

Immigration (Education) Regulations (Amendment) 1997 No. 405

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1997 No. 405

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Immigration (Education) Act 1971

Immigration (Education) Regulations (Amendment)

Section 13 of the *Immigration (Education) Act 1971* ("the Act") provides that the Governor-General may make regulations prescribing all, matters required and permitted by the Act to be prescribed, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to the Act.

The purpose of the Regulations is to increase the administrative fees charged for English courses, for certain persons who do not have functional English, in accordance with the indexing formula contained in subsection 4A(3A) of the Act. The last instance that these fees were increased was on 1 November 1995. The Act provides that any increase in fees must be in \$5 amounts. For administrative reasons it is convenient to adjust these fees as of 1 January 1998 (being half-way through the financial year).

Details of the Regulations are as follows.

Regulation 1 - Commencement

This regulation provides that these Regulations commence on 1 January 1998.

Regulation 2 - Amendment

This regulation provides that the Immigration (Education) Regulations are amended as set out in these Regulations.

Regulation 3 - Regulation 4 (Fees - prescribed English courses)

Subregulation 3.1 amends paragraph 4(1)(a) of the Immigration (Education) Regulations by omitting the figure \$270 and substituting the figure \$275.

Subregulation 3.2 amends paragraph 4(1)(b) of the Immigration (Education) Regulations by omitting the figure \$55 and substituting the figure \$60.

The Regulations commence on 1 January 1998.