South Australia

**Technical and Further Education Act 1975**

An Act to make provision for technical and further education in this State; and for other purposes.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the Technical and Further Education Act 1975.

4—Interpretation

(1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

Chief Executive Officer means the person for the time being holding, or acting in, the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Department;

college means an educational institution at which technical and further education is provided pursuant to this Act;

council means a college council established by the Minister under Part 4;
Department means the administrative unit of the Public Service that is, under the Minister, responsible for the administration of this Act;

employing authority means—
(a) unless paragraph (b) applies—the Chief Executive Officer; or
(b) if the Governor thinks fit, a person, or a person holding or acting in an office or position, designated by proclamation made for the purposes of this definition;

the Minister means the Minister of Employment and Further Education or any other Minister of the Crown for the time being exercising and discharging the functions and responsibilities of the Minister of Employment and Further Education;

officer means an officer appointed under section 15;

SAET means the South Australian Employment Tribunal established under the South Australian Employment Tribunal Act 2014;

technical and further education means instruction or training in any academic, vocational or practical discipline other than instruction or training excluded from the application of this Act.

(2) A reference in this Act to the effective service of an officer is a reference to—
(a) the period (if any) of the officer's continuous service as an officer; and
(b) any other period (if any) that is, by determination of the employing authority, to be regarded as forming the whole, or part, of the officer's effective service, but does not include any period that is, by determination of the employing authority, not to be regarded as a period of effective service for the purposes of this Act.

(3) The employing authority may, by instrument in writing, determine in relation to any specified officers, or officers of any specified class, that a period referred to in the instrument is, or is not, to be regarded as a period of effective service for the purposes of this Act.

(4) The Governor may, from time to time as the Governor thinks fit, vary or revoke a proclamation made for the purposes of the definition of employing authority, or make a new proclamation for the purposes of that definition.

(5) If—
(a) the Chief Executive Officer is the employing authority under this Act; and
(b) a provision of this Act—
(i) requires that a matter be referred to the employing authority by the Chief Executive Officer; or
(ii) provides that the Chief Executive Officer make a recommendation to the employing authority,

the provision will be taken to allow for the Chief Executive Officer, in his or her capacity as the employing authority, to take action without an actual referral or recommendation.

Note—
For definition of divisional penalties (and divisional expiation fees) see Appendix.
5—Application of Act

This Act does not apply in respect of—

(a) instruction or training provided at any Government school (within the meaning of the Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act 2011); or

(b) instruction or training in primary or secondary education provided at any school (not being a college) that is attended by the students, or a majority of the students, enrolled at the school on a full-time basis; or

(c) instruction or training provided by any university established by statute; or

(d) pre-school instruction or training; or

(e) instruction or training provided by any theological college, seminary or religious body.

Part 2—The Minister and the Department

6—Administration of this Act

Subject to this Act, the Minister has the general administration of this Act, and the administration and control of all officers and employees appointed under this Act.

7—The Minister

(1) For the purposes of this Act, the Minister—

(a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and

(b) is capable of acquiring, holding and disposing of real and personal property; and

(c) is capable of acquiring or incurring any other legal rights and liabilities, and of suing and being sued; and

(d) has the powers, authorities, duties and obligations prescribed under this Act.

(2) Where an apparently genuine document purports to bear the common seal of the Minister, the common seal of the Minister will be taken, in the absence of proof to the contrary, to have been duly affixed to that document.

8—Delegation by Minister

(1) The Minister may, by instrument in writing, delegate to—

(a) the Chief Executive Officer or the person for the time being holding or acting in some other position in the Department; or

(b) the person for the time being holding or acting in a position or office established for the purposes of this Act; or

(c) the person for the time being holding or acting in the position of presiding member of an advisory committee appointed by the Minister under section 10A,

any of the powers, duties or functions of the Minister under this Act.
(2) A delegation under this section may be given subject to such conditions as the Minister thinks fit and specifies in the instrument of delegation.

(3) A delegation under this section is revocable at will and does not prevent the Minister from acting personally in any matter.

(4) A power, duty or function delegated under this section may, if the instrument of delegation so provides, be further delegated.

9—General powers of Minister

(1) The Minister may establish and maintain such colleges as he or she considers necessary or desirable for the purposes of providing technical and further education.

(2) The Minister may, where in his or her opinion the public interest does not require the continuance of any college, close the college permanently or temporarily and sell or otherwise dispose of the land, buildings, equipment and facilities acquired or set apart for the purposes of that college.

(3) The Minister may establish and maintain such institutions as he or she considers necessary for the education and training of those who are to give instruction or training in colleges.

(4) The Minister may establish and maintain boarding houses for the accommodation of students at any college or any institution established under subsection (3).

(5) The Minister may—

(a) make available, on such conditions as the Minister thinks fit, any land, buildings, equipment or facilities for the purposes of technical and further education;

(b) provide assistance to community bodies (whether by the making of grants or loans or otherwise) on conditions that secure for colleges rights to make use of land, buildings, equipment or facilities of the bodies.

(7) The Minister may, subject to and in accordance with the Land Acquisition Act 1969, acquire land for the purposes of this Act.

