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General Skilled Migration points test plays to TAFE strengths

The new points test to assess independent skilled migrants, announced today by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Mr Chris Bowen MP, plays to TAFE’s strengths.

It is an important recognition of the value of an Australian qualification in gaining permanent residency.

The new system also recognises the value of industry experience, pathways to higher education and English language competency, all integral to TAFE’s approach to education and training. TDA also welcomes an increased emphasis on regional study and community language skills.

The new points test will make it much harder for providers to promote their courses purely on the basis of points awarded for specific courses.

TAFE institutes are well placed to offer international students the experience of studying in Australia with legitimate pathways to permanent migration. TAFE’s industry and workplace partnerships, diploma and degree programs with further articulation into university, and on-site English language provision and support are our key strengths and the new GSM points test supports this.

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