

Further Education and Training (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2021

Explanatory notes for SL 2021 No. 89

made under the

Further Education and Training Act 2014

General Outline

Short title

Further Education and Training (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2021

Authorising law

Sections 195, 197(1) and 197(2)(a) of the *Further Education and Training Act 2014* (the Act).

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the *Further Education and Training (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2021* (the Amendment Regulation) is to index regulatory fees for the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training for 2021-22. These regulatory fees have been subject to the annual review required under Government policy and then indexed by the approved Government Indexation Rate (GIR).

The Amendment Regulation will index the fees prescribed in the *Further Education and Training Regulation 2014* (the Regulation) in accordance with the prescribed increase.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objectives of the Amendment Regulation will be achieved by increasing the fees prescribed in the Regulation by the GIR of 1.7% from 1 July 2021.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the objectives of the Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation and with the Government's policy on indexation of fees and charges.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The indexation of fees provides a mechanism understood by the community to maintain price relativity, aiding the Government to formulate the state and departmental budgets.

There are no additional costs associated with implementing the Amendment Regulation.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles. The Amendment Regulation will only change fees prospectively from commencement.

Consultation

In accordance with the *Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation*, the Amendment Regulation has been assessed by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training as excluded from the Regulatory Impact Assessment system under category (h) because it increases fees in line with the Government endorsed indexation factor. Accordingly, the Office of Best Practice Regulation has not been consulted.

Further external consultation was deemed not necessary as the Amendment Regulation increases fees in line with current Government policy and the increase and revenue collected is minor.