(8) Where land, buildings, equipment, facilities or services used or provided for or incidentally to the provision of technical and further education can, in the opinion of the Minister, also be used or provided for commercial, community or other purposes without substantially detracting from the provision of technical and further education, the Minister may, by lease, licence or other arrangement, authorise their use or provision for those other purposes.

(9) The Minister may—

(a) in order to provide students with practical training and experience in the course of technical and further education—

(i) establish or carry on an enterprise or activity, for commercial, community or other purposes, in which students are to participate;

(ii) provide for the participation of students, on such conditions as the Minister thinks fit, in a commercial, community or other enterprise or activity carried on by some other person or body;
(b) provide consultancy or other services, for a fee or otherwise, in any area in which officers or employees appointed under this Act or employed in the Department have particular expertise developed (whether wholly or partly) in the course of, or incidentally to, the provision of technical and further education;

(c) undertake or provide for the development or use, for commercial, community or other purposes, of any intellectual property, product or process created or developed (whether wholly or partly) in the course of, or incidentally to, the provision of technical and further education.

10A—Advisory committees

(1) The Minister may appoint such advisory committees as he or she considers desirable.

(2) The membership of an advisory committee will be as determined by the Minister and its members hold office at the Minister's pleasure.

(3) An advisory committee must—

   (a) investigate and report to the Chief Executive Officer on such matters related to technical and further education or the administration of this Act as the Minister may request; and

   (b) perform any other function assigned to the committee by the Minister.

(4) Subject to any direction of the Minister, the procedure of an advisory committee may be determined by the committee.

12—Powers, functions and duties of the Chief Executive Officer

(1) The Chief Executive Officer is responsible to the Minister—

   (a) for maintaining a proper standard of efficiency and competency among officers and employees; and

   (b) for the efficient and effective management of officers and employees; and

   (c) for ensuring that all resources available for technical and further education are managed with the object of securing the highest practicable standards of instruction, training, facilities and services for students enrolled in courses conducted under this Act.

(2) The responsibilities imposed under subsection (1) are in addition to the responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer in respect of the Department.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer has such powers, functions and duties—

   (a) as are vested in and imposed on the Chief Executive Officer under this or any other Act; or

   (b) as the Chief Executive Officer is directed to exercise or perform by the Minister.
13—Delegation by Chief Executive Officer

(1) The Chief Executive Officer may, by instrument in writing and with the consent of the Minister, delegate to—

(a) the person for the time being performing particular duties in the Department or holding or acting in a position or office in the Department or established under this Act; or

(b) the person for the time being holding or acting in the position of presiding member of an advisory committee appointed by the Minister under section 10A,

any of the powers, functions or duties of the Chief Executive Officer under this Act.

(2) A delegation under this section may be given subject to such conditions as the Chief Executive Officer thinks fit and specifies in the instrument of delegation.

(3) A delegation under this section is revocable at will and does not prevent the Chief Executive Officer from acting personally in any matter.

(4) A power, function or duty delegated under this section may, if the instrument of delegation so provides, be further delegated.

14—Annual report

(1) The Chief Executive Officer must, on or before 31 March in each year, present to the Minister a report on the operations of the Department and colleges for the preceding calendar year.

(2) The Minister must, within six sitting days after receipt of a report under this section, cause copies of the report to be laid before each House of Parliament.

Part 3—Officers

Division 1—Appointment

15—Appointment of officers

(1) Subject to this Act, the employing authority may appoint such officers to provide technical and further education and undertake related functions pursuant to this Act as the employing authority thinks fit.

(2) An officer may be appointed under this section—

(a) on a permanent or temporary basis; and

(b) on a full-time or part-time basis.

(3) An appointment under this section may be made on probation.

(4) The probation will be for such period of effective service (not exceeding two years' effective service) as may be determined by the employing authority.

(5) No officer appointed on a permanent basis may be dismissed, retrenched or retired, or have his or her appointment otherwise terminated, except in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
(6) An officer appointed on a temporary basis holds office at the pleasure of the employing authority.

(7) If the Chief Executive Officer is not the employing authority, the employing authority must, in acting under this section, consult with the Chief Executive Officer.

**Division 2—Termination of appointment**

15A—Termination of appointment of officers on probation

(1) The employing authority may by written determination at any time terminate the appointment of an officer who is on probation.

(2) If the Chief Executive Officer is not the employing authority, the employing authority must, in acting under this section, consult with the Chief Executive Officer.

16—Retrenchment of officers

(1) Where the employing authority is satisfied that—

(a) the volume of work for officers in a section has diminished; and

(b) in consequence a reduction in the number of officers has become necessary in the interest of economy; and

(c) an officer should be retrenched for that purpose,

the employing authority may, by written determination, retrench that officer as from a date specified in the determination.

(2) An officer who is retrenched under the provisions of this section is entitled to receive—

(a) at least twelve weeks' notice in writing prior to the date of retrenchment; or

(b) where the notice is less than twelve weeks, a sum equal to his or her salary for the period by which the notice falls short of twelve weeks.

(3) If the Chief Executive Officer is not the employing authority, the employing authority must, in acting under this section, consult with the Chief Executive Officer.

