

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA FOR COOPERATION ON EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

The Ministry of Education of the Republic of Chile and the Department of Education and Training of the Commonwealth of Australia, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”

**CONSIDERING** the achievements derived from the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Chilean Ministry of Education and the Australian Department of Education, Science and Training for Cooperation in the fields of Education, Science and Training, signed in Santiago on 26 April 2004

**DESIRING** to strengthen bilateral relations in the fields of education, research and vocational education and training between their respective countries

**CONSCIOUS** that research, education and vocational education and training are ways to strengthen bonds between both countries

Have reached the following understanding:

**PARAGRAPH I**

**OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Memorandum is to enhance and promote the cooperation between the Participants, in order to develop activities on the fields of education, research and vocational education and training.

**PARAGRAPH II**

**COOPERATION AREAS**

In order to achieve the objective of this Memorandum, the Participants may develop cooperation activities that include, but are not limited to the following areas:

- a) education, research and vocational education and training
- b) education, research, vocational education and training systems standards and policy
- c) teaching and curriculum materials
- d) standards, accreditation systems and nomenclature of educational awards to assist in the interpretation and evaluation of degrees, diplomas and certificates
- e) occupational standards
- f) any other cooperation area determined by common agreement of the Participants.

**PARAGRAPH III**

**COOPERATION ACTIVITIES**

The cooperation activities developed under this Memorandum may be carried out through the following activities:

- a) encourage the cooperation between government agencies, and other government organisations in the areas of education, research and vocational education and training

- b) promote regular consultation between officials from both countries to discuss activities of mutual interest related to cooperation in education, research and vocational education and training
- c) development of linkages between both countries' education, research and vocational education and training institutions through:
  - i) organisation of meetings, conferences and symposia
  - ii) exchange of students, academics and researchers as mutually determined by the Participants
  - iii) development of cooperation programmes
- d) exchange of information
- e) identify study opportunities in each country for nationals of the other, and explore further mutually beneficial opportunities for students in each country.
- f) development and benchmarking of occupational standards
- g) any other cooperation modality agreed upon the Participants.

The operation of this Memorandum will not require the Participants to cooperate in all activities referred to in this Paragraph.

The Participants will not be bound to cooperate in those activities where there is an internal legal conflict, institutional guideline or custom.

#### **PARAGRAPH IV**

##### **SPECIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS**

To achieve the objective of this Memorandum the Participants may jointly formalise specific cooperation agreements, which will detail the activities to be executed, specifying the objective, implementation timeline, human and material resources assignment, funding and the responsibilities of each Participant, as well as third parties associated with the Participants, for the protection of intellectual property rights, dissemination of results, as well as any other aspect that the Participants deem necessary.

Once formalised, the specific agreements of cooperation should constitute an integral part of this Memorandum.

#### **PARAGRAPH V**

##### **FOLLOW-UP**

For the proper coordination and follow-up of the cooperation activities developed under this Memorandum, the Participants designate the following areas:

- For the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Chile
  - División de Educación Superior
  - Alameda Bernardo O'Higgins 1371
  - Santiago
  - Chile
- For the Department of Education and Training of Australia:
  - International Group
  - Department of Education and Training
  - 50 Marcus Clarke St
  - Canberra ACT 2601
  - Australia

**PARAGRAPH VI**

**FINANCING**

Unless otherwise agreed, each Participant will bear its respective expenses related to the cooperation referred to in this Memorandum, with the resources allocated in their respective budgets, according to their availability, budgetary appraisal and the provisions of their national legislation.

**PARAGRAPH VII**

**FINAL PROVISIONS**

This Memorandum will become effective once the administrative process to approve it has been completed and will remain applicable for a period of five (5) years, to be automatically renewed for periods of equal duration.

Notwithstanding the above, and in the interests of goodwill, the participants agree that activities that do not involve funding may commence from the date of signature.

This Memorandum may be modified by the mutual consent of the Participants, formalised in writing. Such modifications will be an integral part of this Memorandum and will become effective on the date of its signature.

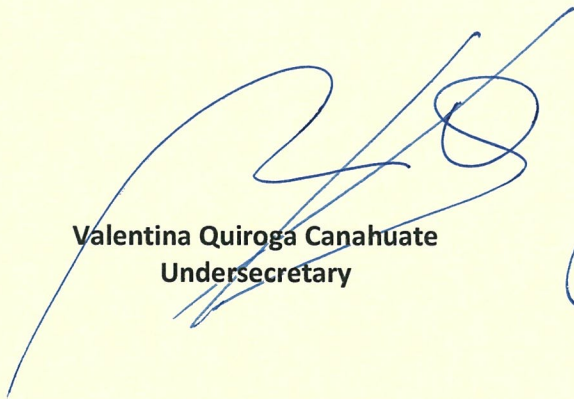
Either Participant may terminate its participation under this Memorandum at any time, through written communication sent to the other Participants, with six (6) months in advance.

The termination of this Memorandum will not affect the conclusion of the cooperation activities that may had been formalised while it was valid.

Signed at Santiago, Chile, on 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year 2015, in two originals, in the Spanish and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF CHILE**

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



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