# Reporting Measurable Skill Gains Data

For Program Year (PY) 2020, RSA added a new Data Element (DE) to the Case Service Report (RSA-911) related to Measurable Skill Gains (MSG).

In PY 2020, VR agencies will use DE 401 (*Date Completed During Program Participation in an Education or Training Program Leading to a Recognized Postsecondary Credential or Employment*) to report the date that a participant completes or disenrolls from a program that leads to a postsecondary credential or employment. RSA will use DE 401 to inform the denominator in calculating the MSG Rate.

In PYs 2017, 2018, and 2019, VR agencies used only DE 85 (*Date Enrolled During Program Participation in an Education or Training Program Leading to a Recognized Postsecondary Credential or Employment*) to report whether a participant was enrolled or not enrolled in such programs. In PY 2020, VR agencies will use both DEs 85 and 401.

RSA and the WINTAC developed this FAQ to explain how and when to use DEs 85 and 401 and help VR agencies understand how RSA will calculate MSG Rates in PY 2020.

# Transition from PY 2019 to PY 2020

## How should VR agencies report a participant’s enrollment status across the two PYs so the participant is appropriately included in the MSG Rate denominator?

Consistent with [TAC 17-01](https://rsa.ed.gov/sites/default/files/subregulatory/tac-17-01.pdf) and [PD 16-04](https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/rsa/subregulatory/pd-16-04.pdf), VR agencies have already reported MSG data, including enrollment statuses and the MSGs participants earned during PY 2019.

For any participant who completed or disenrolled from a program before or on June 30, 2020, VR agencies should remove the date reported in DE 85 and report DE 85 blank in the PY 2020 Q1 report. If the participant remained enrolled across the two PYs (before June 30, 2020 and on or after July 1, 2020), VR agencies should continue to report the date in DE 85 in the PY 2020 Q1 report. RSA will include all participants with a date reported in DE 85 in the PY 2020 Q1 in the MSG Rate’s denominator for PY 2020.

Example 1: A participant enrolled in a program on August 15, 2019 and attained MSGs on December 16, 2019 and May 15, 2020. The participant completed the program and earned a credential on June 26, 2020.

* In the PY 2019 Q1 report, the VR agency reported August 15, 2019 in DE 85.
* In the PY 2019 Q2 report, the VR agency continued to report August 15, 2019 in DE 85 and also reported the MSG earned on December 16, 2019.
* In the PY 2019 Q3 report, the VR agency continued to report August 15, 2019 in DE 85.
* In the PY 2019 Q4 report, the VR agency continued to report August 15, 2019 in DE 85 and also reported the MSG earned on May 15, 2020. The VR agency also reported the attainment of the credential.

As a result, this participant is included in both the numerator and denominator for the MSG Rate in PY 2019. Because the participant completed the training program on June 26, 2020 (before PY 2020 began), the VR agency will remove August 15, 2019 from DE 85 and report DE 85 blank in the PY 2020 Q1 report. Unless the participant enrolls in another program in PY 2020, the participant will not be included in the MSG Rate calculation for PY 2020.

Example 2: A participant enrolled in a program on June 8, 2020 (during PY 2019) and remains enrolled in the program after July 1, 2020 (during PY 2020).

* In the PY 2019 Q4 report, the VR agency reported June 8, 2019 in DE 85.
* In the PY 2020 Q1 report, the VR agency continues to report June 8, 2019 in DE 85 and leaves DE 401 blank.

As a result, the participant will be included in both the PY 2019 and PY 2020 MSG Rate calculations because the participant was/is enrolled in a program in both years.

# PY 2020 RSA-911 Reporting

## How should VR agencies report that a participant completed or disenrolled from a program during PY 2020 so the participant is not included in the MSG Rate calculation in PY 2021?

Consistent with [TAC 17-01](https://rsa.ed.gov/sites/default/files/subregulatory/tac-17-01.pdf) and [PD 19-03](https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/rsa/subregulatory/pd-19-03.pdf), VR agencies must report all MSGs (DEs 343-347) in the quarter they are achieved during PY 2020. VR agencies must also use DE 85 to report enrollment dates and DE 401 to report dates of completion/disenrollment in programs during PY 2020.

