

**Tertiary Education
Commission**

Te Amorangi Mātauranga Matua



August 2026 SDR

Meeting Date: 4th August 2026



Karakia timatanga

Tēnei au
 Te hapai nei
 Te tiri nei
 Te poupou nei
 I tōku reo
 Mō tōku mana
 Mō tōku ihi
 Te māpihi mauria
 Kia mau
 Kia ita
 Haumi ē, Hui ē, Tāiki e!

*This is me
 I uplift
 I elevate
 A pillar of strength
 Which is my language
 For my dignity
 For my inner strength
 A precious gift
 Grasp it tightly
 Seize it firmly
 Do we agree? Yes we all agree!*

Housekeeping

- Today's session will be recorded
- Cameras and microphones switched off
- If you have any questions, please type them into the meeting chat. We'll either answer as we go, respond directly into the chat or during question time
- A recording will be made available to all attendees after the session

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August 2026 SDR

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August 2026 SDR – key dates

- Friday 7 August 2026 Extract date for the August 2026 SDR
- Saturday 8 August 2026 SDR round opens
- Friday 21 August 2026 SDR round closes

Key messages

- Submit your course change requests early to clear the course difference.
- Start SDR trials early, rather than last minute
- Call CCT for any support if you encounter issues or have questions
- Submit on time
- Summary reports - please upload to DXP Ngā Kete – must be signed by CE or Vice Chancellor VC (for universities)

Data validation and changes for SDR

Heather Liu

Data validation update

There are no new or changed fields in this version of the data specifications.

There are some validation updates to clarify these fields:

- Gender: Error 254 changed to Warning 254
- Discount Course Fee & Discount CCCost field: New Error codes 801 and 802
- Funding category: Error 347 changed to Warning 347
- Category of Fees Assessment for International student for each enrolment: Updated Error messages related to Code 14

Field specification changes

Field Title	Fields Change	File	Mandatory for August SDR
Gender	Validation change: Error 254 changed to Warning 254. This field is mandatory but if the Gender is different from NSI, it will trigger a Warning instead of an Error	Leaner Files	Yes
Discounted Course Tuition Fee	New validation added if this field was updated prior to 2025: New Error Code 801: Discounted Course Tuition Fee must not be entered if submission year is prior to 2025	Course Register File	No
Discounted Compulsory Course Costs Fee	New validation added if this field was updated prior to 2025: New Error Code 802: Discounted Compulsory Course Costs Fee must not be entered if submission year is prior to 2025	Course Register File	No

Field specification changes

Field Title	Fields Change	File	Mandatory for Aug SDR?
Funding Category	Validation change: Error 347 changed to Warning 347 to reflect the actual validation	Course Enrolment file	Yes
Category of Fees Assessment for International Students for each enrolment	Error messages updated for code 14: Code 14 (Dependent children under the 2021 Resident Visa pathway) was only relevant from 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2023. We added the dates that these Error messages are relevant to. The Error Codes have been updated for 620, 683, 684, 685, 595, 613.	Course Enrolment File	Yes

User Interface enhancement for SDR

Filters

Return Period

April 2026

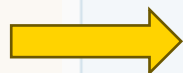


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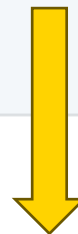


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	Date initiated	Run type	Channel	Status
	Jul 15 2026, 9:34 AM Run Sequence:	Course Completion	CSV	Submitted on Jul 15 2026, 9:38 AM



User Interface enhancement for SDR

	Mar 20 2025, 10:40 AM Run Sequence:	SDR Full	CSV	 Contact Support	Errors: Warnings:



SDR resources on the TEC website

New Page: [Completing your August 2026 SDR](#)

Resources on the [Single Data Return \(SDR\)](#) page:

- Data Specifications for SDR v3.1
- Data Classifications v2.0 - contains reference data to be used for the SDR
- Delivery Classification Guide – provides links to the TEC delivery classification and funding category codes
- Generic enrolment form 2026 v1.0
- SDR overview and guidance

Fees Free data collection 2027

Heather Liu

Final-year Fees Free is ending

Eligible learners who complete their qualification by 31 December 2026 will be able to apply for Fees Free. Learners who complete in 2027 or later will not be eligible.

We will be making changes to data collections in 2027 and 2028 to remove fields collected only for Fees Free, based on data requirements for closing the scheme.

- In 2027, we will remove the **IRD number from the learner file**, and the **Secondary School Programme Indicator** from the enrolment file.
- We will continue to collect Fees Free related completion data to allow us to correctly pay learners for 2025 or 2026 completions reported in 2027.

FAQs for the August 2026 SDR

Heather Liu

SDR – Contact Support

If you get a SDR validation status of “Contact Support”, contact CCT for escalation, investigation and resolution.

Question time

Questions?





Karakia Whakamutunga

Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atākura
He tio, he huka, he hauhū
Tihei mauri ora!

*Get ready for the westerly
and be prepared for the southerly.
It will be icy cold inland,
and icy cold on the shore.
May the dawn rise red-tipped on ice,
on snow, on frost.*