

# Education and Training Reform Act 2006

MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. 1291

Order Amending Ministerial Order No. 615 – *Amendment to Order Fixing of Fees Administered by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority*

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The **Minister for Education** and the **Minister for Training and Skills** make the following Order –

## 1. Title

This Order may be cited as Ministerial Order No. 1291 – *Order Amending Ministerial Order No. 615 – Amendment to Order Fixing of Fees Administered by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority*.

## 2. Purpose

To respond to certain disruptions caused by the human biosecurity emergency known as coronavirus (COVID-19), this Order amends Ministerial Order No. 615 – *Fixing of Fees Administered by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority* (**Ministerial Order No. 615**) to fix certain fees as nil.

## 3. Authorising Provisions

This Order is made under sections 4.3.10(3), 4.3.16(3)(bc), 5.2.13, 5.10.4 and clause 3 of Schedule 6 to the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**.

## 4. Commencement

This Order takes effect on the date it is signed.

## 5. Amendment to Order Fixing Fees Administered by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority

(1) After clause D of Schedule 1 to Ministerial Order 615, **insert—**

“E. (1) Notwithstanding clauses A, B, C and D, during the emergency period, the following fee fixed under this Schedule is nil—

(a) The fee fixed for applications for re-registration to award, confer or issue a registered senior secondary qualification (under section 4.3.10(3) of the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**).

(2) In this clause, **emergency period** means the period commencing on the day on which this clause commences and ending—

(a) 6 months after the commencement of this clause; or

(b) a later date fixed by the Secretary of the Department of Education and Training.”.

(2) After clause D of Schedule 2 to Ministerial Order 615, **insert—**

“E. (1) Notwithstanding clauses A, B, C and D, during the emergency period, the following fees fixed under this Schedule are nil—

(a) The fee fixed for applications for re-registration to provide and or award, confer or issue a vocational education and training qualification, course or subject or unit of competency or module and or a further education course (under section 4.3.16(3)(bc) of the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**);

(b) The fee fixed for annual instalments for an ACFE Board registered organisation and all other registered education and training organisations.

- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply to the following education and training organisations registered under 4.3 of the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**—
- (a) A school or a principal of a school; or
  - (b) A public sector body within the meaning of the **Public Administration Act 2004**.
- (3) In this clause, ***emergency period*** means the period commencing on the day on which this clause commences and ending—
- (a) 6 months after the commencement of this clause; or
  - (b) a later date fixed by the Secretary of the Department of Education and Training.”.

Dated this 17th day of August 2020



**THE HON. GAYLE TIERNEY MP**  
**Minister for Training and Skills**  
**Minister for Higher Education**

Dated this 14th day of August 2020



**THE HON. JAMES MERLINO MP**  
**Minister for Education**