



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Education and Training**

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Mr Rahul Gandhi  
President, Association of Australian Education Representatives in India  
1018 Hemkunt Chambers  
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New Delhi 110019

**Re: Accredited Australian higher education institutions**

Dear Mr Gandhi,

I am writing to provide you with information on the accreditation regulations for Australian higher education providers.

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) is an independent Australian statutory authority. It regulates and assures the quality of Australia's higher education sector. The Australian higher education system comprises both public and private universities, Australian branches of overseas universities, and other higher education providers. Qualifications available from higher education providers range from undergraduate awards, (bachelor degrees, associate degrees or advanced diplomas) to postgraduate awards, including graduate diplomas, masters degrees and doctoral degrees.

TEQSA registers and evaluates the performance of higher education providers against the Higher Education Standards Framework - specifically, the Threshold Standards, which all providers must meet in order to enter and remain within Australia's higher education system. A searchable National Register of the accreditation status for Australian higher education providers is available at <http://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register>. Institutions must be registered here to offer Australian higher education qualifications.

In addition, education institutions can only enroll and deliver education services to students in Australia on a student visa if they are registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). Registered providers must have met, and continue to meet, the requirements of the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* (ESOS Act) and *National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2007* (National Code). The CRICOS Register is available in searchable format online at <http://cricos.education.gov.au/default.aspx>.

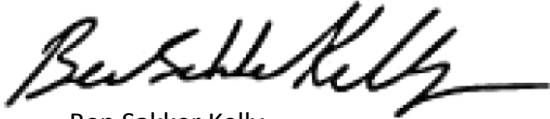
You may use the TEQSA register to determine whether a provider can offer Australian higher education qualifications, and the CRICOS register to determine whether the institution or specific course can be offered to international students.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Sakker Kelly', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ben Sakker Kelly  
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