

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0069\_15**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.**

***Alphacrucis College***

**Question**

Can the Department confirm that an entity trading as Alphacrucis College is on the TEQSA register? Is this college run by the religious organisation known as the Assemblies of God? Does this college's TEQSA-accredited course Bachelor of Applied Theology (Korean) include the following units: Foundation of Mission, Preaching, Church Planting and Christian Worldview? Can you confirm that those studying this college's TEQSA-accredited courses will have access to public subsidies through Commonwealth Subsidised Place funding?

**Answer**

Alphacrucis College is currently registered as a higher education institution with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA). The College offers a number of accredited bachelor programmes of study including a Bachelor of Applied Theology (Korean).

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.