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PROPOSED MINISTERIAL ORDER FIXING FEES ADMINISTERED BY THE VICTORIAN REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY

Notice of Decision

I, Martin Dixon, Minister for Education and I, Peter Hall, Minister for Higher Education and Skills, give notice under section 12J of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** that we have decided to proceed with the making of a Ministerial Order fixing fees payable to the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) in respect of various regulatory functions it performs.

The proposed Ministerial Order was the subject of a Regulatory Impact Statement seeking public comment. Fifteen submissions were received.

Following consideration of the submissions, it is proposed the following changes be made to the draft Ministerial Order proposed in the Regulatory Impact Statement:

- The fee in Schedule 1 for an application for accreditation of a senior secondary course or renewal of accreditation of such a course or part of such a course will be reduced from \$2,700 to \$125, and the fee for an application for an amendment to an accredited senior secondary course will be reduced from \$500 to \$50. These changes were made for consistency with other comparable fees.
- The terminology in Schedules 1, 5 and 6 will be expanded and improved so as to clarify when some fees will apply.
- A new fee of up to \$10,000 will be inserted in Schedule 1 for an application for registration to award, confer or issue a registered senior secondary qualification where the qualification was developed outside Victoria or Australia and requires interstate or overseas travel as part of the assessment.
- A new site audit fee up to \$5,000 will be inserted in Schedule 5 for applications seeking approval to provide courses to overseas students if, at the date of the application, the applicant is not approved by the VRQA to provide an accredited course to overseas students.

Other comments received but not adopted generally related to issues outside the scope of the proposed Ministerial Order or made suggestions that, if implemented, would be inconsistent with the Victorian Government's cost recovery principles.

Our reasons for proceeding with the Order with the proposed changes, are that it will enable the VRQA to continue its important functions of regulating the education and training sector consistent with the Victorian Government's cost recovery principles and comparable fees of other similar registration bodies, and will provide clarity and transparency in respect of and the legal authority to collect the relevant fees.

Dated 10 December 2012

MARTIN DIXON MP
Minister for Education

Dated 10 December 2012

PETER HALL MLC
Minister for Higher Education and Skills

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