

New South Wales

TAFE Changes Moratorium (Secure Future for Public Provision of Vocational Education and Training) Bill 2014

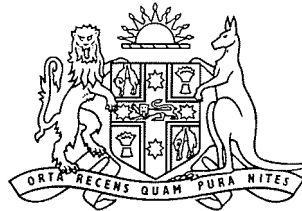
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This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.

Legislative Council

Clerk of the Parliaments.



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Act No , 2014

A Bill for

An Act to secure the public provision of vocational education and training by reducing TAFE fees and charges, guaranteeing certain levels of TAFE staffing and resources and imposing a moratorium on the proposed “Smart and Skilled” competitive vocational educational training market; and for other purposes.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>TAFE Changes Moratorium (Secure Future for Public Provision of Vocational Education and Training) Act 2014</i> .	3 4
2 Commencement	5
This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	6
3 Interpretation	7
Words and expressions used in this Act have the same meaning as they have in the <i>Technical and Further Education Commission Act 1990</i> .	8 9
4 Fees for TAFE courses frozen at 2010 levels	10
(1) The fees payable for courses provided by the TAFE Commission during 2014 or subsequently are not to exceed the fees payable, as at 1 July 2010, for the undertaking of those courses during 2010, with adjustments for inflation.	11 12 13
(2) The fee payable for a course that is newly available in 2014 or subsequently is not to exceed the fee payable, as at 1 July 2010, for the nearest equivalent 2010 course, with adjustments for inflation.	14 15 16
5 Funding for private providers frozen at 2010–2011 levels	17
It is the intention of Parliament that the New South Wales government funding available to any private provider of vocational education and training not exceed its 2010–2011 level, with adjustments for inflation.	18 19 20
6 Protection of TAFE funding	21
It is the intention of Parliament that the New South Wales government funding available to the TAFE Commission be maintained at no less than its 2010–2011 level, with adjustments for inflation.	22 23 24
7 TAFE to be principal provider of technical and further education	25
(1) The Minister is to ensure that the TAFE Commission is the principal provider of technical and further education in New South Wales.	26 27
(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the Minister must ensure that the implementation of any New South Wales government policy that is likely to increase competition with the TAFE Commission in the provision of vocational education and training does not proceed unless it is specifically authorised by Parliament.	28 29 30 31
8 Staffing agreement to establish and maintain qualified permanent educational staff	32
(1) The Minister must ensure that a 3-year staffing agreement for TAFE staff, based on the 2007 TAFE staffing agreement, is entered into as soon as practicable after the commencement of this Act.	33 34 35
(2) It is the intention of Parliament that, in setting permanency ratios under the staffing agreement, the level is set at no lower than the permanency ratios for the first semester of 2006.	36 37 38

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| (3) | During the term of the staffing agreement the Minister is to work towards ensuring a | 1 |
| | minimum permanency ratio for educational employees below the level of Head | 2 |
| | Teacher of 2 permanent employees to every one casual employee. | 3 |