17—Incapacity of officers

(1) If the Chief Executive Officer is satisfied that an officer is, by reason of mental or physical illness or disability, incapable of performing satisfactorily the duties of the office occupied by the officer, the Chief Executive Officer may do one or more of the following:

(a) by written determination, transfer the officer to some other office established under section 15;

(b) determine to take steps to transfer the officer to some other employment in the Government of the State;

(c) grant the officer leave of absence (without remuneration);

(d) recommend to the employing authority that the officer be retired.
(2) The Chief Executive Officer must, before transferring or recommending the transfer of an officer to an office or position of reduced status, or recommending that an officer be retired, be satisfied that transfer of the officer to an office or position of equivalent status is not reasonably practicable in the circumstances.

(3) Where an officer is transferred to an office of reduced status pursuant to subsection (1)(a), the Chief Executive Officer must alter the classification of the officer accordingly.

(4) The Chief Executive Officer may, in acting under subsection (1)(b), recommend to the employing authority that the officer be appointed to an office or position under section 39AAB or attempt to secure for the officer some other appropriate employment in the Government of the State.

(5) The employing authority, on receiving a recommendation under subsection (1)(d) may, in accordance with that recommendation, retire the officer.

18—Appointment and selection of supplementary panel members for reviews

(1) For the purposes of section 18A of the South Australian Employment Tribunal Act 2014, there will be the following panels of supplementary panel members:

(a) a panel of employees in the Department nominated by the Minister;

(b) a panel of officers appointed under section 15 nominated by the Australian Education Union made after elections have been held in accordance with the regulations.

(2) In exercising its powers under the South Australian Employment Tribunal Act 2014 in proceedings related to an application for review by an officer appointed under section 15, SAET will, if the President of SAET so determines, sit with members from each of the panels referred to in subsection (1).

18A—Review by SAET

(1) An officer may, within 14 days after receiving notice of a determination or decision under this Division to terminate the officer's appointment or retrench, transfer or retire the officer, apply to SAET under Part 3 Division 1 of the South Australian Employment Tribunal Act 2014 for a review of the determination or decision.

(2) In addition to section 30 of the South Australian Employment Tribunal Act 2014, SAET may, at any stage of proceedings for the review of a determination or a decision that has taken effect under this Division, revoke the determination or the decision and order that the officer be reinstated as an officer appointed under section 15.

Division 3—Long service leave

19—Long service leave

(1) An officer's entitlement to long service leave accrues as follows:

(a) the officer is entitled to 63 days' leave in respect of the first seven years of effective service;

(b) the officer is then entitled to 0.75 of a day's leave for each subsequent complete month of effective service.
(2) Where long service leave is taken by an officer, the officer's entitlement to long service leave is reduced accordingly.

(3) Every day from the commencement to the conclusion of a period of long service leave (whether a working day or not) will be counted as a day of that leave.

(4) This Division—
   (a) does not affect an entitlement to long service leave or payment in lieu of long service leave that accrued before the commencement of the Technical and Further Education Act Amendment Act 1987; and
   (b) does not prejudice an entitlement to pro rata long service leave arising after five years' effective service that would have come into existence if the Technical and Further Education Act Amendment Act 1987 had not been enacted.

20—Taking of long service leave

(1) Subject to this section, an officer who has completed at least 10 years' effective service is entitled to take long service leave.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer may permit an officer who has completed at least seven years' effective service to take long service leave.

(3) Long service leave may only be taken in respect of completed years of effective service.

(4) Long service leave may only be taken at times and for periods that are, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, convenient to the Department.

(5) Subject to this section, the salary to which an officer is entitled during long service leave is—
   (a) where the effective service of an officer consists of full-time service—the salary applicable to the officer's substantive classification level during that leave (excluding any additional salary attributable to a higher classification level temporarily assigned to the officer);
   (b) where the effective service of an officer consists in whole or in part of part-time service—a salary determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

(6) An officer may elect to take long service leave on half salary and, in that event, may take two days' leave for each whole day of the officer's entitlement.

(7) Where the effective service of an officer consists in whole or in part of part-time service, the officer may elect to take long service leave on the salary applicable to full-time service and, in that event, the period of the long service leave will be reduced accordingly.

(8) The Chief Executive Officer may authorise payment to an officer on long service leave of such additional salary or allowances as the Chief Executive Officer considers appropriate.

21—Payment in lieu of long service leave

(1) Where a person ceases to be an officer after not less than seven years' effective service, the person is entitled to payment of the monetary equivalent of the officer's long service leave entitlement as at the date of cessation of service.
(2) Where an officer dies, the employing authority must ensure that there is paid to—
   (a) the officer's personal representative; or
   (b) such of the officer's dependants as the employing authority, with the approval
       of the Minister, considers appropriate,
   the monetary equivalent of the officer's long service leave entitlement as at the date of
   death.
(3) In determining the monetary equivalent of a long service leave entitlement no
    allowance will be made for an increase in salary that may or would have been made if
    the officer's service had not ceased.
(4) The employing authority may apply any amount payable to or in respect of an officer
    under this section in satisfaction of a claim against the officer.

