

CRICOS Registration - Pathways for New Providers

I am a new provider seeking registration on CRICOS. I need to approach my State/Territory authority to commence the registration process and at the same time I should start the process of compliance with the Commonwealth legislation requirements.

For Commonwealth registration, starting with Category 1, check which one of the four categories applies to you.
Categories 2 & 4 require provider contact with DEST before registration.
Further information can be found on the ESOS website at <http://www.dest.gov.au/esos/>

CATEGORY 1

I am either:
 administered by a State/Territory education authority or I am entitled to receive recurrent Commonwealth funding

I am not required to pay an annual contribution to the ESOS Assurance Fund and I am not required to obtain TAS membership.

CATEGORY 2

Payment in arrears

I will collect tuition fees from students after:

- 1 they have completed all of the course
- or
- 2 they have completed part of the course
- and
- I must also arrange a credit transfer agreement with another provider

Contact DEST for procedures and approval

DEST approves arrangement

I am not required to pay an annual contribution to the ESOS Assurance Fund and I am not required to obtain TAS membership.

CATEGORIES 3 & 4

I am not in Categories 1 or 2. Therefore, I must pay an annual Assurance Fund contribution and comply with one of the tuition assurance requirements in either Category 3 or 4

CATEGORY 3

I will apply to join a Tuition Assurance Scheme (TAS)

Apply for TAS membership

TAS operator approves application and advises Fund Manager and DEST

Notify Assurance Fund Manager to receive assessment notice

Pay Assurance Fund contribution

ESOS Assurance Fund Manager notifies DEST

CATEGORY 4

I will either:

- 1 Take out an indemnity agreement, or
- 2 Take out a bank guarantee, or
- 3 Seek Ministerial exemption from a TAS (higher Assurance Fund contribution applies)

Contact DEST for Ministerial approval

Ministerial approval granted

State/Territory registration process continues for all Categories

Approval granted by State/Territory authority

CRICOS registration by DEST

