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Proposed Revisions to the English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) Standards

Record of response to public submission round

Fusion English

Preliminary

Are you happy for your submission to be published online? *

Yes

Organisation Name

Please provide your organisation name (if applicable).

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Sector of Delivery

Please provide your main sector of delivery (ELICOS, VET, higher education, combination, other) (if applicable).

ELICOS

Are you a member of an industry body?

Yes

Implementation of the ELICOS standards

There will be a staged approach to implementation of the revised ELICOS Standards. The revised ELICOS Standards will be applied to new market entrants from 1 January 2018, and to existing providers from 1 July 2018, to allow providers time to make required changes to staffing, curriculum and delivery.

Response

Introduction

Clarifies that the definition of ELICOS Standards applies to all courses provided to overseas students that are solely or predominantly of English language instruction.

Response

Standard C1 – Mandatory requirements for course applications

Clarifies the requirements for course applications, that information must be 'fit for purpose' and clarifies the strategy for assessing achievement of learner outcomes, samples of certification of completion and partial completion, and course syllabus.

Course applications must also demonstrate that the course will include 20 hours of face-to-face tuition per week.

Response

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Good, but more specific information - or links to be able to find more specific information would be more useful here.

Standard P1 – Scheduled course contact hours

Includes a direct reference to an ELICOS course being 20 hours of face-to-face tuition per week.

Response

This standard, including a direct reference to courses being 20 embodied hours is excellent. I'm looking forward to a time when this will be properly checked and enforced across all ELICOS providers.

Standard P2 – Needs of younger ELICOS students

Includes minimum requirements regarding the needs of students aged under 18 years, and that providers would need to structure courses for students of different levels of age, maturity and English language proficiency.

Response

Standard P3 – Teaching ELICOS

The requirement for records of teaching delivery to ensure efficient administration has been replaced with the requirement for retention and accessibility of records.

Response

Good and practical changes.

Standard P4 – Assessment of ELICOS students

Includes requirement that assessment be valid, reliable, fair, flexible and clearly referenced to criteria; that there be appropriate oversight or moderation; that assessment outcomes in English for Academic Purposes courses are to be benchmarked against external reference points commonly used in admission criteria for tertiary courses.

The requirement for records of assessment to ensure efficient administration has been replaced with the requirement for retention and accessibility of records.

Response

good

Standard P5 – ELICOS educational resources

No proposed changes to this standard.

Response

Standard P6 – ELICOS specialist staff

No proposed changes to this standard.

Response

Standard P7 – ELICOS premises

Specifies that rooms and equipment should be fit for purpose and proportionate or appropriate to the number of students and course syllabus.

Response

Standard P8 – Business management

The term 'designated authority' has been updated to reflect the new role of the 'ESOS agency' and/or designated state/territory authority.

Response

This is good. The more specific and plain language added to the document, the better.

Glossary

Outdated provisions have been revised or removed where appropriate.

Response

Other comments

Please provide any other comments on the revised ELICOS Standards in the space below.

Response

Some guidelines for online delivery need to be addressed. Key players in the marketplace are developing in this area, and DET needs to be ahead of the curve when it comes to overseeing these.