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Appendix A—Abbreviations



Appendix A - Abbreviations

AARNet	Australian Academic and Research Network
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACER	Australian Council for Educational Research
ADT	Australian Digital Theses
AEI	Australian Education International
AICTEC	Australian Information and Communications Technology in Education Committee
ANZAAS	Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science
APA	Australian Postgraduate Awards
APAC	Australian Partnership for Advanced Computing
ARC	Australian Research Council
ARCA	<i>Australian Research Council Act 2001</i>
AREN	Australian Research and Education Network
ARENAC	Australian Research and Education Network Advisory Committee
ARIIC	Australian Research Information Infrastructure Committee
ASSD	Additional Support for Students with Disabilities
AUQA	Australian Universities Quality Agency
AUQF	Australian Universities Quality Forum
AWA	Australian Workplace Agreements
AWE	Average weekly earnings
AVCC	Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee
BAF	<i>Our Universities: Backing Australia's Future</i>
BIHECC	Business, Industry and Higher Education Collaboration Council
BOTP	Bridging Courses for Overseas Trained Professionals
BOTPLS	Bridging Courses for Overseas Trained Professionals Loan Scheme
CAS	Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship
CASR	Collaboration and Structural Reform Fund
CDP	Capital Development Pool
CECS	Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships
CEP	Country Education Profiles
CEQ	Course Experience Questionnaire
CGS	Commonwealth Grant Scheme
CLS	Commonwealth Learning Scholarships
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
DEST	Department of Education, Science and Training
DETYA	Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs (now DEST)
DSP	Education Disability Support Programme

EESP	Education Equity Support Programme
EFTSL	Equivalent Full-time Student Load
ESOS	Education Services for Overseas Students
ESP	Higher Education Equity Support Programme
FOLP	Framework for Open Learning Programme
FRLI	Federal Register of Legislative Instruments
GCA	Graduate Careers Australia
GDS	Graduate Destination Survey
HECS	Higher Education Contribution Scheme
HEFA	<i>Higher Education Funding Act 1988</i>
HEIF	Higher Education Indexation Factor
HEIMS	Higher Education Information Management System
HELP	Higher Education Loan Programme
HEP	Higher Education Provider
HESA	<i>Higher Education Support Act 2003</i>
HEWRRS	Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements
IAF	Institution Assessment Framework
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IGS	Institutional Grants Scheme
IHEAC	Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council
IPRS	International Postgraduate Research Scheme
ISP	Indigenous Support Programme
ISSP	Indigenous Staff Scholarship Programme
JCHE	Joint Committee on Higher Education
LTPF	Learning and Teaching Performance Fund
MCETYA	Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
OLDPS	Open Learning Deferred Payment Scheme
OS-HELP	Overseas Study – Higher Education Loan Programme
PELS	Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme
RDLO	Regional Disability Liaison Officer
RIBG	Research Infrastructure Block Grants
RPS	Regional Protection Scheme
RRMA	Rural, remote and metropolitan areas classification
RTS	Research Training Scheme
SES	Socio-economic status
SII	Systemic Infrastructure Initiative
SLE	Student Learning Entitlement
SNA	Safety Net Adjustment
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
TAR	Tuition Assurance Requirement
TREN	Tasmanian Research and Education Network
UMAP	Australian University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific Programme
VET	Vocational Education and Training
WEI	Work Experience in Industry
WPP	Workplace Productivity Programme
WRP	Workplace Reform Programme

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Appendix C - Legislation Enacted in 2005





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Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget Measures) Act 2005 (received Assent on 19 December 2005)

The *Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Budget Measures) Act 2005* amended the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to update funding amounts to provide \$25 million in capital infrastructure funding over three years to expand facilities for students at several campuses of the University of Western Sydney (UWS) and to improve teaching and research capacity.

These amendments varied maximum funding amounts appropriated for Other Grants for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 in relation to the \$25 million in capital infrastructure funding for UWS, by bringing forward \$5 million of the 2008 funding; \$3 million to 2006 to facilitate building works at the Parramatta campus and upgrade research and teaching facilities at the Hawkesbury campus and \$2 million to 2007 to assist in the development of a new medical training facility at Campbelltown and to enhance library facilities at Penrith.

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Act 2005 (received Assent on 25 May 2005)

The *Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Act 2005* made a range of amendments to the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA).

The Act adjusted funding amounts under the Commonwealth Grant Scheme to reflect additional funding for 100 new radiation therapy and 40 new aged care nursing places for the years 2005-08.

The Act also adjusted funding amounts under Other Grants to reflect: additional funding for capital development at Charles Darwin University for 2005-07 and at James Cook University for 2005-06; National Institute funding for the Australian National University for 2005-07; and a transfer of funding from the Commonwealth Grant Scheme to the National Institutes for the Australian Maritime College for 2005.

