

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000508

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Cornerstone Investment Australia Pty Ltd

Question

Do students studying with this provider still have access to VET FEE-HELP? Why, or why not?

Answer

On 4 February 2016, the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) notified Cornerstone Investment Australia Pty Ltd (trading as the Australian Institute of Commerce and Language and EMPOWER INSTITUTE) of its decision to cancel Cornerstone's registration as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Cornerstone lodged a review with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT). A stay hearing was held on Friday 4 March 2016. The AAT granted Cornerstone a conditional stay to ASQA's decision to cancel its registration as an RTO while an AAT review is conducted. The conditions include that Cornerstone is not to enrol any students and not to engage in any marketing or advertising activities in relation to its courses, whether by itself or through any employee, representative or agent. However, Cornerstone is allowed to continue to teach currently enrolled students, including those assisted by VET FEE-HELP.