22—Interruption of service

(1) Where a person is re-employed as an officer—
   (a) at any time after his or her service as an officer was interrupted by retirement
       on the ground of incapacity; or
   (b) within two years after his or her service as an officer was interrupted
       otherwise than by resignation, dismissal for misconduct or retirement on the
       ground of incapacity,
   the person's effective service before the interruption and his or her effective service
   after the interruption will, for the purposes of this Division, be taken into account as if
   the service were continuous.
(2) Where a person is re-employed as an officer more than two years after his or her
    service as an officer was interrupted otherwise than by resignation, dismissal for
    misconduct or retirement on the ground of incapacity, the employing authority may
    grant a certificate under this section.
(3) Where the employing authority grants a certificate under subsection (2), the person's
    effective service before the interruption and his or her effective service after the
    interruption will, for the purposes of this Division, be taken into account as if the
    service were continuous.
(4) Where long service leave has been granted, or payment has been made in lieu of long
    service leave, in respect of a period of effective service that is required by this section
    to be taken into account as if it were continuous with subsequent service, the officer's
    entitlement to long service leave in respect of the total period of his or her effective
    service will be taken to have reduced accordingly.

23—Recognition of previous employment

(1) Where an officer was in prescribed employment prior to being appointed as an officer
    and there is continuity of service between that prescribed employment and his or her
    effective service as an officer, the long service leave to which he or she is entitled
    under this Act must, subject to this section, be determined on the basis that the period
    of his or her service that would have been taken into account for the purpose of
determining his or her entitlement to long service leave in respect of the prescribed
employment, as at the cessation of that employment, was effective service as an
officer.
(2) In this section—

prescribed employment means—

(a) employment in the Public Service of the Commonwealth; and
(b) employment in the Public Service of this State; and
(c) employment by the Government of this State otherwise than as an employee in the Public Service; and
(d) employment in the Public Service of another State or a Territory of the Commonwealth; and
(e) employment by a University established in this State; and
(f) any other employment approved by the Minister.

(3) Where long service leave has been granted, or payment has been made in lieu of long service leave, in respect of a period of service in prescribed employment required by this section to be regarded as effective service as an officer, the officer's entitlement to long service leave in respect of the total period of his or her effective service will be taken to have reduced accordingly.

(4) For the purposes of this section, continuity of service is not interrupted by an interval, not exceeding three months, between the cessation of prescribed employment and the commencement of employment as an officer.

(5) Where there is an interval of more than three months between the cessation of prescribed employment and the commencement of employment as an officer, the employing authority may, if he or she thinks that special reasons exist for so doing, declare that the interval does not disrupt the continuity of service for the purposes of this section, and such a declaration has effect according to its terms.

24—Recognition of service as officer in future employment

(1) Where an officer is transferred to other employment in the Government of this State and his or her service in that employment is continuous with his or her effective service as an officer, the long service leave to which he or she is entitled in respect of that other employment must, subject to this section, be determined on the basis that—

(a) his or her effective service as an officer; and
(b) any service required under section 23 to be regarded as effective service as an officer in determining his or her long service leave entitlement under this Act, was service in that other employment.

(2) Where long service leave has been granted, or payment has been made in lieu of long service leave, in respect of a period of effective service as an officer (or a period required to be regarded as effective service as an officer), the person's entitlement to long service leave in respect of the total period of his or her service will be taken to have reduced accordingly.
Division 4—Retiring age

25—Retiring age

(1) An officer may retire on or after the day on which he or she reaches the age of 55 years.

Division 5—Discipline

26—Disciplinary action

(1) If an officer—

(a) contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Act; or

(b) contravenes or fails to comply with any lawful direction given to the officer under this Act; or

(c) is negligent, inefficient or incompetent in the discharge of his or her duties; or

(d) is absent from duty without proper cause; or

(e) is guilty of any disgraceful or improper conduct,

there is sufficient cause for disciplinary action against that officer.

(2) Where the Chief Executive Officer finds that there is sufficient cause for disciplinary action under this section, he or she may—

(a) by written determination under his or her hand—

(i) reprimand the officer; or

(ii) impose a fine on the officer not exceeding the amount of one week's salary of the officer; or

(iii) reduce the classification of the officer; or

(iv) suspend the officer from duty (without pay) for a period not exceeding one year; or

(b) recommend to the employing authority that the officer be dismissed.

(3) The employing authority may, upon receipt of a recommendation under subsection (2), dismiss the officer.

(4) An officer may, within fourteen days after he or she receives notice of a determination under this section, or a decision made by the employing authority to dismiss the officer under this section, apply to SAET under Part 3 Division 1 of the South Australian Employment Tribunal Act 2014 for a review of the determination or decision.

(5) In addition to section 30 of the South Australian Employment Tribunal Act 2014, SAET may, at any stage of proceedings for the review of a determination or a decision that has taken effect under this section, revoke the determination or the decision and order that the officer be re-instated as an officer appointed under section 15.

(6) Any fine imposed on an officer under this section may be deducted from the salary or other remuneration payable to that officer.
27—Suspension

(1) Where, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the nature or circumstances of any matter alleged against an officer are such that the officer should not continue in the performance of his or her duties, the Chief Executive Officer may suspend the officer.

(2) A suspension under subsection (1) may be given whether or not the officer has been charged with an offence.

(3) Unless the employing authority otherwise determines, a person suspended under this section is entitled to his or her salary in respect of the period of suspension.

(4) Where a direction has been given under subsection (3), and the guilt of the suspended officer of the matter alleged against that officer is not established by due process of law, he or she is entitled to receive the salary to which he or she would have been entitled if there had been no direction under subsection (3).

Part 4—College councils

28—Establishment of college councils

(1) The Minister may establish a council for any college.

