

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Nash asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 57.

Question

Draft Fee Schedule

Senator NASH: But the one I have added up here this is the flat fee, so the application for registration renewal as an RTO, assessment and registration, application for change of RTO, scope of registration, additional monitoring activities in the offshore monitoring, that is all the flat fee.

Ms McEwen: I am not sure. I do not have it in front of me, I am sorry.

Mr Griew: And this is a draft schedule.

Senator NASH: I understand it is a draft, but that does not mean we cannot talk about it.

Mr Griew: No, we are answering it as if it is—

Senator NASH: I understand it is a draft. It is very clear, draft. It says 'draft'. To be very clear for the Hansard it says 'draft', but I am just trying to get an understanding of that, which is what roughly amounts to \$10,000, \$13,000 or \$14,000 that is going to be a flat fee.

Mr Griew: We might take that on notice.

Answer

Under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011*, the final fee schedule includes some flat fees, such as application fees, and in addition some fees that will be charged for each course that is offered by the registered training organisation.

Registration as a National VET Regulator (NVR) registered training organisation

The current fee schedule is attached to this response. In summary the following flat fees apply for initial and renewal of registration as a NVR registered training organisation under the Act:

Application fee	\$ 640
Registration assessment	\$3300 : up to 10 qualifications and/or 20 units of competency/modules on scope and up to 2 delivery sites
Annual registration fee	<u>\$ 600</u>
TOTAL	\$4540

For larger RTOs the registration assessment fee increases as follows:

- each additional qualification (over 10) \$100, capped at \$10000
- each additional unit of competency/module (over 20) \$40, capped at \$4000
- each additional delivery site \$400, capped at \$4000.

The registration renewal assessment fee does not apply to registered training organisations transitioning from NSW on their first renewal of registration with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) as they will have paid this fee in their annual fees set by the NSW regulator (VETAB).

Once registered by ASQA, the registered training organisation may apply to change their scope of registration, or their risk rating may result in additional monitoring activities. Fees for these activities are found in the attached schedule.

CRICOS registration

If a provider is seeking registration on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) under the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* (the ESOS Act) then there are fees associated with assessing that application. These fees are in addition to the fees for registration as an NVR registered training organisation.

The fees are as follows;

CRICOS application fee	\$ 640
CRICOS assessment fee	\$4300 : up to 2 qualifications and 2 sites
CRICOS annual registration fee	\$ 600 : up to 2 qualifications
TOTAL	\$5 540

For larger providers the registration assessment fee increases as follows:

Each additional qualification (over 2) \$375, capped at \$37 500
 Each additional delivery site \$700

The annual registration fee increases \$100 for each additional qualification (over 2), capped at \$10 000.

Once registered on CRICOS the provider may make applications in to amend the scope of their registration, or there may be additional monitoring activities, fees for which are found in the attached schedule.

Accredited courses

There is a flat fee of \$2 700 and other associated fees outlined in the fee schedule that relate to applications for a course to be accredited.

This fee is will only be incurred by a NVR registered training organisation when the organisation has a specific interest in applying for a course to be accredited.