

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH,
AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR**

The Government of The State of Qatar represented herein by the Supreme Education Council, and
The Government of Australia represented herein by the Department of Education and Training of Australia,

Hereinafter referred to singularly as "the Party", and collectively, as "the Parties"

Desiring to enhance the bilateral relations between the two countries; and

Appreciating the importance of higher education, research, and vocational education and vocational training as a means to further cultivate the ties between the two countries, have come to the following mutual understandings:

Article 1

Objective

This Memorandum aims at considering, jointly, activities of cooperation in higher education, research, and vocational education and vocational training, and undertaking them between the Parties on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Article 2

Fields and Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will encourage cooperation between government, higher education, research, and vocational education and vocational training institutions in both countries. The forms of cooperation under this Memorandum may include, but are not limited to:

- i. the development of cooperation between the Parties and other government organisations in the area of higher education, research, and vocational education and vocational training through consultation between officials in both countries to consider activities of mutual interest related to cooperation in higher education, research, and vocational education and vocational training;
- ii. supporting linkages between higher education, research, and vocational education and vocational training institutions in both countries by promoting:
 - a. interactions, such as meetings, conferences and symposia;
 - b. the exchange of students, academics and researchers as mutually determined by the Parties; and
 - c. collaborative programmes;
- iii. the exchange of information in areas of mutual interest, including:
 - a. teaching and curriculum materials;
 - b. quality assurance, standards, accreditation and qualifications;
 - c. policy developments in relation to higher education, research, and vocational education and vocational training in both countries;
 - d. available study opportunities in each country; and
 - e. the development and benchmarking of occupational standards; and
- iv. facilitating improved recognition of qualifications between the two countries to support student and labour mobility;
- v. Facilitating enhanced transfer of course credits between institutions of both countries; and

- vi. Identifying new opportunities of cooperation between the two countries in the areas included in this Memorandum.

Article 3

Costs

The Parties agree that the funding of cooperative activities under this Memorandum will be made through financial resources allocated in each Party's budget, subject to the availability of such funds and in accordance with the rules and regulations of each country. Each Party will bear its own costs of participation, unless other funding means are made available. Such funds are to be directed to fund specific activities.

Article 4

Intellectual Property Rights

This Memorandum does not affect the Intellectual Property rights of both Parties. The issues related to intellectual property rights that may arise during the implementation of the co-operative activities will be mutually determined by both Parties in advance, as a protection for the intellectual property rights and in accordance with the national laws of both countries.

Article 5

Settlement of the dispute

Any dispute that arises between the Parties concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum will be settled amicably through mutual consultation and/or negotiations between the Parties.

Article 6

Amendment

The provisions of this Memorandum or any text of the scripts may be amended by written agreement of the Parties. This amendment will enter into force in accordance with the same procedures stipulated in Article (7) of this Memorandum.

Article 7

Commencement and Termination

This Memorandum will enter into force on the date of receiving the last written notification confirming the completion of the respective internal legal procedures of both Parties required for its entry into force and will remain in force for a period of five (5) years. It will be automatically extended for a further similar period or periods of time, unless one Party notifies the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate, at least one month (1) prior to the date of termination or expiration of term, through diplomatic channels.

The termination or expiration of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the implementation of ongoing projects until completed, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

In witness of the aforementioned, the undersigned signatories, authorized by their respective governments, have signed this Memorandum.

This Memorandum is done and signed in duplicate in the city of Doha, Qatar on 25 January 2016 A.D. corresponding to 15 Rabi' Al-Thani 1437 A.H, in two original copies in the Arabic and English languages, both texts being equally authentic and valid.

For Government of

Australia



For the Government of

the State of Qatar