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Australian Education International (AEI) is the international arm of the Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations

Lead agency for Australian Government work in international education and training.

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How?

- Policy
- Data, Research and Analysis
- Regulation (ESOS)
- Qualifications recognition & education system development
- Scholarships
- Government to Government relations -
Diplomatically accredited staff in 16 locations overseas

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Joint working groups

- Vietnam in Canberra, 2-3 March 2011
- India in Canberra, 13 April 2011
- EU policy dialogue in Canberra, 10-15 April 2011
- China in Canberra, 23 May 2011
- Korea in Seoul, 27 September 2011
- USA in Washington 3-4 October 2011
- Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur, 9-10 November 2011
- Indonesia in Canberra, 28-30 November 2011
- Vietnam in Hanoi, March 2012
- EU-Australia policy dialogue, 2012

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Senator Evans: Indonesia - East Asia Summit 17-19 July 2011



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Endeavour Awards

Aims:

- Develop on-going education, research and professional linkages
- Provide opportunities for high-achieving individuals to enhance their global awareness and skills
- Contribute to Australia's position as a high quality education and training provider, and leader in research and innovation
- Increase the productivity of Australians

Award Categories

- Postgraduate Awards
- Research Fellowships (incl. the Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowship and the Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians)
- Executive Awards
- Vocational Education and Training Awards
- Prime Minister's Australia Asia Awards

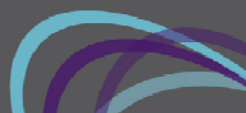
Endeavour Executive Awards

- For professionals in education, business, industry or government
- Establish ongoing linkages and networks
- Up to A\$18,500
- 1-4 month duration
- Design your own program
- Share updated skills and knowledge with colleagues
- Asia-Pacific, Middle East, Europe and the Americas are valid destinations for the Endeavour Executive Awards

2011

What has happened this year?

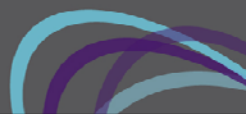
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Re-registration

- Re-registration of providers completed 31 December 2010
- Over 1100 providers were re-registered
- Around 200 providers left the system

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ESOS amendments

First tranche of legislative changes in response to the Baird Review - the *Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Legislation Amendment Bill* came into affect 4 April 2011.

Registration charges- *Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Act 1997* Bill was passed by the Senate 15 September 2011.

Second tranche - *ESOS Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection Service and Other Measures) Bill* introduced in Parliament on 22 September 2011.

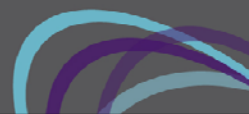
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National regulation

- 1 July 2011 the Government announced the commencement of the new national VET regulator - the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA).
- 1 August 2011 the Government announced the commencement of the Tertiary Education Quality & Standards Agency (TEQSA) as the single national regulator and quality assurance agency for the higher education sector.

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Review of the Student Visa Program

- On 16 December 2010 the Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Senator Chris Evans, and the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, the Hon Chris Bowen MP, announced a strategic review of the Student Visa Program.
- The Government appointed the Hon Michael Knight AO to conduct the review and make recommendations on building a student visa framework that will reinforce the stability, quality and integrity of the international education sector into the future.
- Mr Knight presented his report to the Government on 1 July 2011. The Government announced its response on 22 September 2011.

Report at: www.immi.gov.au/students/knight/

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COAG International Students Strategy for Australia - implementation

Twelve initiatives in four key areas:

- Student well being
- Quality of education
- Consumer protection
- Better information



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Second International Student Roundtable 21-23 August 2011

The Roundtable Communiqué proposed further actions to address challenges in five key areas:

- education experience
- social inclusion
- cost of living pressures
- student safety and welfare
- visa related matters.



Communiqué can be downloaded at www.aei.gov.au

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Coming Up

- International Education Advisory Council
- Government White Paper *Australia in the Asian Century*
- Projects to enhance the Quality of the student Experience (UA)
- 2012 International Student Survey

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Thank you

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