

## Changes to the JSJ website

# China's official portal for international education affairs supervision and management

## (Information as at May 2023)

The Chinese Ministry of Education (MoE) **JSJ Website** ("JSJ" is the abbreviation of the Chinese for "Website of Information on International Education Affairs Supervision and Management") has been a key portal used by Chinese students and families to find information on study abroad, prospective institutions and programs, and also includes information on China's international education cooperation.

The JSJ website contains a range of information including the list of overseas higher education institutions, the list of Chinese-Foreign Cooperation in Running Schools (CFCRS) projects at bachelor's and above degree level and higher vocational level as well as various policy and regulatory documents.

### JSJ list of overseas higher education institutions

Since its initial launch in 2003, a key function of the JSJ website was to help self-funded Chinese students to find study abroad information on overseas education institutions that were considered acceptable to the Chinese Government. To do this, the MoE published what was often referred to as the "JSJ list" of MoE verified overseas higher education institutions. In late 2022, the JSJ list for all countries was removed from the website, and since that time no institution lists have been available.

Following enquiries by the Department of Education, China's Ministry of Education has confirmed that the JSJ list will no longer be posted or used and it is understood there is no substitute list. They have indicated that institutes accredited by the Australian government will, in principle, be recognised by the Chinese government.

The JSJ website still includes a range of other useful information on international education in China, including up-to-date information on the approval of Chinese-Foreign Cooperation in Running Schools joint projects.

### **CSCSE** list of institutions

Separate to the JSJ list, the Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE) also publishes a list of overseas institutions—the CSCSE Evaluated Institution Search Portal<sup>i</sup>, available on their website since 2019. The CSCSE is the MoE affiliated organisation responsible for evaluating overseas qualifications. A recent announcement<sup>ii</sup> in January 2023 ended the flexible approach to verifying overseas qualifications obtained through cross-border remote learning introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CSCSE list is based on evaluation services undertaken during the last five years. For an institution to appear on this list, a returning student needs to have successfully submitted their qualification to the CSCSE for verification within in the previous five years.

This list therefore does not represent an exhaustive list of all institutions delivering courses to international students, only those where students have completed a program of study and had that study verified by the CSCSE. It should also be noted that the CSCSE's scope of services extends only to qualifications at the equivalent of AQF Level 5 and above. Institutions with courses falling outside this scope of services would not be captured as students are unable to submit those qualifications for verification.

Australia currently has 108 institutions, including universities, TAFEs and private providers, listed on the CSCSE list.

For further enquiries, please contact the <u>Education and Research Section</u> of the Australian Embassy in Beijing.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> CSCSE Evaluated Institution Search Portal (unofficial translation of 中国留学网认证院校查询) http://yxxx.cscse.edu.cn/rzyxmd.

ii See Education and Research Section's policy update on the announcement: China ends COVID-19 temporary measure on evaluation of online study, <a href="https://www.education.gov.au/international-education-engagement/resources/china-ends-covid19-temporary-measure-evaluation-online-study">https://www.education.gov.au/international-education-engagement/resources/china-ends-covid19-temporary-measure-evaluation-online-study</a>.