



Australian Government
Department of Education and Training

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION ON EDUCATION BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

The United States of America ("the United States") and the Commonwealth of Australia ("Australia") share a common belief in the importance of education as a factor of economic development, as well as a means for strengthening the ties between their peoples. This Memorandum of Cooperation ("Memorandum") recognises the broad shared education agendas between the countries.

Paragraph 1

This Memorandum provides a framework within which the Department of Education of the United States and the Department of Education and Training of Australia ("the Participants") may identify and explore areas in which to engage in cooperative activities and regular dialogue in the field of education.

Paragraph 2

The Participants intend that, in order to pursue the objective outlined in paragraph 1, the following activities may be conducted during the period of this Memorandum:

- (a) Australia-United States Education Roundtables, focusing on topics of mutual interest, and taking place at times and locations to be jointly decided by the Participants. The Participants intend that these Roundtables include education leaders and policy experts from both countries.
- (b) Regular opportunities for dialogue, including through video conferences or other digital means, between the Participants.

The key issues for discussion during the roundtable or dialogues are intended to be jointly determined by the Participants prior to each taking place, and may include one or more education topics and/or focus areas. Cooperation activities and topics for regular dialogue can be mutually decided by the Participants during the term of this Memorandum.

Paragraph 3

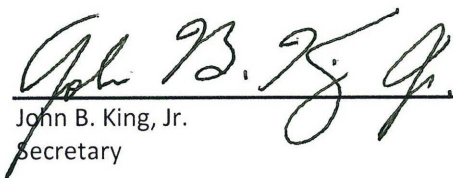
This Memorandum replaces the instrument signed on 8 January and 21 February 2013. This Memorandum becomes effective on the date of its final signature and is intended to continue for five (5) years, extendable in writing by mutual consent for equal periods. This Memorandum may be modified by the mutual consent of the Participants in writing.

This Memorandum may be discontinued by either Participant, at any time, in which case it is expected to provide at least sixty days' advance notice in writing to the other Participant of its intent to discontinue the Memorandum. The discontinuation of this Memorandum is not expected to affect the validity or duration of activities already initiated before the discontinuation, unless the Participants mutually decide otherwise.

This Memorandum embodies the understandings of the Participants and does not create any legally binding rights, obligations or joint ventures. Nothing in this Memorandum constitutes an obligation of funds, and each Participant intends to bear its own costs in carrying out activities.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND
TRAINING OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
AUSTRALIA



John B. King, Jr.
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Washington, DC

Place

December 6, 2016

Date



Simon Birmingham
Minister

Adelaide, Australia

Place

12 January 2017.

Date