Transitional Arrangements for Students Guidelines

as amended

made under items 4 and 8 of Schedule 1

*Higher Education Support (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2003*

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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*;
- **HESA** means the *Higher Education Support 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; and
  - (i) the person commenced the ‘qualifying’ or ‘preliminary’ course of study after 1996.
  - (ii) 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.
Note to the *Transitional Arrangements for Students Guidelines*

**Note 1**

The *Transitional Arrangements for Students Guidelines* in force under items 4 and 8 of Schedule 1 to the *Higher Education Support (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 2003* as shown in this compilation is amended as indicated in the Tables below.

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