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ACPET responds to red tape changes for Australia's
International education providers

The Australian Government released drafts on the 2015 Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bills for public consultation.

The proposals in these Bills simplify and streamline the regulation of international education to implement improvements to the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) framework.

The ESOS framework protects the interests of international students and plays a central role in ensuring Australia's education institutions provide them with an outstanding student experience.

Larry Davies, the acting Chief Executive Officer at the Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) has spoken on the improvements to reduce red tape and strengthen international education.

Mr Davies said, "ACPET welcomes any beneficial implications to the ESOS framework as International education continues to grow in Australia".

He continued, "We look forward to working with the Australian government to ensure the ESOS framework doesn't duplicate the existing frameworks provided by national regulators, but continues to strengthen the quality of our institutions that protect the interests of International students".

The proposed improvements to the ESOS framework include; reducing complexity in the current Education Services for Overseas Students and, reducing reporting requirements identified by education institutions as duplicative and costly.

The change objectives seek to maintain the quality of Australia's international education institutions and make the legislative framework clearer.

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