

Social Security (Approved Scholarship Courses) Amendment Determination 2023

I, Amanda Rishworth, Minister for Social Services, make the following Determination.

Dated 7 August 2023

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Minister for Social Services

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Social Security (Approved Scholarship Courses) Amendment Determination 2023*.

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. The whole of this instrument | 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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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 592N(1) of the *Social Security Act 1991*.

4 Schedules

The instrument that is specified in Schedule 1 to this instrument is amended as set out in the applicable items in Schedule 1, and any other item in Schedule 1 to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Social Security (Approved Scholarship Courses) Determination 2020

1 Section 4 (definition of *Act*)

Omit the definition, insert:

***accelerator program course*** has the same meaning as in the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

2 Section 4 (after definition of *accredited higher education course*)

Insert:

***Act*** means the *Social Security Act 1991*.

***bridging study for overseas-trained professionals*** means the occupation-related subjects, course, tuition or training program that is necessary for an overseas-trained professional to complete in order to meet the requirements for entry into their profession in Australia.

***Masters qualifying course*** means an intermediate course required to be completed before a person commences study for a Masters degree.

3 Section 4 (after definition of *TEQSA*)

Insert:

***VET*** means vocational education and training.

***VET course*** has the same meaning that term is given in section 3 of the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011*.

4 Section 6

Repeal the section, substitute:

For subsection 592N(1) of the Act, an approved scholarship course is a course that is specified in Column 1 of the table below and provided by an education institution specified for that course in Column 2 of that table.

| **Approved scholarship courses** | | |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Item** | **Column 1**  **Course** | **Column 2**  **Education institution** |
| 1 | Accredited higher education course | Higher education institution |
| 2 | Preparatory course | Higher education institution |
| 3 | Accelerator program course | Higher education provider within the meaning of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* |
| 4 | A course that:   1. includes an accelerator program course; and 2. includes an undergraduate or postgraduate accredited higher education course at the level of: 3. associate degree; or 4. associate diploma; or 5. Bachelor degree; or 6. bridging study for overseas-trained professionals; 7. postgraduate bachelor degree; or 8. Masters qualifying course; or 9. any of the following that is not a VET course: 10. diploma; 11. advanced diploma; 12. graduate certificate; 13. graduate diploma; and 14. is identified as a combined course in the institution’s handbooks; and 15. does not include a course accredited at Masters level (other than an approved Masters level course specified in the legislative instrument made under section 5D of the *Student Assistance Act 1973*) | Higher education provider within the meaning of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* |