

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

AGENTS ACT 1968

QUALIFICATION FOR TRAVEL AGENT

Instrument No. 9 of 2001

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Agents Act 1968* contains a Schedule which prohibits educational training organisations (other than those listed in the Schedule to the Act) from offering a travel and tourism course for individuals wanting to become licensed travel agents.

Paragraph 47A(b) of the Act provides that a person other than a company is eligible for the grant of a travel agent's licence if the person has the prescribed qualifications. Similarly, paragraph 47B(b) provides that a company is eligible for the grant of a travel agent's licence if a director of the company has the prescribed qualifications. Paragraph 47C(c) provides that a person has the prescribed qualifications if the person has a qualification set out in the Schedule. The Schedule selectively lists fourteen organisations, only one of which is located in the ACT.

This adjustment to the Schedule to the Act will remove the prohibition and open up the market to allow any registered training organisation to offer the nationally accredited qualification necessary for obtaining a travel agent's licence designated as Certification 111 in Tourism (International) Retail Travel Sales.