76,886 financial year enrolments.

Figure 1

Enrolments													
11	Sector	VET											
12													
13		Data	Month										
14		Sum of DATA As at 1st Month											
15	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
16	2005	28,226	30,422	36,201	36,443	36,747	36,793	33,974	37,333	37,609	37,576	39,750	39,455
17	2006	33,878	36,411	43,747	44,726	45,199	45,635	42,104	48,542	48,884	49,439	52,831	53,085

Figure 2

Commencements													
11	Sector	VET											
12													
13		Data	Month										
14		Sum of DATA Commencements for Month											
15	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
16	2005	3,762	9,360	2,429	1,848	1,428	2,547	6,586	2,044	1,666	4,441	1,728	482
17	2006	4,288	11,365	3,151	2,254	2,099	2,808	9,328	2,402	2,702	5,807	2,344	932

### 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 2006' are:

42,104 [enrolments as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006 – Fig. 1] + 23,515 [total commencements from July 2006 to December 2006 – Fig. 2].

This totals 65,619 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'.