

# Further Education and Training (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022

Explanatory notes for SL 2022 No. 67

made under the

*Further Education and Training Act 2014*

## General Outline

### Short title

*Further Education and Training (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022*

### 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 (Fee Unit Conversion) Amendment Regulation 2022* (the Amendment Regulation) is change regulatory fees for the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training from being prescribed in dollars to be prescribed as a number of fee units pursuant to the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*.

The Amendment Regulation will change the fees prescribed in Schedule 1 of the *Further Education and Training Regulation 2014* (the Regulation) (Prescribed documents and fees) to fee units in accordance with the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* and Queensland Treasury's *Principles for Fees and Charges Policy*.

### Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objectives of the Amendment Regulation will be achieved by changing the fees prescribed in the Regulation to fee units. In accordance with Section 48B(4)(b) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* one fee unit is equal to one dollar. Therefore, under the amendment, all fees in Schedule 1 of the Regulation will change from being prescribed as \$20.45 to being prescribed as 20.45 fee units.

## **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 fees and charges.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

Adopting the fee unit model will not change the amount of the regulated fees or how they are indexed each year. The fee unit model streamlines the administrative process for how indexation is applied and will negate the need for annual amendments to the Regulation. This will create cost savings and administrative efficiencies across Queensland Government.

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 not change the amount of fees charged.

## **Consultation**

In accordance with advice from the Office of Best Practice Regulation where agencies are amending their regulations pursuant to the amended *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* to adopt the fee unit model they can rely on agency assessed exclusion category (a) 'Regulatory proposals that make consequential amendments'.