EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Notice of revocation of approval under section 22-40 of the Higher Education Support Act 2003

<u>Issued by the authority of the Minister for Education</u>

Subject: Higher Education Support Act 2003 (HESA)

Revocation of approval of a body as a higher education provider (HEP) and notice of revocation of approval under subsection 22-40(3) of HESA

AUTHORITY

Section 22-40 of HESA provides for the revocation of approval of a body as a HEP by the Minister if the body requests in writing that the Minister revoke the approval.

Under section 238-5 of HESA the Minister has delegated her powers under section 22-40 and paragraph 22-40(3)(b) of HESA to any person holding the position of Branch Manger of the Quality Branch in the Higher Education Group of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The Notice of revocation of approval is a legislative instrument.

PURPOSE

This legislative instrument revokes the approval of Southern School of Natural Therapies Ltd as a HEP under section 22-40 of HESA. The instrument also gives Southern School of Natural Therapies Ltd notice of that revocation of approval as required by paragraph 22-40(3)(b) of HESA.

BACKGROUND

Southern School of Natural Therapies Ltd was approved by the Minister's delegate as a HEP on 25 January 2005 by Instrument of Approval No 1 of 2005 registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments on 1 February 2005 (F2005L00148) and which took effect on 15 June 2005.

Southern School of Natural Therapies Ltd sold its educational business to Think: Education Group on 24 February 2010, and ceased offering higher educational courses at that time. Therefore, Southern School of Natural Therapies Ltd requested in writing that the Minister revoke its approval as a HEP, which will take effect 14 days after the notice is registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

COMMENCEMENT

The notice of revocation shall commence 14 days after the notice is registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.

CONSULTATION

Consultation was not undertaken and was not considered necessary because Southern School of Natural Therapies Ltd has voluntarily applied for revocation of its approval as a HEP.