



Commonwealth of Australia

Migration Regulations 1994

**INSTITUTIONS AND DISCIPLINES FOR SUBCLASS 476
(SKILLED – RECOGNISED GRADUATE) VISAS
(Clause 476.212)**

I, *GARRY FLEMING*, First Assistant Secretary, Migration and Citizenship Policy Division, Delegate of the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, acting under clause 476.212 of Schedule 2 to the *Migration Regulations 1994* ('the Regulations'):

1. REVOKE Instrument number IMMI 12/105, signed on 21 September 2012, specifying institutions and disciplines for the purposes of clause 476.212 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations; AND
2. SPECIFY, as an institution for the purposes of paragraph 476.212(b) of Schedule 2 to the Regulations, each institution:
 - (a) whose name is published on the website of an accrediting body that is a signatory to the Washington Accord; AND
 - (b) that conducts a course that is accredited by that accrediting body under the Washington Accord; AND
3. SPECIFY each institution referred to in the Schedule to this Instrument as an institution for the purposes of paragraph 476.212(b) of Schedule 2 to the Regulations; AND
4. SPECIFY **Engineering as a discipline** for the purposes of clause 476.212 of Schedule 2 to the Regulations.

This Instrument, number IMMI 14/010, commences on **14 February 2014.**

Dated 4 February 2014

GARRY FLEMING
First Assistant Secretary, Migration and Citizenship Policy Division
Department of Immigration and Border Protection

SCHEDULE

Country	Institution
Argentina	Catholic University of Argentina
Brazil	Federal University of Minas Gerais
Chile	Universidad Catolica del Norte Catholic University of Chile - Antofagasta University of Chile University of Concepcion
Finland	HUT, Helsinki
Germany	RWTH, Aachen Technical University of Berlin Technical University of Clausthal TU Bergakademie Freiberg University of Hannover
Hungary	University of Miskolc
India	Anna University—Chennai Banaras Hindu University—Varanasi Indian Institute of Science—Bangalore Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur Indian School of Mines—Dhanbad
Iran	Amir Kabir University of Technology University of Tehran
PRC China	Beijing Normal University Beijing Petroleum University Beijing University of Chemical Technology Beijing University of Technology (formerly Beijing Polytechnic University) China University of Mining & Technology—Beijing Guangzhou University Shanghai University of Engineering Science Shanghai Jiaotong University Tongji University Tsinghua University University of Science and Technology—Beijing
Philippines	University of the Philippines
Poland	Wroclaw University of Technology
Slovakia	TU Kosice
Sweden	Lulea University of Technology
Tanzania	University of Dar es Salaam

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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INSTITUTIONS AND DISCIPLINES FOR SUBCLASS 476 (SKILLED – RECOGNISED GRADUATE) VISAS (Clause 476.212)

1. This Instrument is made under clause 476.212 of the *Migration Regulations 1994* ('the Regulations').
2. Clause 476.212 of the Regulations provides that the applicant must have (a) completed a course in the period of 24 months ending immediately before the day on which the application is made; and (b) at an institution specified by the Minister in an instrument in writing for the paragraph, for the award of a degree or higher qualification in a discipline specified in an instrument in writing for the clause.
3. The purpose of the Instrument is **to increase numbers of graduate engineers** working in Australia and address the current skills shortage in this occupation. The Instrument specifies that applicants for a subclass 476 visa must have completed their **engineering degree at a Recognised Institution under the Washington Accord** as specified in the Instrument.
4. The Instrument operates **to specify institutions whose names are published on the website of an accrediting body that is a signatory to the Washington Accord** and courses, which are accredited by that accrediting body, for the purposes of paragraph 476.212(b).
5. The Canadian High Commission made representations to the department before the Instrument was made. Once the Instrument is confirmed as taking effect on 14 February 2014, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and **Engineers Australia** will be advised of the change.
6. The Office of Best Practice Regulation has advised that a Regulation Impact Statement is not required (OBPR Reference 16387).
7. Under section 44 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003* the Instrument is exempt from disallowance and therefore a Human Rights Statement of Compatibility is not required.
8. The instrument commences on 14 February 2014.