

States Grants (Teachers Colleges)

No. 26 of 1970

An Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States for the purposes of Building Projects in connexion with Teachers Colleges.

[Assented to 17 June 1970]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *States Grants (Teachers Colleges) Act* 1970. Short title.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent. Commencement.

Definitions.

3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“ approved building project ”, in relation to a teachers college, means a building project approved by the Minister in connexion with that teachers college under the next succeeding section;

“ building project ” means the planning, erection, alteration or extension of a building and includes—

(a) the development or preparation of land for building or other purposes;

(b) the purchase of land, with or without buildings;

(c) the installation of water, electricity or other services; and

(d) the provision of furniture or equipment for building that has been purchased, erected, altered or extended for the purposes of a teachers college;

“ private student ”, in relation to a teachers college in a State, means a student who is engaged in a course of study at the college but has not executed an agreement or bond in relation to service for a period after successful completion of the course under the Department of State of that State dealing with matters of education;

“ teachers college ” means a place of education that is conducted, or is proposed to be conducted, by a State wholly or principally for the purpose of training persons as school teachers and includes a place where residential accommodation is provided by the State in connexion with such a place of education;

“ the prescribed period ” means the period commencing on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy, and ending on the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-three;

“ the Schedule ” means the Schedule to this Act.

Minister may
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4. The Minister may, for the purposes of this Act, approve a building project in connexion with a teachers college and may revoke or vary such an approval.

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5.—(1.) The Minister may, during the prescribed period, authorize the payment to a State under this Act, in relation to an approved building project in connexion with a teachers college in the State, by way of financial assistance, of such amounts as, subject to this Act, he determines.

(2.) The Minister shall not authorize payments to a State under the last preceding sub-section that exceed, in the aggregate, the amount specified in the Schedule opposite to the name of that State.

(3.) The Minister shall not, before the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, authorize payments under this Act of amounts that exceed in the aggregate Eleven million dollars.

(4.) The Minister shall not, before the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two, authorize payments under this Act of amounts that exceed in the aggregate Twenty-two million dollars.

(5.) The Minister may, at any time during the prescribed period, by writing under his hand, determine that this Act shall have effect as if the amounts specified in the Schedule opposite to the names of any States were varied in accordance with the determination, but not so as to—

- (a) increase the total of the amounts specified opposite to the names of the States in the Schedule; or
- (b) reduce the amount specified in the Schedule in respect of a State below the total of the amount that the State has, before the determination, expended in connexion with approved building projects and the amount that, in the opinion of the Minister, the State will be in a position to expend in the remainder of the prescribed period in connexion with approved building projects.

(6.) A copy of every determination made under the last preceding sub-section shall be laid before each House of the Parliament as soon as practicable after the determination has been made.

6. Payment of an amount to a State under this Act is subject to the condition that the State will ensure that an amount equal to that payment is applied, as approved by the Minister, towards the approved building project in relation to which the payment was authorized.

Grants to be expended on approved building projects.

7. In addition to the condition specified in the last preceding section, payment of an amount to a State under this Act is subject to the condition that, unless and until otherwise determined by the Minister, there shall be admitted, in each academic year, to teachers colleges in that State, as private students, a number of students—

Ten per centum of places at colleges to be available to private students.

- (a) equal to the number determined by the Minister, after consultation with the State, to be the number of students the admission of whom as private students to teachers colleges in the State will result in the number of private students at teachers colleges in the State in that year being not less than ten per centum of the number of students at teachers colleges in the State whose admission to those colleges is attributable to the expenditure of grants under this Act; or
- (b) if the number of persons applying for admission in that year as private students to teachers colleges in that State and complying with the reasonable requirements for such admission is less than the number determined under the last preceding paragraph, equal to that lesser number.

8. Amounts payable to a State under this Act are payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is appropriated accordingly.

Appropriation.

9. The Minister shall cause a statement to be laid before each House of the Parliament as soon as practicable after the end of each year in the prescribed period setting out the payments that have been authorized by him under this Act during that year and specifying the projects in relation to which the payments have been so authorized.

Annual reports by the Minister.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 5 (2.).

LIMITS OF GRANTS						
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New South Wales	9,900,000
Victoria	9,500,000
Queensland	3,000,000
South Australia	3,600,000
Western Australia	3,000,000
Tasmania	1,000,000
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