(2) The Minister may establish an interim council for any proposed college.

(3) A council will consist of members appointed by, or in accordance with, the regulations.

(4) The members of the council will hold office for such term and upon such conditions as are prescribed.

(5) Meetings of the council must be conducted in accordance with the regulations.

29—Incorporation of councils

(1) A council—

(a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and

(b) is capable of holding and dealing with real and personal property; and

(c) is capable of acquiring or incurring any other legal rights or obligations, and of suing and being sued; and

(d) holds its property on behalf of the Crown; and

(e) has such powers, authorities, duties and obligations as may be conferred, imposed or prescribed by or under this Act.

(2) A council must not engage in any transaction involving the acquisition or disposal of real property unless the Minister has, by instrument in writing, consented to that transaction.

30—Borrowing power of councils

(1) Subject to this Act, a council may—

(a) with the approval of the Treasurer; and
(b) in accordance with any administrative instruction issued by the Chief Executive Officer under this section,

borrow money from any person for the purposes of paying in whole or in part for the erection or construction of a building or structure, or the provision of equipment or facilities, for a college.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer may from time to time issue administrative instructions relating to the borrowing of money by councils.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer may vary or revoke an administrative instruction given under this section.

(4) A council must supply the Minister, the Treasurer or the Chief Executive Officer with such information relating to a loan or proposed loan under this section, or to the purposes of such a loan or proposed loan, as the Minister, Treasurer or Chief Executive Officer requires.

31—Power of Minister to make grant or loan

The Minister may, on such terms and conditions as he or she thinks fit, make a grant or loan of money to a council.

32—Accounts

(1) A council must cause proper accounts to be kept of any money received by it and any dealings with that money.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer or any person authorised by the Chief Executive Officer may at any time inspect or audit the accounts of a council.

32A—Returns

(1) A council must, within three months after the end of each calendar year, provide to the Chief Executive Officer, in a manner and form approved by the Chief Executive Officer, a return relating to the financial position of the council.

(2) A return under this section must specify—

(a) the money received by the council, whether by grant, loan or otherwise, during the calendar year just ended; and

(b) the money expended by the council during that calendar year; and

(c) the money currently held by the council; and

(d) any money owed to or by the council; and

(e) such other information as the Chief Executive Officer may require.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer may, by notice in writing, require a council to provide, within a time specified in the notice, such return or further or fuller return relating to the financial position of the council as the Chief Executive Officer requires.

33—Abolition of council

(1) Where a college for which a council has been established under this Part is closed, the Minister may, by instrument in writing, abolish the council.

(2) Where a council is abolished under subsection (1), the Minister may dispose of the assets of the council in such manner as he or she thinks proper.
Part 6—Miscellaneous

39AA—Operation of industrial relations legislation

This Act does not exclude (and will be taken never to have excluded) the operation of the Industrial and Employee Relations Act 1994 in relation to officers or persons employed under this Act.

39AAB—Other staffing arrangements

(1) The employing authority may employ such other persons (in addition to officers appointed under this Act and employees in the Department) as appear to the employing authority to be necessary for the proper administration of this Act.

(2) The employing authority is, in acting under this section, subject to direction by the Minister.

(3) However, no Ministerial direction may be given by the Minister relating to the appointment, transfer, remuneration, discipline or termination of a particular person.

(4) In addition, if the Chief Executive Officer is not the employing authority, the employing authority must, in acting under this section, consult with the Chief Executive Officer.

39AAC—Employing authority—related matters

(1) The employing authority may delegate a power or function under this Act.

(2) A delegation under subsection (1)—

(a) must be by instrument in writing; and

(b) may be made to a body or person (including a person for the time being holding or acting in a specified office or position); and

(c) may be unconditional or subject to conditions; and

(d) does not derogate from the power of the employing authority to act personally in any matter; and

(e) may be revoked at any time by the employing authority.

(3) A power or function delegated under subsection (1) may, if the instrument of delegation so provides, be further delegated.

(4) A change in the person who constitutes the employing authority under this Act will not affect the continuity of employment or appointment of a person under this Act.

39A—Special provisions relating to rate of remuneration for part-time officers

(1) Where an officer is employed on a part-time basis (that is to say, on the basis that he or she will work in any pay period a specified percentage of the time ordinarily expected of an officer employed on a full-time basis) the rate of remuneration applicable to the officer (including any allowances that may be payable) is that same percentage applied to the rate of remuneration that would apply if he or she were employed on a full-time basis.
(2) Subject to subsection (3), subsection (1)—
(a) applies in relation to salary, notwithstanding any Act or law (including the provisions of any contract of employment, award or industrial agreement) to the contrary; and
(b) applies in relation to an allowance, subject to any express provision of a contract of employment, award or industrial agreement that provides for payment of the full amount of the allowance to the officer; and
(c) applies regardless of the number of working days, and the period of time in any one day, over which the officer performs the required amount of work in any pay period; and
(d) applies in relation to any past or present entitlement to remuneration, whether it arose before or arises after the commencement of this section.

(3) Nothing in this section affects the payment in full of any allowance to an officer employed on a part-time basis if—
(a) the payment was made before the commencement of this section; or
(b) the payment is made after the commencement of this section in respect of an allowance that was being paid in full immediately prior to that commencement.

