

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
TERTIARY ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION ACT 2003
TERTIARY ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION (FEES)

DISALLOWABLE INSTRUMENT: DI 2005-135

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Tertiary Accreditation and Registration Act 2003 commenced operation on 01 November 2003. The purpose of the Act is to establish an accreditation and training registration framework for vocational education and training and higher education in the ACT, in particular by applying nationally agreed protocols and standards.

Section 111 of the Act provides for fees to be determined for the purposes of the Act.

NEW FEES AND CHARGES

A Diploma/Advanced Diploma/Vocational Graduate Diploma/Vocational Graduate Certificate fee of \$4,523.00 is proposed for 2005-2006. The fee has been based on the same pricing formula as the fee for "Degree/Diploma/Advanced Diploma/Masters/Doctorate and Associate Degree".

Vocational Graduate Diploma and Vocational Graduate Certificates have been introduced by the Australian Quality Framework. This has effected the separation of Higher Education courses from Vocational Education and Training courses, resulting in the former Accreditation category being split into two sub categories;

- (i) Higher Education Accreditation; and
- (ii) Vocational Accreditation.

VARIATIONS TO EXISTING FEES

	2004-05	2005-06	Date of
	\$	\$	Effect
Accreditation Services*ⁱ			
Higher Education Accreditation			

Degree/Diploma/Advanced Diploma/ Doctorate and Associate Degrees	4,523.00	4,636.00	1 July 2005
Concurrent Accreditation – Higher Education ⁱⁱ	1,301.00	1,333.00	1 July 2005
Initial Application Fee for Degree Courses	1,127.00	1,155.00	1 July 2005

Vocational Accreditation

Diploma/Advanced Diploma/Vocational Graduate Diploma/Vocational Graduate Certificate ⁱⁱⁱ		4,636.00	1 July 2005
Certificate Courses (I-IV)	2,080.00	2,132.00	1 July 2005
Short Courses	584.00	598.00	1 July 2005

Registration Services

Registration as a Training Organisation ^{iv}	1,301.00	1,333.00	1 July 2005
Extensions to Provider Scope per vocational qualification or accredited course	174.00	178.00	1 July 2005

Commonwealth Register of Institutions And Courses for Overseas Students

Initial Application Fees	115.00	117.00	1 July 2005
Approval in ACT	460.00	471.00	1 July 2005
Amendments to register	169.00	173.00	1 July 2005

ⁱ Accreditation* - asterisk to be removed as courses are no longer re-accredited. Full accreditation process now applies.

ⁱⁱ Applies when the ACT is participating in another state/territory's concurrent process.

ⁱⁱⁱ New fee introduced as a result of Accreditation being split into two the new sub-categories of "Higher Education Accreditation" and "Vocational Accreditation".

^{iv} Can include Group Training Organisations, Higher Education Providers and Registered training Organisations.