

Immigration (Education) Charge Regulations (Amendment) 1996 No. 107

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1996 No. 107

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Immigration (Education) Charge Act 1992

Immigration (Education) Charge Regulations (Amendment)

Section 10 of the *Immigration (Education) Charge Act 1992* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations prescribing matters required or 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 amend fees in the Immigration (Education) Charge Regulations ("the IEC Regulations") in accordance with relevant changes in the Commonwealth Government Final Consumption Expenditure Index. The Commonwealth Government Final Consumption Expenditure Index, which is compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and published quarterly, is the price index which is used to adjust Commonwealth government administrative funding to reflect changes in the value of dollars between one year and the next.

Details of the Regulations are as follows:

Regulation 1 - Commencement

These Regulations commence on 1 July 1996.

Regulation 2 - Amendment

These Regulations amend the IEC Regulations.

Regulation 3 - Regulation 6 (prescribed amounts - section 6 of the Act)

Subregulation 3.1 amends paragraph 6(d) of the IEC Regulations to provide that the amounts set out in Part 4 of the Schedule to those Regulations will apply only to visa applications made during the period from 1 November 1995 to 30 June 1996 (inclusive). Paragraph 6(d) previously prescribed the charge that applied to an application made on or after 1 November 1995.

Subregulation 3.2 adds a new paragraph 6(e) to provide that the amount of the English Education Charge that applies to an application made on or after 1 July 1996 is the amount set out in Part 5 of the Schedule to the IEC Regulations.

Regulation 4 - Schedule (Amounts of English Education Charge)

Subregulation 4.1 omits the heading to Part 4 of the Schedule to the IEC Regulations and substitutes a new heading as a consequence of the amendment made to paragraph 6(d).

Subregulation 4.2 adds a new Part 5 to the Schedule of the IEC Regulations. Part 5 prescribes the amount of the English Education Charge to apply to applications made on or after 1 July 1996.