The Act extended the eligibility for capital development pool funding under Other Grants to Table B providers. It also provided for exemptions from the tuition assurance requirements (TARs) for Higher Education Providers to be subject to conditions and to apply only for a specified period. It further clarified arrangements for the re-crediting of Student Learning Entitlement (SLE) and FEE-HELP balance if a higher education provider who is subject to the TARs ceases to be able to provide a unit of study.

The Act amended the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988* to clarify that no refunds of voluntary HECS repayments would be made from 1 January 2005 and to make a technical correction to the definition of HECS debt to make it consistent with the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

The Act also amended the *Maritime College Act 1978*, to ensure that the Australian Maritime College complied with the National Governance Protocols.

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 2) Act 2005 (received Assent on 6 July 2005)

The *Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 2) Act 2005* made a number of amendments to the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* that clarified the requirements for the review of decisions made by higher education providers in relation to students. The amendments ensured that providers have clear advice on their responsibilities, and students would be well informed of their rights and the procedure they need to follow if they wish to seek a review of a decision.

The Act also included amendments to the HESA which gave higher education providers more flexibility to deal with changes in demand and supply for particular courses or units of study. These changes enabled providers to publish more than one schedule of student contribution amounts and tuition fees per year, and specify more than one date for the publishing of Census Date and Equivalent Full Time Student Load values.

The changes also ensured that students enrolled through Open Learning Australia could access FEE-HELP.

The Act also included technical amendments to the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* and the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* which clarified the tax file number requirements for students.

The Act also amended the *Higher Education Support (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2003* to clarify references to relevant Guidelines.

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Act 2005 (received Assent on 14 December 2005)

The *Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 measures No. 3) Act 2005* amended the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to clarify the definition of Student Load (EFTSL) and quality and accountability requirements to ensure that higher education providers' selection procedures are based on merit in the providers' 'reasonable view'.

The Act also provided for guidelines for 'incidental fees' and fees in respect of overseas students to be specified in the Higher Education Provider Guidelines (rather than the Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines).

The Act contained provisions to allow an audit to be conducted on the operation of non-Table A Higher Education Providers. It also clarified the requirements for a person to be taken to be a Commonwealth supported student and reflected the new business name of Open Learning Australia as Open Universities Australia.

The Act also amended the *Australian National University Act 1991* to repeal an obsolete heading and correct a drafting error in the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Act 2005 (received Assent on 19 December 2005)

The *Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 measures No. 4) Act 2005* amended the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA) to insert a category of Table C providers. This included a range of amendments to enable foreign universities to be listed as overseas higher education providers and to establish an Australian branch and for that branch to have access to certain types of Commonwealth assistance. Carnegie Mellon University was included as the first Table C provider.

This Act also amended the HESA in relation to tuition assurance arrangements for Higher Education Providers other than Table A providers. These amendments clarified and strengthened the policy intent of the tuition assurance requirements as a consumer protection measure for students. These requirements were also expanded to cover situations where providers 'cease to provide' units as a consequence of ceasing to provide the course of which the unit forms part.

A transitional provision was included regarding the name change proposed in the *Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 3) Act 2005* from Open Learning Australia to Open Universities Australia.

This Act also made a number of technical amendments to the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988*, the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* and the *Higher Education Support (Transitional and Consequential Amendments) Act 2003* as a consequence of the commencement of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* on 1 January 2005.

Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Act 2005 (received Assent on 18 November 2005)

The *Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Workplace Relations Requirements) Act 2005* amended the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to provide for the inclusion in the Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines, requirements to be known as the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements (HEWRRs).

This Act also provided for higher education providers' basic grant amount for a year to be increased (5% in 2006; 7.5% in later years) under Section 33-15 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* if the Minister is satisfied that the provider has met the requirements of the National Governance Protocols and the Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements by the respective dates set out in the Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines.

Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Act 2005 (received Assent on 19 December 2005)

The *Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of Compulsory Up-front Student Union Fees) Act 2005* amended the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to make student unionism a voluntary activity in Australian higher education institutions.

The Act prohibited all higher education providers (public and private) from requiring a person to become a member of a student association (union or guild) or requiring a student to pay fees for non-academic student services.

The Act provided measures to reduce a higher education provider's basic grant amount if they breached the voluntary student unionism requirements (VSU); requiring Open Learning Australia to comply with VSU requirements; and to ensure that students could not have their results withheld or face expulsion if they had not paid a fee to join a student organisation.

The Act also included transitional arrangements to ensure that VSU would apply to higher education providers from 1 January 2006, only in respect of students enrolling with the provider for a period of study starting on or after 1 July 2006, who were not enrolled with the higher education provider for an earlier period in 2006. These measures provided that VSU would apply in full to higher education providers who were enrolling students for the first time in 2006 for periods of study that commence from 1 July 2006.



