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Dear Dr Russell,

### **Fees and Charges Consultation**

Thank you for providing the tertiary education sector with an opportunity to respond to TEQSA's proposed fees and charges to take effect from January 2024 as part of the Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS), as per TEQSA's communication dated 28 August 2023. The Australian National University (ANU; the University) would like to take this opportunity to provide the following feedback.

#### **Reduction in cost**

The University appreciates TEQSA's work to review its compliance monitoring costs in the context of process improvements. ANU welcomes that TEQSA reduced or left unchanged 11 application-based fees.

#### **Increases to cost**

The University notes that TEQSA proposes to increase the fees for 21 application types to fairly reflect TEQSA's cost of assessing these applications. The University trusts that TEQSA has made this determination fairly, but recommends TEQSA releases further detail about the reasons for adjustments to improve transparency, in particular as increases present a percentage increase of up to 25% (Addition of course to registration under ESOS Act is proposed to increase from \$400 to \$500).

The University would also like to take this opportunity to ask that TEQSA clearly communicate changes to fee structures. While the University acknowledges that TEQSA makes a considerable effort to keep the sector informed of important changes, this did not occur in the context of the change to the fee structure for adding courses to a provider's ESOS Act registration. As far as ANU is aware, TEQSA announced its new cost recovery model on 13 October 2022, but there appears to not have been a specific reference to the change to fee structure for adding courses to an ESOS Act registration, which the University would have expected considering this significant change. As a result, the University was not adequately prepared for this change in structure, which caused internal delays.

I trust this feedback is useful for TEQSA, and would be pleased to provide clarification or further information if required.

Kind regards,

  

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**Attachments**

Nil