Department of Education and Training

Higher Education and Skills Group

Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement — Branch Memo

**TO:** RegisteredLearn Local providers

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**FROM:** Edu de Hue, A/Director — Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement Branch

**DATE:** 25 February 2021

**SUBJECT: Koorie loading for pre-accredited training**

Actions

* Learn Local providers, AMES Australia and CAE should note the introduction of a 1.5 Koorie loading for pre-accredited training.
* Payment processing arrangements for the 1.5 Koorie loading are outlined below.
* All providers are reminded that reporting of data in SVTS is critical for processing of payments and should ensure data is uploaded by 30 March to ensure payment processing.

Koorie loading for pre-accredited training

A 1.5 Koorie loading is being introduced in 2021 to improve supports to enable increased engagement of Koorie learners.

The Koorie loading aims to increase engagement of Koorie learners in pre-accredited training and support Koorie communities.

The 1.5 loading will be calculated by adding the $4.55 loading to the $9.10 base rate for each eligible learner. Each learner who identifies as Indigenous will therefore be subsidised at the rate of **$13.65** per student contact hour.

A regional loading will still be applied in addition to the Koorie loading for reported pre-accredited training delivery in identified postcodes.

Koorie loading payment processing timeframes

Learn Local providers must ensure that Koorie learner enrolments are reported in SVTS to ensure payment processing.

The first Koorie loading payment will be processed based on a census of Koorie learner enrolments reported in SVTS as at 30 March 2021.

A subsequent payment will be processed based on a census of Koorie learner enrolments reported in SVTS as at 30 September 2021, to capture any enrolled hours not paid in first Census.

Learn Local providers should refer to the [Victorian VET Student Statistical Collection Guidelines 2021](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/training/providers/rto/Victorian%20VET%20Student%20Statistical%20Collection%20Guidelines%20-%202021%20v1.0.pdf)  for information on the Indigenous Status Identifier, regarding learner self-identification.

Contact details

If you have any questions, please contact your regional office.

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