

Further Education and Training Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2015

Explanatory notes for SL 2015 No. 133

made under the

Further Education and Training Act 2014

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 197(2)(a) of the *Further Education and Training Act 2014*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The *Further Education and Training Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2015* (the Amendment Regulation) will index fees prescribed in the *Further Education and Training Regulation 2014* (the Regulation) in accordance with the Queensland Government's policy on annual indexation of fees and charges, which is that fees and charges are to be increased by 3.5% per annum.

The indexed fees will take effect from 1 January 2016.

The Regulation prescribes a fee for the issue of a certified copy of a training contract or other training agreement. These documents are now held by the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network. As the Department of Education and Training no longer hold these documents the fee is obsolete. The Amendment Regulation will remove reference to the fee for a certified copy of a training contract or other training agreement.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Amendment Regulation will achieve its objective by increasing the fees and charges under the *Further Education and Training Regulation 2014* and remove the reference to the fee for a certified copy of a training contract or other training agreement.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the objectives of the *Further Education and Training Act 2014*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation and with Queensland Government policy about indexation of fees and charges.

Benefits and costs of implementation

There are minimal costs incurred through implementing the indexation of prescribed fees.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles. The Amendment Regulation will only change fees prospectively from commencement.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with the Office of Best Practice Regulation in determining that the amendment was excluded from the requirement to undertake a Regulatory Impact Statement.

As the Amendment Regulation increases fees in accordance with existing government policy, further consultation on the increase of fees has not been undertaken.