

COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

TERMS OF REFERENCE

International education is one of five super growth sectors set to drive Australia's future economic prosperity as it transitions to a services economy. The *National Strategy for International Education 2025* (National Strategy) provides a framework of priorities to support the sustainable growth of our largest services export, international education. In conjunction with the market development plan, *Australian International Education 2025* (AIE2025), the National Strategy positions Australia to compete globally through strengthening our onshore services and maximising new and emerging opportunities. Successful implementation of the goals in the National Strategy and AIE2025 will require a coordinated and collective national approach.

Role

The Council for International Education (the Council) will oversee and drive the implementation of the National Strategy and AIE2025. The Council will be chaired by Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training.

In consultation with the international education sector, the Council will:

- provide leadership and coordination across government and provide advice to the Minister on priorities for implementation
- promote the benefits of international education to the Australian community
- champion the internationalisation of Australian education at all levels including through public advocacy and other promotional activities
- identify activities to achieve the goals in the National Strategy and AIE2025 and engender action from stakeholders, including through focused working groups
- identify and promote growth opportunities to Australian education and training providers
- unite stakeholders in activities to support Australia's ability to compete globally
- engage internationally to promote and strengthen Australian international education
- provide advice to relevant stakeholders regarding implementation progress, including an annual report to the Prime Minister.

Term

These *Terms of Reference* are effective for three years commencing in 2016. The full Council will hold up to two meetings per year, with working groups meeting more regularly out of session.

Membership

The Council will be chaired by the Minister for Education and Training and comprise:

- Australian Government Ministers with portfolio responsibilities relating to international education
- high profile and influential individuals who will help drive the strategic goals of the National Strategy for the benefit of international and domestic students, education institutions, industries and communities.

Secretariat

The Council will be supported by a secretariat within the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.