40—Requirement to leave college premises

(1) A person who is on the premises of a college without lawful authority must leave the college premises if lawfully requested to do so.
Penalty: Division 9 fine.

(2) A request to leave the premises of a college is lawful—
(a) if made by—
(i) an officer or employee appointed under this Act or employed in the Department; or
(ii) a member of the council of the college; or
(iii) a person engaged by the Minister for the protection of property of the college; or
(iv) any person, or person of a class, authorised by the Chief Executive Officer to make such requests; and
(b) if the person making the request advises the person of whom the request is made that he or she is authorised under this Act to make such a request.

(3) In any proceedings for an offence against this Act, an apparently genuine document purporting to be under the hand of the Chief Executive Officer and to certify that a specified person was at a specified time authorised by or under this section to request persons to leave college premises must be accepted as proof of the matters so certified in the absence of proof to the contrary.
40A—Insulting officers, employees etc

A person who behaves in an offensive or insulting manner—

(a) to an officer or employee appointed under this Act or employed in the Department who is acting in the course of his or her duties; or

(b) to a person referred to in section 40 who is exercising the power conferred by that section,

is guilty of an offence.
Penalty: Division 9 fine.

41—Summary offences

(1) Offences against this Act are summary offences.

(2) Proceedings for an offence against this Act must not be commenced without the consent in writing of the Minister.

(3) In any proceedings for an offence against this Act an apparently genuine document purporting to be under the hand of the Minister and to record his or her consent to the commencement of the proceedings must be accepted as proof of that consent in the absence of proof to the contrary.

43—Regulations

(1) The Governor may make such regulations as are contemplated by this Act, or as he or she considers necessary or expedient for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), those regulations may make provision with respect to the following matters:

(a) the establishment, maintenance and control of colleges by the Minister under this Act and the management of all land, buildings, equipment or facilities used in connection therewith; and

(b) the provision of residences or other accommodation for officers; and

(c) the terms and conditions upon which officers or officers of any class are employed under this Act, their rights to leave of absence and any other privileges, their rights on retirement from employment under this Act and any other matter whatsoever affecting their employment; and

(d) the courses of instruction or training to be provided under this Act and the awards to be conferred upon those who successfully complete any such courses of instruction or training; and

(da) the fees to be paid for or in relation to—

(i) instruction, training or assessment of students; and

(ii) assessment and certification of qualifications whether or not relating to instruction or training under this Act; and

(iii) land, buildings, equipment, facilities or services used or provided under this Act; and

(e) the provision of grants to colleges and the conditions applicable to those grants; and
(f) the establishment of scholarships and the provision of allowances to students; and

(g) college vacations, the hours at which instruction or training is to be provided, the method to be adopted in teaching, and the discipline to be observed and enforced in colleges; and

(h) the use of the land, buildings, equipment or facilities of colleges; and

(ia) regulating, restricting or prohibiting the driving, parking or ranking of vehicles on the grounds of any college; and

(ib) providing evidentiary presumptions in relation to offences against regulations made under paragraph (ia); and

(j) the furnishing of returns to the Chief Executive Officer by the head of a college, and the matters to be contained in any such returns; and

(k) providing for the constitution of associations of students, or students and staff, of colleges; and

(l) conferring upon officers a right to apply to SAET for review of administrative acts or decisions of the Minister or the Chief Executive Officer (not being administrative acts or decisions declared by the regulations to be excluded from review); and

(n) any other matter necessary or expedient for the proper administration of this Act.

(2a) A regulation made under subsection (2)(da)—

(a) may—

(i) fix fees (including differential fees);

(ii) regulate the payment of a fee;

(iii) provide for exemption (in whole or in part) from the liability to pay a fee;

(iv) provide for the refund, in whole or in part, of a fee,

or may empower the Minister or another person or body to do so; and

(b) may provide for the recovery of a fee.

(3) A regulation made under this Act is not invalid on the ground that it relates to circumstances that occurred before the commencement of this Act.

(4) A regulation under this Act may—

(a) impose fines, not exceeding a division 10 fine, for offences against the regulations;

(b) fix expiation fees, not exceeding a division 10 fee, for alleged offences against the regulations.
Schedule—Interpretation of other Acts and instruments

1—References to officers of the teaching service

A reference in an Act or in any other instrument (whether the instrument is of a legislative character or not) to an officer of the teaching service under this Act will be construed as a reference to an officer.
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Notes

- Please note—References in the legislation to other legislation or instruments or to titles of bodies or offices are not automatically updated as part of the program for the revision and publication of legislation and therefore may be obsolete.
- Earlier versions of this Act (historical versions) are listed at the end of the legislative history.
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Transitional etc provisions associated with Act or amendments


(11) The following provisions apply in relation to the amendment of the Education Act 1972 and the Technical and Further Education Act 1976:

(a) an award of the Teachers' Salaries Board in force immediately before those amendments will, after those amendments, be taken to be an award of the Commission and will, subject to the principal Act, continue to have the same operation; and
(b) any proceedings before the Teachers' Salaries Board at the time of those amendments may continue before the Teachers' Salaries Board as if those amendments had not been effected.

**Statutes Amendment and Repeal (Common Expiation Scheme) Act 1996**

5—Transitional provision

An Act repealed or amended by this Act will continue to apply (as in force immediately prior to the repeal or amendment coming into operation) to an expiation notice issued under the repealed or amended Act.

