

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine

Question

Can you confirm that those studying at an entity trading as Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine will have access to public subsidies through Commonwealth Subsidised Place funding under the government's proposals for higher education?

Answer

The Sydney Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine is currently registered as a higher education institution with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA).

From 1 January 2016, all registered higher education institutions will be able to offer Commonwealth supported places to Australian students enrolling in a TEQSA accredited bachelor, diploma, advanced diploma or associate degree course.

The Government has established a working group, led by Professor Peter Shergold, to advise on the eligibility requirements for private universities and non-university higher education institutions (including international institutions) to access Commonwealth supported places (CSPs).

It is therefore not possible yet to be certain for which university courses CSPs will be available, as it will depend on their meeting the eligibility criteria.