

National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence

Table 2: Key Requirements of Providers (by Product)

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This table provides a summary of key National Code requirements – for further detail see the [National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence](#)

Requirement	Timing and cadence	Submission requirement (including National Code reference)	Publication required
Whole-of-Organisation Prevention and Response Plan			
STANDARD 1 1.4 A Provider must, led by its Higher Education Principal Executive Officer, prepare, implement and publish on its website a Whole-of-Organisation Prevention and Response Plan. <i>NB: National Code provides details on what should be included in the Whole-of-Organisation Prevention and Response Plan.</i>	In place by 1 January 2026 and every 4 years thereafter	A Provider must, publish on its website a Whole-of-Organisation Prevention and Response Plan that: is endorsed by the Provider's Governing Body (1.4 (m)). A Provider must give to the Secretary a copy of the Prevention and Response Plan Initial Reporting Date and every four years thereafter and must include a systemic review and analysis and is informed by the Provider's analysis of data, as reported to the Secretary under Standard 6 (1.8). The Secretary may require a provider to report on how it has complied with its obligations under this Standard (Standard 1) in a manner and form prescribed by the Secretary (1.13).	The National Code requires the Provider to publish the whole-of-organisation Prevention and Response Plan on its website.
Gender Equity Plan (as part of Whole-of-Organisation Plan)			
STANDARD 1 1.4 A Provider must, led by its Higher Education Principal Executive Officer, prepare, implement and publish on its website a Whole-of-Organisation Prevention and Response Plan that: (g) includes a gender equality action plan, which the Secretary	In place by 1 January 2026 and every 4 years thereafter (as part of the Whole-of-Organisation	As above, as Gender Equality Action Plan is to be approved and submitted as part of the Whole-of-Organisation Prevention and Response Plan.	The National Code requires the Provider to publish the whole-of-organisation Prevention and Response Plan on its website.

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may require to be prepared in a prescribed manner and form.	Prevention and Response Plan).		
Outcomes Framework			
STANDARD 1 1.7 A Provider must develop and implement an outcomes framework to track and measure the effectiveness of actions under their Prevention and Response Plan .	In place by 1 January 2026 and every 4 years thereafter.	A Provider must give to the Secretary a copy of the outcomes framework by the Initial Reporting Date and every four years thereafter and must include a systemic review and analysis and is informed by the Provider's analysis of data, as reported to the Secretary under Standard 6 (1.8).	The National Code requires the Provider to publish the whole-of-organisation Prevention and Response Plan on its website.
Report to the Governing Body on Outcomes Framework			
STANDARD 1 1.9 Commencing after the Initial Reporting Date , a Provider must report to the Governing Body at least every six months against the outcomes framework for its Prevention and Response Plan . The report must include Deidentified-Gender-based Violence experienced by Students and Staff since the last report, including identification of any trends in the data.	Providers will need to report against the Outcomes Framework for their Whole-of-Organisation Prevention and Response Plan to their Governing Body every 6 months.	A Provider must report to the Governing Body at least every six months against the outcomes framework for its Prevention and Response Plan (1.9).	The National Code does not specify requirements to publish the Report to the Governing Body on Outcomes Framework
Report on the Prevention and Response Plan and outcomes framework			
STANDARD 1 1.9 Commencing after the Initial Reporting Date , a Higher Education Principal Executive Officer must give to the Secretary every two years a report on the Prevention and Response Plan and its outcomes framework.	Every two years after Jan 1, 2026.	A Higher Education Principal Executive Officer must give to the Secretary every two years a report on the Prevention and Response Plan and its outcomes framework. The Secretary may prescribe the manner and form in which these reports must be provided (1.10).	The National Code does not specify requirements to publish the Report on the Prevention and Response Plan and outcomes framework

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Annual report			
STANDARD 6 6.12 A Provider must, by 30 June each year, provide the data required under Standards 6.13 and 6.14 for the previous calendar year, from: (a) 30 June 2027, for Providers that are Table A and B providers for the purposes of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 (Cth) as at 1 January 2026; (b) 30 June 2028, for all other Providers registered under the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011 (Cth) as at 1 January 2026; (c) 30 June of the first calendar year after the year in which they are registered, for any Providers that are registered under the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011 (Cth) after 1 January 2026. <i>NB: National Code provides details of what should be included in the annual report</i>	By the date advised in 6.12 (a) (b) or (c) and every year thereafter	A Provider must seek and provide to the Secretary , and may be required to publish, data for the previous calendar year (6.13).	The National Code sets out the Provider may be required to publish data from the previous calendar year.
List of Accommodation providers			
STANDARD 7 7.12 A Provider must, by 30 June each year commencing after the Initial Reporting Date, provide to the Secretary the names of: (a) the Student Accommodation which the Provider directly owns, operates and/or manages; (b) the Student Accommodation that it Controls; and 7.14 the Student Accommodation to which it is Affiliated.	By 30 June each year commencing after initial reporting date	A Provider must provide the names of Student Accommodation Providers to the Secretary (7.12).	The National Code sets out that the Secretary may prescribe the manner and form for the Provider to report on its obligations under the Standard.

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Student Accommodation Provider Whole-of-Organisation Prevention and Response Plan			
STANDARD 7 Relevant only for: Student accommodation providers (not directly owned, operated or managed but are otherwise under the control of a Provider). 7.2 A Provider must require that a Student Accommodation Provider prepare, implement and publish on its website a Whole-of-Organisation Prevention and Response Plan. <i>NB: The National Code provides details of what should be included in the Whole-of-Organisation Prevention and Response Plan.</i>	In place by 1 January 2026 and every 4 years thereafter	In order to assess its own compliance with the National Code, the Provider must obtain a copy of the Student Accommodation Provider's Whole-of-Organisation Prevention and Response plan and make determinations as to its effectiveness. There is therefore no specific obligation for the Student Accommodation Provider to submit their plan to the Secretary (7.2 and 7.3).	The National Code requires the Student Accommodation Provider to publish the whole-of-organisation Prevention and Response Plan on its website.
Systemic Review and Analysis			
STANDARD 1 + 6 1.4 A Provider must, led by its Higher Education Principal Executive Officer, prepare, implement and publish on its website a Whole-of-Organisation Prevention and Response Plan that: (k) includes a systemic review and analysis of the Provider's responses to Disclosures and Formal Reports to identify barriers, gaps and opportunities for improvement.	Systemic review and analysis conducted every 4 years.	A Provider must give to the Secretary a copy of the Prevention and Response Plan and outcomes framework which must include a systemic review and analysis (1.8).	The National Code does not specify requirements to publish systemic review and analysis.