

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### *Migration Agent Regulations 1998*

1. This Notice is made under clause 3 of Schedule 1 to the *Migration Agent Regulations 1998* ('the Regulations').
2. Clause 3 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations allows the Authority to specify, by notice published on its website, approved activities, including: the name of the activity; the provider (if any) of the activity; whether the activity is a core activity or an elective activity; and the number of points for each activity.
3. The purpose of the Instrument is to specify approved Attendance at a Seminar, Workshop, Conference or Lecture for the purposes of Continuing Professional Development for Registered Migration Agents.
4. The instrument will revoke the notice entitled Migration Agents (Continuing Professional Development – Attendance at a Seminar, Workshop, Conference or Lecture) MARA Notice MN49 - 04 of 2004, published on 30/11/2004; and specify a new set of material described in columns 2 and 3 of an item as set out in the attached Schedule.  
These new activities are approved activities for the purposes of clause 3 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations. They are approved activities for the purposes of Continuing Professional Development for Registered Migration Agents with the status specified in column 4; and having the value specified in column 5.
5. The instrument is of a minor or machinery nature and does not substantially alter existing arrangements for the provision of Continuing Professional Development for Registered Migration Agents. The instrument confers points on new activities set out in column 2 in the Schedule; revokes the previous listing of approved activities; and alters those activities specified as approved activities by the Authority. Consultation under these circumstances is not required.
7. The instrument became effective on 1 April 1998.