

The Strategic and Governance Services Centre maintains ECU's Legislation and Policy Directory. This update provides information about changes to legislation and policies during the period of October to December 2021.

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The supporting documentation that relates to the policies listed below are available in [HPE Content Manager](#) for your information.

If there are no documentation available in this [HPECM folder](#) on any of the items listed below, please contact either the Policy Owner or the Contact Person directly.

NEW POLICIES

The **Vice-Chancellor** approved the following new policies:

[Vocational Education and Training Governance \(PL279\)](#)

This policy, and its associated operational documents, informs the way Edith Cowan University (the University) complies with the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Quality Framework and the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) requirements, and assists the University in providing VET Students with a quality learning experience.

[Conducting Research with Integrity \(PL047\)](#)

The purpose of this policy is to establish parameters that underpin Edith Cowan University's (ECU or the University) commitment to Research being conducted responsibly, ethically, safely, and with integrity. It is informed by the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (the Code).

[Protection and Security of People and Physical Assets \(PL263\)](#)

The purpose of this policy is to provide parameters for, and clarity of expectations relating to, the protection and security of people and Assets.

UPDATED POLICIES

Council approved the amendments to the following policies:

[Conferral and Presentation of Academic Awards \(PL033\)](#)

The purpose of this policy is for Council to prescribe the process for the conferral and presentation of academic Awards, pursuant to the University's Statute No. 26 Conferral and Presentation of Awards of the University. The conferral and presentation processes for ECU's Honorary Awards are described separately in the University's Honorary Awards of the University.

[Membership of Council and Council Bodies \(PL079\)](#)

Formerly titled Nominations for Appointment to Council, Boards and Committees of Council

The Membership of Council and Council Bodies Policy (the Membership Policy) addresses the life cycle for Members of Council, and of Council Committee and Council Boards, from nomination to end of service. It articulates principles for transparent and effective oversight of the membership lifecycle that are fit for purpose and aligned with best practice.

The **Vice-Chancellor** approved the amendments to the following policies:

[Curriculum Approval, Amendment, Accreditation and Archiving \(PL291\)](#)

This policy articulates the principles for the creation, approval, improvement, or Archival of Curriculum Items. It ensures that Award Courses are accredited in line with the [Australian Qualifications Framework \(AQF\)](#), the [Higher Education Standards Framework \(Threshold Standards\) 2021](#) and other applicable legislative requirements, and in line with Professional Accreditation requirements, irrespective of the delivery location or mode of learning.

[Assessment \(PL281\)](#)

The purpose of this policy is to set out the principles to be applied to all assessment related activities for Units, other than Vocational Education and Training (VET) Courses, at the University.

[Curriculum Design \(PL282\)](#)

The purpose of this policy is to outline the principles to be applied in the design of the University's coursework curriculum, to support a distinctive whole-of-institution approach. The principles set out in this policy guide the development and renewal of the University's curriculum and form the basis for transparent approval and review processes, irrespective of the location or mode of learning.

[Social Media \(PL258\)](#)

The purpose of this policy is to formalise Edith Cowan University's (the University) approach to Social Media and provide parameters for the responsible use of Social Media by members of the University Community.

[Professional Development Fund \(PL290\)](#)

The purpose of this policy is to establish parameters for the governance of Edith Cowan University's (the University) Professional Development Fund.

[Tuition Unit and Incidental Fee Setting \(PL085\)](#)

This policy establishes the parameters for Tuition Unit and Incidental Fee setting, in accordance with relevant legislation and the University Statute No. 31 - Fees.

The **Policy Owner** approved the amendments to the following policies:

[Accumulated Operating Surpluses \(PL084\)](#)

To provide the principles for managing and reporting accumulated operating surpluses.

[Postgraduate Research Training \(PL266\)](#)

The intent of this policy is to establish fair, transparent and equitable standards to deliver postgraduate research training at Edith Cowan University, and to ensure the maintenance of high standards within higher degree by research programs.

[International Student Tuition Fee Refund \(PL213\)](#)

The purpose of this policy is to clarify International students' entitlement to refund of fees and relevant processes, as required under the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act).

[Fleet Vehicles and Private Vehicles Used for University Business – PL114](#)

The purpose of this policy is to define the parameters that govern the use of Fleet Vehicles, and private vehicles being used for University Business where the use of the private vehicle for business purposes has been approved by the University.

[Parking and Traffic Management on Campus \(PL107\)](#)

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the position of Edith Cowan University (the University) with respect to parking and traffic on campus.

RESCINDED POLICIES

The **Vice-Chancellor** approved the rescission of the following policies:

- Multifaith Chaplaincy Service (PL100)
- VET Validation (PL279)
- VET Recognition of Prior Learning (PL278)
- VET Learner Transition (PL274)
- VET Lecturer Qualifications and Competency (PL275)
- Responsible Research Conduct (PL047)
- Open Access to Research (PL250)
- Research Induction and Professional Development (PL227)
- Research Data Management (PL049)
- Authorship, Publication of Research and Peer Review (PL046)
- Conduct of Ethical Human Research (PL008)
- Conduct of Ethical Research and Teaching Involving Animals (PL010)
- Research Grants and Funding Management (PL236)
- Research Performance Scheme (PL237)
- Research Misconduct (PL232)
- ECU Strategic Research Institutes and Centres (PL300)
- Pregnancy and Breastfeeding at Work (PL233)
- ECU Access Control (PL263)
- Master Key Management (PL118)
- Facility Emergency Evaluation (PL112)
- Electrical Safety (PL113)
- Smoke-Free University (PL140)
- Personal Protective Equipment (PL151)
- Noise Management (PL153)

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