Example 3: A participant enrolled in a program on May 10, 2020 (during PY 2019) and disenrolled from the program on October 15, 2020 (during PY 2020). The participant did not earn any MSGs and does not enroll in another program during PY 2020 or 2021.

* In the PY 2019 Q4 report, the VR agency reported May 10, 2019 in DE 85.
* In the PY 2020 Q1 report, the VR agency continues to report May 10, 2019 in DE 85.
* In the PY 2020 Q2 report, the VR agency continues to report May 10, 2019 in DE 85 and also reports October 15, 2020 in DE 401.
* The VR agency continues to report May 10, 2019 in DE 85 and October 15, 2020 in DE 401 in subsequent quarterly reports until reporting for this participant concludes.

As a result, this participant will be included in both the PY 2019 and PY 2020 MSG Rate calculations because the participant was enrolled in a program in both years. Because the participant did not earn any MSGs during PY 2019 or 2020, the participant will not be included in the numerator and will be included in the denominator in both years.

Example 4: A participant enrolled in a program on August 15, 2020 and earned MSGs on December 20, 2020 and May 25, 2021. The participant successfully completed the program on May 30, 2021 and is not enrolled in a program in PY 2021.

* In the PY 2020 Q1 report, the VR agency reported August 15, 2020 in DE 85.
* In the PY 2020 Q2 report, the VR agency continues to report August 15, 2020 in DE 85 and also reports the MSG earned on December 20, 2020.
* In the PY 2020 Q3 report, the VR agency continues to report August 15, 2020 in DE 85.
* In the PY 2020 Q4 report, the VR agency continues to report August 15, 2020 in DE 85 and also reports the MSG earned on May 25, 2021. The VR agency reports May 30, 2021 in DE 401.
* In PY 2021 Q1, the VR agency continues to report August 15, 2020 in DE 85 and May 30, 2021 in DE 401 and does the same in subsequent quarterly reports until reporting for this participant concludes.

As a result, this participant will be included in the numerator and denominator for the PY 2020 MSG Rate calculation. The participant is not included in the PY 2021 MSG Rate calculation.

## How should VR agencies report data for a participant who reenrolls in a program after VR agency previously reported a date in DE 401?

VR agencies must report the relevant MSG data as changes occur each quarter. As shown in the examples above, if a participant enrolled in a program and later completed or disenrolled from the program, the VR agency must continue reporting those dates in DEs 85 and 401 in subsequent quarters until reporting for the participant concludes. However, if the participant, after completing or disenrolling from a program, later enrolls in another program or reenrolls in the same program, VR agencies must report the new enrollment date in DE 85 and leave DE 401 blank until the participant completes or disenrolls from the program.

Example 5: A participant enrolled in a program on April 8, 2020 and completed the program on October 15, 2020. The participant enrolls in a new program on August 19, 2021.

* In the PY 2019 Q4 report, the VR agency reported April 8, 2020 in DE 85.
* In the PY 2020 Q1 report, the VR agency continues to report April 8, 2020 in DE 85.
* In the PY 2020 Q2 report, the VR agency continues to report April 8, 2020 in DE 85 and also reports October 15, 2020 in DE 401.
* In the PY 2020 Q3 report, the VR agency continues to report April 8, 2020 in DE 85 and October 15, 2020 in DE 401.
* In the PY 2020 Q4 report, the VR agency continues to report April 8, 2020 in DE 85 and October 15, 2020 in DE 401.
* In PY 2021 Q1, the VR agency updates DE 85 to August 19, 2021 (new enrollment date) and reports DE 401 blank.

As a result, this participant is included in the denominator of the MSG Rate calculations for PYs 2019, 2020, and 2021. If the VR agency reported that the participant earned MSGs in any quarters when he or she was enrolled during these three PYs, the participant would be included in the numerator in the corresponding PY.