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TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS GUIDELINES

Making of Guidelines pursuant to items 4 and 8 of Schedule 1 of The Higher Education Support (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2003


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(i) CITATION
These guidelines may be cited as the Transitional Arrangements for Students Guidelines.

(ii) AUTHORITY
These guidelines are made under items 4 and 8 of Schedule 1 of the Higher Education Support (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2003.

(iii) DATE OF EFFECT
These Guidelines shall come into effect on the date of gazettal.
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CHAPTER 1 INTERPRETATION

In these guidelines, unless the contrary intention appears:

- the Act means the Higher Education Support (Transitional Arrangements and Consequential Amendments) Act 2003;

In these Guidelines, unless the contrary intention appears terms have the same meaning as in the HESA.
CHAPTER 2 TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS

2.1 PURPOSE

2.1.1 The purpose of these guidelines is to:
(a) specify circumstances not amounting to a discontinuance of enrolment (item 2(c) and item 7(c) of Schedule 1 of the Act);
(b) provide for when a person is taken to have commenced a course of study (item 4(2)(a) and item 8(2)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Act).

2.5 CIRCUMSTANCES NOT AMOUNTING TO A DISCONTINUANCE OF ENROLMENT

2.5.1 A person is not taken to have discontinued their enrolment if:
(a) the person has enrolled in a cross institutional programme at a host higher education provider.
(b) the person has enrolled in a course of study after completing the requirements of a 'qualifying' or 'preliminary' course of study at the same level.
(c) the person has enrolled in an honours course of study after having completed the related course of study.
(d) the person has in 2004 undertaken as an exempt student an enabling course and enrols in the course of study to which the enabling course relates the following year as a Commonwealth supported student.

2.10 WHEN A PERSON IS TAKEN TO HAVE COMMENCED A COURSE OF STUDY

2.10.1 A person is taken to have commenced a course of study if the person enrolled in a unit of study as part of that course of study before 1 January 2005 and the person was a contributing student in relation to that course of study or has incurred a debt under the Higher Education Funding Act 1998 for that course of study.

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