



Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Higher Education Standards Framework Amendment (Threshold Standards—Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom) 2021

I, Alan Tudge, Minister for Education and Youth, make the following Standards.

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Higher Education Standards Framework Amendment (Threshold Standards—Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom) 2021*.

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
1. <i>The whole of this instrument</i>	on the day after this instrument is registered.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 subsection 58(1) of the *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011*.

4 Definition

Principal Instrument means the *Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021*, which was made on 24 April 2021 under the *Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Act 2011*.

5 Schedules

- (1) The Principal Instrument is amended as set out in the applicable items in Schedule 1.
- (2) Schedule 2 repeals the whole of the *Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2015*.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021

1 Definitions

Under the heading “Definitions”, which appears towards the beginning of the Principal Instrument, add the following as the first item in the list after “In this instrument;”:

Academic freedom has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

2 Provision numbered “6.1” under the “Governance and Accountability” heading

In paragraph 4, omit “freedom of intellectual inquiry is” and replace with “freedom of speech and academic freedom are”.

3 Provision numbered “B1.1” in Part B

In paragraph 1, omit “free intellectual inquiry” and replace with “freedom of speech and academic freedom”.

4 Provision numbered “B1.3” in Part B

In paragraph 5, after “self-accredits”, insert “and delivers undergraduate and postgraduate”.

Schedule 2—Repeals

Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2015

1 The whole of the instrument

Repeal the instrument