

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Migration Regulations 1994

ELIGIBLE EDUCATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATIONAL BUSINESS PARTNERS

(Clauses 572.112, 573.112, 574.112 and 575.112)

1. This Instrument is made under clauses 572.112, 573.112, 574.112 and 575.112 of Schedule 2 to the *Migration Regulations 1994* (the Regulations).
2. The Instrument revokes IMMI 14/047 (F2014L00706).
3. The purpose of this Instrument is to specify eligible education providers and their educational business partners for subclasses 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector, 573 Higher Education Sector and 574 Postgraduate Research Sector Student visas and to specify eligible education providers for subclass 575 Non-award Sector Student visas. The Instrument specifies that educational business partners are linked to a particular eligible education provider.
4. The Instrument operates to reflect modifications to the details of education providers participating in the streamlined visa processing arrangements, including eligible education providers and their educational business partners. The Instrument includes the addition of educational business partners, removal of some educational business partners and updating the details of some educational business partners already specified. The Instrument also includes new eligible education providers. There are 55 new education providers who have become eligible for the arrangements.
5. Consultation was undertaken with the Department of Education, the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) and the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) before the Instrument was made. Eligible education providers were consulted before the Instrument was made. Eligible education providers were given the opportunity to confirm details of their educational business partner nominations.
6. The Office of Best Practice Regulation has advised that a Regulatory Impact Statement is not required (OBPR Reference 14615).

7. Under section 44 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* the Instrument is exempt from disallowance and therefore a Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights is not required.
8. The Instrument, IMMI 14/075, commences on 23 November 2014.