



# **Universities Accord (National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence) (Consequential Amendments) Act 2025**

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# The Parliament of Australia enacts:

## 1 Short title

This Act is the *Universities Accord (National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence) (Consequential Amendments) Act 2025*.

## 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this Act	The later of: (a) the start of the day after this Act receives the Royal Assent; and (b) the commencement of the <i>Universities Accord (National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence) Act 2025</i> .  However, the provisions do not commence at all if the event mentioned in paragraph (b) does not occur.	29 August 2025

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

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### 3 Schedules

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

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## Schedule 1—Amendments

### *Higher Education Support Act 2003*

#### **1 At the end of Subdivision 19-C**

Add:

#### **19-20 Certain providers must comply with the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence**

- (1) A higher education provider that is a higher education provider within the meaning of the *Universities Accord (National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence) Act 2025* must comply with the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence made under that Act.
- (2) This section begins to apply to a higher education provider:
  - (a) if the provider is a Table A provider or a Table B provider—on 1 January 2026; or
  - (b) otherwise—on 1 January 2027.

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[Minister's second reading speech made in—  
Senate on 23 July 2025  
House of Representatives on 25 August 2025]

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