



New South Wales

Regional Relocation Grants Amendment Bill 2014

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Regional Relocation Grants Act 2011* (the *Principal Act*) to:

- (a) confirm the closure of the regional relocation home buyers grant on 30 September 2014 following the closure of the scheme on that date by the *Regional Relocation Grants (Closure of Scheme) Order 2014* made in accordance with section 57 of the Principal Act, and
- (b) ensure a period of continued operation of the skilled regional relocation incentive from 30 September 2014 following the closure of the scheme on that date by that Order.

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 30 September 2014, with the exception of Schedule 1 [1] and [9] and Schedule 2, which are to commence on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 **Amendment of Regional Relocation Grants Act 2011 No 26**

Schedule 1 [3] gives effect to the amendment in paragraph (a) of the Overview.

Schedule 1 [5] and [7] give effect to the amendment in paragraph (b) of the Overview by requiring an applicant for the skilled regional relocation incentive to have commenced

employment or self-employment before the incentive scheme closure date. **Schedule 1 [11]** provides for the incentive scheme closure date to be 31 March 2015 unless an alternative date is appointed by the Minister by order published on the NSW legislation website.

Schedule 1 [9] clarifies the operation of an existing requirement, which applies to applicants for a skilled regional relocation incentive, to reflect the ongoing nature of business advisory programs.

Schedule 1 [10] provides that an application for a regional relocation home buyers grant or a skilled regional relocation incentive cannot be made once the relevant scheme has been closed for 6 months.

Schedule 1 [1] changes the name of the Principal Act so that it more accurately reflects the nature of the Act's continued operation.

Schedule 1 [2], [4], [6], [8] and [11] make further consequential amendments.

Schedule 2 Amendment of other legislation

Schedule 2.1 and 2.2 update references to the Principal Act in an Act and regulation as a consequence of the proposed change of name of the Principal Act.



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No. , 2014

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Regional Relocation Grants Act 2011* to confirm the closure of the regional relocation home buyers grant and ensure a period of continued operation of the skilled regional relocation incentive; and for other purposes.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

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1 Name of Act

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This Act is the *Regional Relocation Grants Amendment Act 2014*.

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2 Commencement

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(1) This Act is taken to have commenced on 30 September 2014, except as provided by subsection (2).

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(2) Schedule 1 [1] and [9] and Schedule 2 commence on the date of assent to this Act.

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Schedule 1	Amendment of Regional Relocation Grants Act 2011 No 26	1
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[1] Section 1 Name of Act		3
	Insert “(<i>Skills Incentive</i>)” after “ <i>Grants</i> ”.	4
[2] Section 3 Definitions		5
	Omit the definition of <i>scheme closure date</i> in section 3 (1).	6
	Insert in alphabetical order:	7
	<i>incentive scheme closure date</i> —see section 57.	8
[3] Section 10 Date purchase is commenced		9
	Omit “1 July 2015” from section 10 (1). Insert instead “30 September 2014”.	10
[4] Section 10 (4)		11
	Omit the subsection.	12
[5] Section 22 Date regional job commenced		13
	Omit “1 July 2015” from section 22 (1). Insert instead “the incentive scheme closure date”.	14
[6] Section 22 (3)		15
	Omit the subsection.	16
[7] Section 22F Date applicant commences self-employment in regional small business		17
	Omit “1 July 2015” from section 22F (1).	18
	Insert instead “the incentive scheme closure date”.	19
[8] Section 22F (3)		20
	Omit the subsection.	21
[9] Section 22H Applicant must participate in approved program		22
	Omit “complete”. Insert instead “participate in”.	23
[10] Section 23 Making of applications		24
	Omit section 23 (5) and (6). Insert instead:	25
	(5) An application for a regional relocation grant cannot be made after:	26
	(a) in the case of an application for a regional relocation home buyers grant—31 March 2015, or	27
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	(b) in the case of an application for a skilled regional relocation incentive—the date that is 6 months after the incentive scheme closure date.	29
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	(6) The Chief Commissioner must refuse an application made after the relevant date specified in subsection (5).	31
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[11] Section 57	1
Omit sections 57 and 58. Insert instead:	2
57 Incentive scheme closure date	3
(1) Subject to subsection (2), the incentive scheme closure date is 31 March 2015.	4
(2) The Minister may, by order published on the NSW legislation website, appoint an alternative date as the incentive scheme closure date.	5 6
(3) An order appointing an alternative incentive scheme closure date must be published on the NSW legislation website no less than 30 days before the alternative closure date specified in the order.	7 8 9
(4) However, the appointment of an alternative incentive scheme closure date does not affect the operation of this Act in respect of employment in a regional job or self-employment in a regional small business that is commenced on or before the alternative incentive scheme closure date.	10 11 12 13
Note. The incentive scheme closure date applies only to a skilled regional relocation incentive. The regional relocation home buyers grant applies only to a purchase commenced before 30 September 2014—see section 10.	14 15 16

Schedule 2	Amendment of other legislation	1
2.1	Regional Relocation Grants Regulation 2012	2
	Clause 3 Definition	3
	Insert “(<i>Skills Incentive</i>)” after “ <i>Grants</i> ” in the definition of <i>the Act</i> .	4
2.2	Taxation Administration Act 1996 No 97	5
	Section 82 Permitted disclosures—to particular persons	6
	Insert “(<i>Skills Incentive</i>)” after “ <i>Grants</i> ” in section 82 (b) (vi).	7