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

Record of response to public submission round

Unity College Australia

Preliminary

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

Yes

Organisation Name

Please provide your organisation name (if applicable).

Unity College Australia

Sector of Delivery

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

VET/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

Agree with proposed implementation timeframe.

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

This is a clear definition.

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

Response**Agree****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**Agree****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**Agree****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**Agree****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**Agree****Standard P5 – ELICOS educational resources**

No proposed changes to this standard.

Response**N/A****Standard P6 – ELICOS specialist staff**

No proposed changes to this standard.

Response**N/A**

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

Agree

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

Agree

Glossary

Outdated provisions have been revised or removed where appropriate.

Response

Agree.

Other comments

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

Response

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. We are generally in agreement with all changes proposed.