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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Minister for Education)

**Vocational Education and Training
Amendment Bill 2000**

A BILL

FOR

**An Act to amend the *Vocational Education and Training Act*
1995**

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory
enacts as follows:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Vocational Education and Training Amendment Act*
5 2000.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day it is notified in the Gazette.

Job No 2000/132

3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Vocational Education and Training Act 1995*.

4 Interpretation

Section 4 is amended—

- 5 (a) by omitting the heading and substituting the following heading:
- “4 Definitions for Act”**; and
- (b) by omitting from subsection (1) “In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—” and substituting “In this Act.”; and
- (c) by inserting in subsection (1) the following definition:
- 10 “*university* means a higher education institution that is—
- (a) established or recognised as a university under a law of the Commonwealth or a State; or
- (b) established in a foreign country and recognised by the authority in the foreign country that, in the
- 15 the Minister’s opinion, is the competent authority for the purpose; or
- (c) recognised by the regulations as a university.”.

5 Application

20 Section 16 is amended by inserting after subsection (1) the following subsection:

“(1A) A person who develops or provides a higher education course may apply to the council for accreditation of the course.”.

6 False advertising

25 Section 23 is amended by omitting the heading and substituting the following heading:

“23 False advertising—vocational education and training courses”.

7 Insertion

After section 23, the following section is inserted:

“23A False advertising—higher education courses

“(1) A person must not advertise the provision of a higher education course that is not accredited under Division 1.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

- 5 “(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if the higher education course is provided by a university.

“(3) A person must not hold out a higher education course that is not accredited under Division 1 as being so accredited.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.”.

10 **8 Membership of council**

Section 41 is amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:

“(g) not more than 2 persons with expertise in higher education.”.

Endnotes

Act amended

- 1 Republished as in force on 31 January 1998.

Penalty units

- 2 Section 33AA of the *Interpretation Act 1967* deals with the meaning of offence penalties that are expressed in penalty units.