

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Education Act 1990* to replace the School Certificate with a Record of School Achievement. The examinations or other assessments for the new credential will be conducted on a school-basis, but will be moderated on a State-wide basis. The Bill will also provide for a more extensive record of student results and other activities during Years 10, 11 and 12.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Education Act 1990 No 8

Schedule 1 [14] substitutes section 94 of the Act to make provision for the grant of a Record of School Achievement instead of the School Certificate. The substituted section continues the requirements that the student has completed Year 10 and has, to the satisfaction of the Board of Studies:

- (a) participated in the requisite courses of study, and
- (b) undertaken the requisite examinations and other assessments.

However, examinations and other assessments in relation to the grant of the Record of School Achievement will not be conducted on a State-wide basis but will be school-based and moderated on a State-wide basis.

Schedule 1 [18] substitutes section 98 of the Act, which currently makes provision for the issue of a record of achievement to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The substituted section will require a more extensive record of student results and other student activities while at school to be kept and provided by the Board of Studies.

Students who complete Year 10 or undertake courses in Year 11 or Year 12 will be entitled to be provided with the relevant transcript of study, whether or not they are granted a Record of School Achievement or a Higher School Certificate.

Schedule 1 [1]–[9], [11]–[13] and [15]–[17] replace references to the School Certificate with references to the proposed Record of School Achievement. The amendments:

- (a) retain the requirement for a designated curriculum for students who are candidates for the Record of School Achievement, and
- (b) retain the requirement that non-government schools with students who are candidates for the Record of School Achievement must be specially accredited for that purpose.

Schedule 1 [10] removes a transitional provision that is spent.

Schedule 1 [19] and [20] make, and authorise the making of, provisions of a savings or transitional nature consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Education Regulation 2007

Schedule 2 makes consequential amendments to the regulation under the Act.