

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
BETWEEN THE AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND  
THE BRAZILIAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The Australian Department of Education and Training, and the Brazilian Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to singularly as “Participant” and collectively as “the Participants”);

Desiring to enhance the bilateral relations between the Government of Australia and the Government of Brazil in the fields of education, research and vocational education and training;

Appreciating the importance of education, research and vocational education and training as a means to further cultivate ties between the two Governments;

Acknowledging that Australia and Brazil signed a Memorandum of Understanding for Consultation on Areas of Common Interest in Brasilia on 27 August 1990;

Noting that the aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding was replaced by the Memorandum of Understanding for the Establishment of Enhanced Partnership signed between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, in New York on 21 September 2010, in which it is decided that the Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Education and Training, signed in 2005, will be reviewed and revised in order to reflect the current priorities;

Recognising the importance of establishing partnerships between the two countries through a work plan, have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph 1

Objective

1. The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “Memorandum”) is to enhance and promote the cooperation between the Participants, in order to

develop activities in the fields of education, research and vocational education and training on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

## Paragraph 2

### Areas and Form of Co-operation

1. Under the auspices of the relevant authorities of each country, the Participants will encourage government to government co-operation in education, research and vocational education and training. The areas and forms of co-operation under this Memorandum may include, but are not limited to:

i. the development of co-operation between government agencies, and other government organisations, in the areas of education, research and vocational education and training through regular consultation between both countries to discuss activities of mutual interest

ii. facilitating linkages between education, research and vocational education and training institutions, subject to domestic legislation and respecting the autonomy of universities, in Australia and Brazil through:

- a. interactions, such as meetings, conferences and symposia
- b. the exchange of students, academics and researchers as mutually determined by the Participants
- c. collaborative programmes

iii. the exchange of information in areas of mutual interest, subject to domestic legislation in regard to access to information, including:

- a. education, research and vocational education and training systems and standards in both countries
- b. curriculum and teaching materials
- c. standards, accreditation systems and nomenclature of educational awards to assist in the interpretation and evaluation of degrees, diplomas and certificates
- d. policy developments in relation to education, research and vocational education and training in both countries
- e. study opportunities in both countries
- f. the development and benchmarking of occupational and management standards

iv. promoting and supporting cooperation to strengthen English and Portuguese teaching

v. identifying opportunities to develop further co-operation in relation to education, research and vocational education and training.

### Paragraph 3

#### Costs

1. Each Participant will bear its own costs in relation to this Memorandum, unless otherwise agreed between Participants.
2. The cost of all cooperative activities undertaken by the Participants in implementation of this Memorandum will be funded as mutually determined.
3. All cooperative activities undertaken by the Participants under this Memorandum will be subject to the availability of funds.

### Paragraph 4

#### Responsibility

1. With respect to the implementation of collaborative activities under this Memorandum, each Participant will be responsible only for their actions and their respective results and is not responsible for the actions and results of the other Participant.

### Paragraph 5

#### Intellectual Property

1. This Memorandum does not affect the existence or enforcement of any intellectual property rights which may be held by the Participants independently of this Memorandum in any material the subject of this Memorandum.
2. Where it is foreseeable that issues relating to intellectual property rights might arise in the proposed cooperative activities, the Participants, in accordance with their national laws and any international agreements they have entered into, will jointly determine in advance the effective protection and allocation of those intellectual property rights.
3. In this paragraph "*Intellectual Property*" will have the meaning provided for in Article 2 of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organisation, agreed in Stockholm on 14 July 1967, as amended on 28 September 1979.

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Paragraph 6

Entry into effect, Amendment and Termination

1. This Memorandum will enter into effect on the date of signature by duly authorised representatives of both Participants and will remain in effect for a period of ten (10) years from the date of signature.
2. Thereafter, the Memorandum may be extended for the same length of time as mutually determined by the Participants in writing.
3. This Memorandum may be modified by the mutual consent of the Participants in writing; such modifications will be an integral part of this Memorandum and will become effective on the date of their signature.
4. This Memorandum may be terminated by either Participant, at any time, by providing written notice of the intention to terminate to the other Participant.
5. The termination will take effect one month after such notice is received.
6. The termination of this Memorandum does not affect the validity or duration of activities already initiated before the termination, unless the Participants mutually agree otherwise.

This Memorandum embodies the understandings of the Participants and does not create legally binding rights or obligations between the Participants. The below signatories, duly authorised by the respective Participant, sign and present the following Memorandum, drafted in English and Portuguese. Both translations are equally valid.

This Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 3 July 2015 in Brasilia.

For the Government of Australia



**The Hon Julie Bishop M. P.**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Ministry of Education of Brazil



**The Hon Renato Janine Ribeiro**  
Minister of Education