



## **Social Security (Approved Scholarship Courses) Amendment Determination 2023**

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I, Amanda Rishworth, Minister for Social Services, make the following Determination.

Dated 7 August 2023

Amanda Rishworth  
Minister for Social Services

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Social Security (Approved Scholarship Courses) Amendment Determination 2023*.

## 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 592N(1) of the *Social Security Act 1991*.

## 4 Schedules

The instrument that is specified in Schedule 1 to this instrument is amended as set out in the applicable items in Schedule 1, and any other item in Schedule 1 to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

# Schedule 1—Amendments

## *Social Security (Approved Scholarship Courses) Determination 2020*

### 1 Section 4 (definition of Act)

Omit the definition, insert:

*accelerator program course* has the same meaning as in the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

### 2 Section 4 (after definition of *accredited higher education course*)

Insert:

*Act* means the *Social Security Act 1991*.

*bridging study for overseas-trained professionals* means the occupation-related subjects, course, tuition or training program that is necessary for an overseas-trained professional to complete in order to meet the requirements for entry into their profession in Australia.

*Masters qualifying course* means an intermediate course required to be completed before a person commences study for a Masters degree.

### 3 Section 4 (after definition of *TEQSA*)

Insert:

*VET* means vocational education and training.

*VET course* has the same meaning that term is given in section 3 of the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011*.

### 4 Section 6

Repeal the section, substitute:

For subsection 592N(1) of the Act, an approved scholarship course is a course that is specified in Column 1 of the table below and provided by an education institution specified for that course in Column 2 of that table.

Approved scholarship courses		
Item	Column 1 Course	Column 2 Education institution
1	Accredited higher education course	Higher education institution
2	Preparatory course	Higher education institution
3	Accelerator program course	Higher education provider within the meaning of the <i>Higher Education Support Act 2003</i>

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**Approved scholarship courses**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1 Course</b>	<b>Column 2 Education institution</b>
4	<p>A course that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) includes an accelerator program course; and</li><li>(b) includes an undergraduate or postgraduate accredited higher education course at the level of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) associate degree; or</li><li>(ii) associate diploma; or</li><li>(iii) Bachelor degree; or</li><li>(iv) bridging study for overseas-trained professionals;</li><li>(v) postgraduate bachelor degree; or</li><li>(vi) Masters qualifying course; or</li><li>(vii) any of the following that is not a VET course:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(A) diploma;</li><li>(B) advanced diploma;</li><li>(C) graduate certificate;</li><li>(D) graduate diploma; and</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>(c) is identified as a combined course in the institution's handbooks; and</li><li>(d) does not include a course accredited at Masters level (other than an approved Masters level course specified in the legislative instrument made under section 5D of the <i>Student Assistance Act 1973</i>)</li></ul>	Higher education provider within the meaning of the <i>Higher Education Support Act 2003</i>

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