

Upon successful completion of the formal assessment of the EATC test an education agent will be awarded a Qualified Education Agent Counsellor Certificate and will be listed on the EATC website as a 'Qualified Education Agent Counsellor' at www.pieronline.org/geac.

The EATC formal assessment is delivered online at www.pieronline.org/eatc. The test, costing AUD\$400, is conducted in English and must be taken at a designated assessment centre in Australia or overseas.

The Australian Government is promoting the EATC in key international education markets through professional development workshops for education agents conducted in May-June 2009. As part of this initiative, the Australian Government is also supporting up to 390 education agents who participated in these workshops to undertake the EATC final examination by covering the cost of the exam.

How is the industry regulated?

In Australia, the use by education and training providers of Education Agents to recruit international students is governed by the requirements of Standard 4 of the *National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2007* (The National Code). The National Code is a legally enforceable legislative instrument.

Standard 4 requires Australian education and training providers to take all reasonable measures to use education agents that have an appropriate knowledge and understanding of the Australian international education industry and not to use agents who are dishonest or lack integrity. Standard 4 explicitly requires providers not to accept students from, nor to enter into an agreement with, an education agent known or reasonable suspected to engage in dishonest practices.