

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS ACT 1975: subsection 6(3)

SKILLS FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT (SEE) PROGRAM

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) proposes to collect information on students who have participated in the Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) Program using existing Commonwealth government administrative sources for public interest research and statistical analysis purposes.

The information to be collected references periods from 1 July 2017 onwards and is sourced from SEE administration data, held by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR), covering programs offered nationally. Data will be collected using a secure file transfer.

Information will be collected on a range of characteristics including:

- Referral, commencement and exit dates
- Hours of attendance
- Training qualification(s)
- Results of pre-training assessments and progressive assessments (against the Australian Core Skills Framework and the Digital Literacy Skills Framework)
- Student demographic data
- Metropolitan/regional/remote contract region and state.

The ABS expects to make statistical and related information from the collection available from late 2026 onwards. The principal users of the information will be authorised researchers for approved projects via the Person Level Integrated Data Asset (PLIDA).

PLIDA combines data on healthcare, education, government payments, income and taxation, employment, and population demographics. PLIDA provides whole-of-life insights that can improve the lives of Australians, facilitating the use and re-use of public data for research purposes.

The SEE program plays an important role in Australia's workforce and education system. This data integrated with PLIDA will help to inform policy issues, especially relating to improving the foundation skills of Australian adults.

To determine the feasibility of the collection and to understand and manage respondent burden consistent with the Government's Regulator Performance Framework, the ABS has assessed that this administrative data collection avoids potential costs and reporting burden by reusing available data.



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