Press Release

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PEARSON TEST OF ENGLISH ACADEMIC (PTE ACADEMIC) ACCEPTED BY AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR STUDENT VISA APPLICATIONS

Pearson, the world’s leading education company, announced today that the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) has formally approved PTE Academic as fully satisfying the Government’s requirements for testing the English language proficiency of student visa applicants. The decision means that for the first time in ten years, Australian institutions and their potential students will have a choice of Government-approved English language testing options.

Mr Chris Bowen MP, Australian Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, commented: “I am very pleased Pearson has been chosen as one of the new English test providers and I am confident they will provide a valuable service to student visa applicants”.

Fraser Cargill, Vice President Government Relations for Pearson Asia Pacific, explains: “Pearson is proud to achieve DIAC recognition. Australian institutions are facing a challenging time in the increasingly competitive international student recruitment market and it is important that they have the best possible tools available to recruit students. PTE Academic offers a secure, reliable and quick way for Australian institutions to confidently ensure that they are recruiting students who have the right level of English for their courses.”

The computer-based test, already approved by the UK Border Agency, uses cutting edge technology to ensure ID integrity and to minimise cheating. It also offers the fastest score reporting in the market, with test takers receiving their results within five business days.

For more information, visit www.pearsonpte.com/diac

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About PTE Academic

PTE Academic was launched in late 2009 by Pearson and is recognised by renowned colleges, universities, training providers and professional associations across the English-speaking world. These include University of Western Australia, University of Adelaide, Harvard Business School, Yale University, INSEAD, and London Business School. Globally more than 2400 academic programmes now accept PTE Academic scores.

PTE Academic is also recognised by the UK Border Agency for Tier 4 (student) applications and applications for Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the points-based system, where applicants are required to demonstrate English language proficiency. It is also endorsed by the prestigious Graduate Management Admission Council® (GMAC®), owner of the Graduate Management Admission Test® (GMAT®).

For a full list of recognising institutions please visit: www.pearsonpte.com/whoaccepts
Hear testimonials from our test takers first hand by visiting our YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/pearsonpte

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