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PROPOSED MINISTERIAL ORDER - VRQA FEES 2013

Release of Regulatory Impact Statement

Notice

The proposed Ministerial Order establishes fees to be payable by providers of educational services regulated by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA), including: vocational education and training (VET) providers who deliver accredited training to domestic students in Victoria only, or in Victoria and Western Australia only; schools; non-school providers of senior secondary education; bodies registered to issue senior secondary qualifications; Overseas Secondary Student Exchange Organisations, and higher education institutions who are not registered by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) as well as some providers of courses for overseas students. The Order also establishes fees for the issue of certificates in relation to apprenticeships.

The objective of the Order is to set fees that will recover a proportion of the costs incurred by the VRQA in carrying out its regulatory role. A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared which considers a range of fees options. It concludes that fees for VET providers should initially be modelled on those charged by the national VET regulator, the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), but should be progressively increased over a three year period to a level that will fully recover the costs of VRQA's regulatory functions with respect to this sector. Fees for other regulated bodies are proposed to broadly reflect those set out in the current Ministerial Order (No. 514). It is also proposed that, on 1 January 2014, and on 1 January of each subsequent year, all fees will be increased to reflect rises in the Education Group Consumer Price Index.

Submissions

A copy of the proposed fee schedule and the RIS are available on the VRQA website www.vrqa.vic.gov.au or can be collected in hard copy from the VRQA at Level 6, 35 Spring Street, Melbourne.

Written comments and submissions from affected parties and/or members of the public are invited. Unless requested by the author, all submissions will be treated as public documents and may be made available to other parties. Submissions should be forwarded by no later than 5.00 pm, 23 October 2012 to:

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