

Policy

This policy describes how the College manages information collected about prospective, current and former students.

Definitions

The College means Institute of Science Management & Technology

Course means any accredited qualification, unit of competency, skill set, course, or non-accredited program offered by the College.

NVR Act means the [National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011](#)

RTO means Registered Training Organisation

Student means a person enrolled in one or more courses with the College

Why we collect your personal information?

As an RTO, we collect your personal information so we can process and manage your enrolment in a vocational education and training course with us.

If we do not collect this information, we cannot accept your enrolment into any course.

How we use your personal information?

We use your personal information to enable us to deliver courses to you, and otherwise, as needed, to comply with our obligations as an RTO.

How we disclose your personal information?

We are required by law (under the NVR Act) to disclose the personal information we collect about you to the National VET Data Collection kept by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd (NCVER). The NCVER is responsible for collecting, managing, analysing and communicating research and statistics about the Australian VET sector.

We are also authorised by law (under the NVETR Act) to disclose your personal information to the relevant state or territory training authority.

Your personal information may be disclosed to staff members of the College operating in offshore locations. If this is the case, your information is always stored in Australia.

How the NCVER and other bodies handle your personal information?

The NCVER will collect, hold, use and disclose your personal information in accordance with the law, including the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (Privacy Act) and the NVR Act. Your personal information may be used and disclosed by NCVER for purposes that include populating authenticated VET transcripts; administration of VET; facilitation of statistics and research relating to education, including surveys and data linkage; and understanding the VET market.

The NCVER is authorised to disclose information to the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR), Commonwealth authorities, State and Territory authorities (other than registered training organisations) that deal with matters relating to VET and VET regulators for the purposes of those bodies, including to enable:

- administration of VET, including program administration, regulation, monitoring and evaluation
- facilitation of statistics and research relating to education, including surveys and data linkage
- understanding how the VET market operates, for policy, workforce planning and consumer information.

The NCVET may also disclose personal information to persons engaged by NCVET to conduct research on NCVET's behalf.

The NCVET does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

For more information about how the NCVET will handle your personal information please refer to the NCVET's [Privacy Policy](#).

If you would like to seek access to or correct your information, in the first instance, please contact the College.

DEWR is authorised by law, including the Privacy Act and the NVR Act, to collect, use and disclose your personal information to fulfil specified functions and activities. For more information about how the DEWR will handle your personal information, please refer to the DEWR [VET Privacy Notice](#).

Surveys

You may receive a student survey which may be run by a government department or an NCVET employee, agent, third-party contractor or another authorised agency. Please note you may opt out of the survey at the time of being contacted.

How the USI office handles your personal information

The information you provide through the USI application process is collected by the Student Identifiers Registrar for the purposes of:

- processing your application for a USI
- verifying and providing a USI
- resolving problems with a USI and creating authenticated VET transcripts

The information may be disclosed to:

- a number of organisations, departments, regulators and other persons where it is reasonably necessary for the purposes of performing functions or exercising powers.
- the Oversight Authority in instances pertaining to digital identity to enable them to perform their functions.
- current and former registered education and training providers to:
 - enable them to deliver VET and Higher Education courses.
 - meet their reporting obligations under the VET and Higher Education standards and government contracts.
 - assist in determining eligibility for training subsidies and higher education funding.

- schools for the purposes of delivering VET courses to me and reporting on these courses.
- the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) for the purpose of:
 - creating authenticated VET transcripts
 - resolving problems with USIs
 - collecting, preparing and auditing national VET statistics
- researchers for education and training related research purposes
- any other person or agency that may be authorised or required by law to access the information.
- any entity contractually engaged by the Student Identifiers Registrar to assist in the performance of his or her functions in the administration of the USI system and will not otherwise be disclosed without their consent unless authorised or required by or under law.

Contact

At any time, you may contact the College to:

- request access to your personal information.
- correct your personal information.
- make a complaint about how your personal information has been handled.
- ask a question about this Privacy Notice.