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## **TEQSA COMMENCES AS NATIONAL REGULATOR**

The Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA) today assumed its full regulatory functions.

TEQSA Chief Commissioner Dr Carol Nicoll said that the Agency was now in a position to carry out the full scope of its legislative responsibilities.

“We now have the full mandate and capacity to meet our key objectives, including national consistency in regulating higher education and protecting and building Australia’s reputation for having a world class, innovative higher education system,” Dr Nicoll said.

TEQSA’s approach will be informed by three key principles for regulation; regulatory necessity, reflecting risk and proportionate regulation.

The Agency has also assumed the functions and responsibilities related to the provision of higher education services for overseas students, previously handled by state and territory agencies.

“TEQSA’s website has been updated with new content including the fee structure, application forms and guides for registration, course accreditation and notification of material changes. More forms and information on regulatory processes will be available in the coming months,” said Dr Nicoll.

TEQSA is responsible for establishing and maintaining a National Register of Higher Education Providers. The National Register is available on the TEQSA website at [www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register](http://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register).

“As the first national regulator of the sector, TEQSA’s Commissioners and staff look forward to building a long-term, productive relationship with all higher education providers,” Dr Nicoll concluded.

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