



**Commonwealth of Australia**

***Higher Education Support Act 2003***

**COMMONWEALTH GRANT SCHEME GUIDELINES 2012**

Amendments to Guidelines made pursuant to section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*

I, Christopher Pyne, Minister for Education, pursuant to section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (the Act), make the attached amendment to the *Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines 2012* which provide for matters under Part 2-2 and section 93-10 of the Act.

Dated this        10th            day of            December            2013

Signed

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Christopher Pyne  
Minister for Education

# COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## *Higher Education Support Act 2003*

### **Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines 2012 - Amendment No. 1**

#### **1 CITATION**

This legislative instrument may be cited as Amendment No. 1 to the *Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines 2012*.

#### **2 AUTHORITY**

This legislative instrument is made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (the Act) for the purposes of Part 2-2 and section 93-10 of the Act, and subsection 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

#### **3 COMMENCEMENT**

This legislative instrument takes effect on the day after it is registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

#### **4 AMENDMENT**

This legislative instrument amends the *Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines 2012* registered on 13 December 2012 (F2012L02442).

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this legislative instrument is to:

- a) amend Chapter 1 to clarify various definitions; and
- b) amend Chapters 3, 5 and 6 of the *Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines 2012* to update the amount of various loadings paid under the CGS to apply the efficiency dividend to university funding. The efficiency dividend was a savings measure included in the 2013-14 Budget.

### ITEM 1 – Paragraph 1.5.1

Repeal the paragraph 1.5.1 and substitute:

1.5.1 In these Guidelines, unless the contrary intention appears:

<i>ASGC Remoteness Structure</i>	means the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) Remoteness Structure published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)
<i>ASGS Remoteness Structure</i>	means the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Remoteness Structure published by the ABS which replaces the ASGC Remoteness Structure from December 2012
<i>campus</i>	means the physical location at which a provider delivers a unit of study. For on-line/distance education courses or where studies require attendance at locations such as a health centre, teaching hospital or agricultural farm, the campus is the location from which the course is administered
<i>Department</i>	means in accordance with the Administrative Arrangement Order, the Department responsible for administering Parts 2-2 and 3-2 of the <i>Act</i> , or part thereof.
<i>external</i>	means a mode of attendance for a unit of study for which the <i>provider</i> delivers the course materials to the student and the student is not required to attend classes on <i>campus</i> on a regular basis
<i>headquarters</i>	is a <i>provider's campus</i> location which has the largest <i>internal</i> and <i>multi-modal</i> EFTSL of Commonwealth supported students
<i>HEIMS</i>	means the Higher Education Information Management System

<i>HESC</i>	means the Higher Education Student Collection which is a component of the Higher Education Statistics Collection required under subsection 19-70(1) of the Act
<i>internal</i>	means a mode of attendance for a unit of study for which the student must attend classes at the <i>provider's</i> facilities on a regular basis
<i>Minister</i>	means, in accordance with the Administrative Arrangement Order, the Minister responsible for administering Part 2-2 and 3-2 of the Act, or part thereof, or the Secretary or APS employee of the Department when acting under a delegation made pursuant to Sections 238 1 and 238-5 of the Act.
<i>multi-modal</i>	means a mode of attendance for a unit of study that is undertaken partially in an <i>internal</i> mode of attendance and partially in an <i>external</i> mode.
<i>provider</i>	means Higher Education Provider

**ITEM 2 – Paragraph 4.10.5**

Repeal paragraph 4.10.5 and substitute:

4.10.5 The total amount of regional loading available in each year is fixed. The amount available for 2012 to 2016 is set out in the table below.

2012	\$63,559,565
2013	\$65,948,301
2014	\$66,537,164
2015	2014 amount multiplied by 0.9875 and then indexed in accordance with the method set out in Part 5-6 of the Act.
2016	2015 amount indexed in accordance with the method set out in Part 5-6 of the Act.

The amount for 2017 and later years is the amount for the previous year indexed in accordance with the method set out in Part 5-6 of the *Act*.

**ITEM 3 – Paragraph 4.15.1**

Repeal paragraph 4.15.1 and substitute:

4.15.1 A *provider* is eligible for regional loading if it is a Table A or Table B *provider* under sections 16-15 or 16-20 of the *Act* respectively.

**ITEM 4 – Paragraph 5.10.1**

Repeal paragraph 5.10.1 and substitute:

5.10.1 The amount of medical student loading (A) payable to a provider for a year will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$A=B \text{ times } C$$

Where:

B is the student load determined in accordance with paragraph 5.10.5.

C is the amount of medical student loading per Commonwealth supported place for the relevant year in a medical course of study.

5.10.2 The total amount of medical student loading per Commonwealth supported place for 2013 to 2016 is set out in the table below.

2013	\$1,291
2014	\$1,303
2015	2014 amount multiplied by 0.9875 and then indexed in accordance with the method set out in Part 5-6 of the <i>Act</i> .
2016	2015 amount indexed in accordance with the method set out in Part 5-6 of the <i>Act</i> .

The amount for 2017 and later years is the amount for the previous year indexed in accordance with the method set out in Part 5-6 of the *Act*.

**ITEM 5 – Paragraph 6.5.1**

Repeal paragraph 6.5.1 and substitute:

6.5.1 The amount of enabling loading (A) payable to a *provider* for a year will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$A = B \text{ times } C$$

where:

B is the number of Commonwealth supported places in enabling courses of study allocated to the *provider* for the grant year in the *provider's* Commonwealth Grant Scheme funding agreement for that year.

C is the amount of enabling loading per Commonwealth supported place for the relevant year.

6.5.2 The total amount of enabling loading per Commonwealth supported place for 2013 to 2016 is set out in the table below.

2013	\$2,500
2014	\$3,006
2015	2014 amount multiplied by 0.9875 and indexed in accordance with the method set out in Part 5-6 of the <i>Act</i> .
2016	2015 amount indexed in accordance with the method set out in Part 5-6 of the <i>Act</i> .

The amount for 2017 and later years is the amount for the previous year indexed in accordance with the method set out in Part 5-6 of the *Act*.