

The Netherlands – a common understanding of indicators and data

In the Netherlands training providers are primarily responsible for quality assurance and the inspectors use the same data sets and indicators to comment on the overall performance of the system. The inspection system uses this data to assess the risk of poor performance which forms the basis for inspection.

As part of the national quality assurance system, VET providers are monitored through a risk-based national inspection system organised by the Ministry of Education. Inspectors use a standard data set with common definitions. These national definitions are also used by VET providers to ensure data collection, collation, and analysis are simplified and there is a consistent and reliable set of measures of performance.

The VET providers supply administrative data on the registration and awarding of certificates to students to a central registration system. This allows system, institutional, and educational level data to be available on completion and drop-out rates. It also allows comparison between individual institutions and the national level. The information is used to determine how much funding the institution receives and to support and evaluate government policy.

More information is available from the National Reference Point.

The information was gathered in 2008, for more up to date information on this case study, please check the national website.