



Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) Amendment (No.1) 2020

I, Dan Tehan, Minister for Education, make the following legislative instrument.

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Minister for Education

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) Amendment (No. 1) 2020*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
The whole of this instrument	<i>The day after this instrument is registered</i>	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (Research) 2017

1 Section i.v

Amend the following definitions:

<i>the department</i>	means the Commonwealth department responsible for administering the Act
<i>the Minister</i>	means the Minister responsible for administering the Act

2 Paragraph 1.4.15

In paragraph 1.4.15 replace the words “for the 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 *Grant Years*” with “for the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 *Grant Years*”

3 Paragraph 1.4.20

Repeal existing paragraph 1.4.20 and substitute new paragraph 1.4.20:

1.4.20 Grant amounts for 2022 and future Grant Years

Subject to any adjustment that may be made under paragraph 1.4.30, for the 2022 and future *Grant Years*, each *HEP*'s *RTP* Grant Amount is equal to that *HEP*'s Basic Grant Amount calculated in paragraph 1.4.5.

4 After paragraph 1.6.5

Insert new paragraph 1.6.6:

1.6.6 COVID-19 extension

A *HEP* may approve an extension of up to six months to the Period of Support specified in paragraph 1.6.5 if a student is otherwise making satisfactory progress and the grounds for the extension relate to the student's *course of study* being materially adversely impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

The following provisions apply to COVID-19 extensions:

- (1) Eligibility is limited to students that were either enrolled in a *course of study*:
 - a) as at 1 March 2020; or
 - b) prior to 1 March 2020 and on a *suspension* or leave of absence as at 1 March 2020.
- (2) All extensions must be approved by a *HEP* by no later than 31 December 2022.
- (3) A *HEP* must inform a student in writing of the approval of an extension and the period of the extension.
- (4) The maximum period of six months applies to students undertaking either *full-time student load* or *part-time student load*.

5 Subparagraphs 1.6.45 (10) and 1.6.45 (11)

Repeal existing subparagraphs 1.6.45 (10) and 1.6.45 (11) and insert new subparagraphs:

- (10) the grievance and review procedures for *HDR* students;
- (11) arrangements for optional industry placements, *research* internships, professional practice activities or other similar enrichment activities undertaken as part of a *HDR*, including information on any impacts on duration in relation to subparagraph 1.6.5 and *RTP Stipend* rates in relation to subparagraph 1.6.10; and
- (12) provisions that identify the circumstances and procedures in which a *HEP* will grant a COVID-19 extension in relation to paragraph 1.6.6.