Appendix D
Legislative Instruments Tabled in Parliament in 2005



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Higher Education Support Act 2003 Guidelines

- Administration Guidelines – revision (13 September 2005)
- Administration Guidelines – revocation and re-make (18 September 2005)
- Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines:
 - Amendment No. 3 – Chapter 2 (April 2005)
 - Amendment No. 4 – Chapters 4, 6 and 7 (September 2005)
 - Amendment No. 5 – Chapter 7 (November 2005)
- Commonwealth Scholarships Guidelines (September 2005)
- Guidelines for Remission of HECS/PELS/BOTPLS/OLDPS Debt (February 2005)
- Higher Education Provider Guidelines (September 2005)
- OS-HELP Guidelines (August 2005)
- Other Grants Guidelines:
 - Amendment Number 3 – Chapters 3 and 5 (September 2005)
 - Amendment Number 4 – Chapters 7 and 8 (December 2005)
- Student Learning Entitlement Guidelines (October 2005)
- Tax File Number Guidelines for Higher Education Providers and Open Universities Australia (June 2005)

Other Instruments

Factor to index an accumulated higher education contribution debt (May 2005)

Higher Education Provider Approvals tabled in 2005

Instruments approving the following institutions as higher education providers under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*:

- Australian College of Natural Medicine Pty Ltd
- Australian Film, Television and Radio School
- Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Pty Ltd
- Box Hill Institute of Technical and Further Education (trading as Box Hill Institute of TAFE and Box Hill Institute)
- Champion Institute Limited (trading as Champion College Australia)
- College of Law Pty Ltd
- Colleges of Business and Technology (WA) Pty Ltd (trading as Curtin International College)
- East Coast Gestalt Training Incorporated
- International College of Hotel Management Ltd
- Melbourne Institute of Technology Pty Ltd
- Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE
- Perth Bible College
- Perth Institute of Business and Technology Pty Ltd
- Southern School of Natural Therapies Limited



Appendix E - Determinations Registered in 2005





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Determinations under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*

Title	Section	Date Registered on FRLI/ Date of Effect
List of programmes and funding under Division 41	S41-50	4 March 2005
Provision of statistical higher education information	Subsection 19-70(2)	26 April 2005
Provision of schedule of student contributions and tuition fees to the Minister	Subsection 19-95(1)	25 September 2005
Provision of statistical higher education information	Subsection 19-70(2)	7 December 2005
Declaration of percentage of Commonwealth supported places to be provided by Table A providers for a course of study in medicine. Note: This instrument has since been repealed and replaced.	S36-35	12 December 2005

Determinations under the *Higher Education Funding Act 1998*

Title	Section	Date Registered on FRLI
Determination under Section 15 in Relation to Grants for Expenditure for Operating Purposes (Marginal Funding Estimates (Over Enrolments))	S15	20 May 2005
Determination Under Section 15 in Relation to Grants for Expenditure for Operating Purposes (Base Operating (excluding HECS))	S15	21 June 2005
Determination Under Section 16 in Relation to Grants for Expenditure for Limited Operating Purposes (Base Operating (excluding HECS))	S16	22 June 2005
Determination Under Section 15 in Relation to Grants for Expenditure for Operating Purposes (Marginal Funding Estimates (Over Enrolments))	S15	19 August 2005





Appendix F - Higher Education Indexation Factor





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From 2005 the Higher Education Indexation Factor (HEIF) has replaced the Higher Education Cost Adjustment Factor (CAF). The HEIF is an index reflecting the contribution the Commonwealth makes towards increases in the operating costs of higher education institutions. The HEIF does not measure actual price rises but the Commonwealth's contribution towards annual increases in salary and non-salary costs.

Salary costs notionally constitute 75% of grants. This component of the HEIF was based on the Safety Net Adjustment (SNA) as determined by the Australian Industrial Relations Commission. Due to the changes in the workplace relations legislation, the Industrial Relations Commission's safety net review has been replaced by the new Australian Fair Pay Commission's process for setting minimum wages and the SNA will no longer be available for indexation purposes. The SNA will be replaced by the determination from the Fair Pay Commission. The same methodology of calculation for the HEIF will be used, with the only change being the different source of information. This change will affect the HEIF for 2008.

Non-salary costs notionally constitute 25% of grants and are indexed using the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Figures for the CPI and SNA are provided by the Department of Finance and Administration in June of the preceding year, around six weeks after the Federal Budget. The resulting HEIF applies to the whole of the following calendar year and indexation starts from the first payment each year.

In this Report all figures for 2005 are actual amounts (unless stated otherwise). All amounts for 2006 onwards are using the current legislated 2006 HEIF (i.e. 1.021) – SNA 1.7% and CPI 2.5%.

The Higher Education Indexation Factor is shown in Table A1 and the Cost Adjustment Factor Index is shown in Table A2.

Table A1: Higher Education Indexation Factor, 2004-06

2004	1.000
2005 - Final	1.021 (2.1%)
2006 - Final	1.019 (1.9%)

Table A2: Cost Adjustment Factor Index, 1995-2004

1995	1.000000
1996	1.015750
1997	1.033823
1998	1.050122
1999	1.066707
2000	1.085211
2001	1.108650
2002	1.134358
2003	1.161183
2004	1.188354