**Statutes Amendment (Public Sector Employment) Act 2006, Sch I—Transitional provisions**

Note—

Also see Statutes Amendment (Public Sector Employment) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2007.

1—Interpretation

In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears—

Commonwealth Act means the Workplace Relations Act 1996 of the Commonwealth;

employing authority means—

(a) subject to paragraph (b)—the person who is the employing authority under a relevant Act;

(b) in a case that relates to employment under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005—the Chief Executive of the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission, or the Chief Officer of an emergency services organisation under that Act, as the case requires;

Industrial Commission means the Industrial Relations Commission of South Australia;

prescribed body means—

(a) the Aboriginal Lands Trust;

(b) the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority;

(c) the Adelaide Festival Centre Trust;

(d) the Adelaide Festival Corporation;

(e) SA Ambulance Service Inc;

(f) the Minister to whom the administration of the Children's Services Act 1985 is committed;

(g) the Minister to whom the administration of the Education Act 1972 is committed;

(h) the Electricity Supply Industry Planning Council;

(i) a body constituted under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005;

(j) the History Trust of South Australia;
(k) the Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science;
(l) a regional NRM board constituted under the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*;
(m) the Senior Secondary Assessment Board of South Australia;
(n) the South Australian Country Arts Trust;
(o) the South Australian Film Corporation;
(p) the South Australian Health Commission;
(q) an incorporated hospital under the *South Australian Health Commission Act 1976*;
(r) an incorporated health centre under the *South Australian Health Commission Act 1976*;
(s) the South Australian Motor Sport Board;
(t) the South Australian Tourism Commission;
(u) The State Opera of South Australia;
(v) the State Theatre Company of South Australia;
(w) the Minister to whom the administration of the *Technical and Further Education Act 1975* is committed;

*relevant Act* means—
(a) in a case that relates to employment with a prescribed body established under an Act being amended by this Act—that Act;
(b) in a case that relates to employment with a prescribed body who is a Minister to whom the administration of an Act being amended by this Act is committed—that Act;
(c) in a case that relates to employment with a body constituted under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005*—that Act.

2—Transfer of employment

(1) Subject to this clause, a person who, immediately before the commencement of this clause, was employed by a prescribed body under a relevant Act will, on that commencement, be taken to be employed by the employing authority under that Act (as amended by this Act).

(2) The following persons will, on the commencement of this clause, be taken to be employed as follows:

(a) a person who, immediately before the commencement of this clause, was employed under section 6L(1) of the *Electricity Act 1996* will, on that commencement, be taken to be employed by the employing authority under that Act (as amended by this Act);

(b) a person who, immediately before the commencement of this clause, was employed by the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission will, on that commencement, be taken to be employed by the Chief Executive of that body;
(c) a person who, immediately before the commencement of this clause, was employed by an emergency services organisation under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005* will, on that commencement, be taken to be employed by the Chief Officer of that body;

(d) a person who, immediately before the commencement of this clause, was employed by an incorporated hospital or an incorporated health centre under the *South Australian Health Commission Act 1976* will, on that commencement, be taken to be employed by an employing authority under that Act (as amended by this Act) designated by the Governor by proclamation made for the purposes of this paragraph.

(3) Subject to this clause, the Governor may, by proclamation, provide that a person employed by a subsidiary of a public corporation under the *Public Corporations Act 1993* will be taken to be employed by a person or body designated by the Governor (and the arrangement so envisaged by the proclamation will then have effect in accordance with its terms).

(4) Subject to subclause (5), an employment arrangement effected by subclause (1), (2) or (3)—

(a) will be taken to provide for continuity of employment without termination of the relevant employee's service; and

(b) will not affect—

   (i) existing conditions of employment or existing or accrued rights to leave; or

   (ii) a process commenced for variation of those conditions or rights.

(5) If, immediately before the commencement of this clause, a person's employment within the ambit of subclause (1), (2) or (3) was subject to the operation of an award or certified agreement (but not an Australian Workplace Agreement) under the Commonwealth Act, then, on that commencement, an award or enterprise agreement (as the case requires) will be taken to be created under the *Fair Work Act 1994*—

(a) with the same terms and provisions as the relevant industrial instrument under the Commonwealth Act; and

(b) with any terms or provisions that existed under an award or enterprise agreement under the *Fair Work Act 1994*, that applied in relation to employment of the kind engaged in by the person, immediately before 27 March 2006, and that ceased to apply by virtue of the operation of provisions of the Commonwealth Act that came into force on that day, subject to any modification or exclusion prescribed by regulations made for the purposes of this subclause and subject to the operation of subclause (6).

(6) Where an award or enterprise agreement is created by virtue of the operation of subclause (5)—

(a) the award or enterprise agreement will be taken to be made or approved (as the case requires) under the *Fair Work Act 1994* on the day on which this clause commences; and
(b) the *Fair Work Act 1994* will apply in relation to the award or enterprise agreement subject to such modifications or exclusions as may be prescribed by regulations made for the purposes of this subclause; and

(c) the Industrial Commission may, on application by the Minister to whom the administration of the *Fair Work Act 1994* is committed, or an application by a person or body recognised by regulations made for the purposes of this subclause, vary or revoke any term or provision of the award or enterprise agreement if the Industrial Commission is satisfied that it is fair and reasonable to do so in the circumstances.

