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Legislative Instrument

Higher Education Funding Act 1988: Factor to index an accumulated higher education contribution debt.

I, Erin Kathleen Holland, as delegate of the Commissioner of Taxation, notify that pursuant to subsection 106N(9) of the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988*, that 1.024 is the factor to be used for the indexing of accumulated higher education contribution (HEC) debts on 1 June 2005.

Citation

This instrument may be cited as a factor to index an accumulated HEC debt.

Commencement

This Instrument commences on 1 June 2005.

Application

In accordance with subsection 106N(5) of the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988*, the indexation factor is the number worked out to three decimal places using the formula:

the sum of the index number for the March 2005 quarter and the index numbers for the 3 immediately preceding quarters

divided by

the sum of the index number for the March 2004 quarter and the index numbers for the 3 immediately preceding quarters,

where index number, in relation to a quarter, means the All Groups Consumer Price Index number, being the weighted average of the 8 capital cities, published by the Australian Statistician in respect of that quarter.

Indexation factor for 1 June 2005:

= <u>Mar05+Dec04+Sep04+Jun04</u>.

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= <u>147.5 + 146.5 + 145.4 + 144.8</u>

144.1 + 142.8 + 142.1 + 141.3

= 584.2

570.3

= 1.024 (to 3 decimal places)

The indexation factor is 1.024 and the effective percentage increase is 2.4%.

(Erin Kathleen Holland)

Deputy Commissioner of Taxation

Dated this 11th day of May 2005