3—Superannuation

(1) If a prescribed body under a relevant Act is, immediately before the commencement of this clause, a party to an arrangement relating to the superannuation of one or more persons employed by the prescribed body, then the relevant employing authority under that Act will, on that commencement, become a party to that arrangement in substitution for the prescribed body.

(2) Nothing that takes effect under subclause (1)—

(a) constitutes a breach of, or default under, an Act or other law, or constitutes a breach of, or default under, a contract, agreement, understanding or undertaking; or

(b) terminates an agreement or obligation or fulfils any condition that allows a person to terminate an agreement or obligation, or gives rise to any other right or remedy,

and subclause (1) may have effect despite any other Act or law.

(3) An amendment effected to another Act by this Act does not affect a person’s status as a contributor under the *Superannuation Act 1988* (as it may exist immediately before the commencement of this Act).

4—Interpretative provision

(1) The Governor may, by proclamation, direct that a reference in any instrument (including a statutory instrument) or a contract, agreement or other document to a prescribed body, or other specified agency, instrumentality or body, will have effect as if it were a reference to an employing authority under a relevant Act, the Minister to whom the administration of a relevant Act is committed, or some other person or body designated by the Governor.

(2) A proclamation under subclause (1) may effect a transfer of functions or powers.

5—Related matters

(1) A notice in force under section 51 of the *Children’s Services Act 1985* immediately before the commencement of this clause will continue to have effect for the purposes of that section, as amended by this Act.

(2) A notice in force under section 28 of the *Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science Act 1982* immediately before the commencement of this clause will continue to have effect for the purposes of that section, as amended by this Act.
(3) A notice in force under section 61 of the *South Australian Health Commission Act 1976* immediately before the commencement of this clause will continue to have effect for the purposes of that section, as amended by this Act.

(4) A notice in force under section 13(6) of the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984* immediately before the commencement of this clause will continue to have effect after that commencement but may, pursuant to this subclause, be varied from time to time, or revoked, by the Minister to whom the administration of that Act is committed.

(5) The fact that a person becomes an employer in his or her capacity as an employing authority under an Act amended by this Act does not affect the status of any body or person as an employer of public employees for the purposes of the *Fair Work Act 1994* (unless or until relevant regulations are made under the provisions of that Act).

6—Other provisions

(1) The Governor may, by regulation, make additional provisions of a saving or transitional nature consequent on the enactment of this Act.

(2) A provision of a regulation made under subclause (1) may, if the regulation so provides, take effect from the commencement of this Act or from a later day.

(3) To the extent to which a provision takes effect under subclause (2) from a day earlier than the day of the regulation's publication in the Gazette, the provision does not operate to the disadvantage of a person by—

   (a) decreasing the person's rights; or

   (b) imposing liabilities on the person.

(4) The *Acts Interpretation Act 1915* will, except to the extent of any inconsistency with the provisions of this Schedule (or regulations made under this Schedule), apply to any amendment or repeal effected by this Act.

*Statutes Amendment (Budget 2010) Act 2010*

89—Transitional provision

The amendment to the *Technical and Further Education Act 1975* made by this Part does not affect an entitlement to long service leave or payment in lieu of long service leave that accrues before 1 July 2011.

*Statutes Amendment (South Australian Employment Tribunal) Act 2016 as amended by South Australian Employment Tribunal (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2017, Sch 1*

142—Transitional provisions

(1) In this section—

   *principal Act* means the *Technical and Further Education Act 1975*;

   *relevant day* means the day on which this Part comes into operation;

   *Tribunal* means the South Australian Employment Tribunal.
(2) The Appeal Board under the principal Act is dissolved by force of this subsection (and so the commencement of this subsection brings to an end the appointment of a person as a member of the Appeal Board).

(3) No right of action arises, and no compensation is payable, in respect of an appointment coming to an end by virtue of the operation of subsection (2).

(4) A decision, direction or order of the Appeal Board under the principal Act in force immediately before the relevant day will, on and from the relevant day, be taken to be a decision, direction or order of the Tribunal.

(5) A right of appeal under sections 17A or 26 of the principal Act in existence before the relevant day (but not exercised before that day) will be exercised as if this Part had been in operation before the right arose, so that the relevant proceedings may be commenced before the Tribunal rather than the Appeal Board.

(6) Any proceedings before the Appeal Board under the principal Act immediately before the relevant day will, subject to such directions as the President of the Tribunal thinks fit, be transferred to the Tribunal where they may proceed as if they had been commenced before that Tribunal.

(7) The Tribunal may—

(a) receive in evidence any transcript of evidence in proceedings before the Appeal Board, and draw any conclusions of fact from that evidence that appear proper; and

(b) adopt any findings or determinations of the Appeal Board that may be relevant to proceedings before the Tribunal; and

(c) adopt or make any decision (including a decision in the nature of a determination), direction or order in relation to proceedings before the Appeal Board before the relevant day (including so as to make a decision or determination, or a direction or order, in relation to proceedings fully heard before the relevant day); and

(d) take other steps to promote or ensure the smoothest possible transition from 1 jurisdiction to another in connection with the operation of this section.

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