



**Our story, our future**  
**Queensland Multicultural Policy and Multicultural Action Plan 2016-17 – 2018-19**  
**Annual Report 2017-18**  
**Trade and Investment Queensland**

## Background

- 'Our story, our future' is the Queensland Government's multicultural policy promoting an inclusive, harmonious and united community for Queensland.
- The policy focuses Queensland Government action on three policy priorities for culturally diverse communities and Queensland as a whole – (1) achieving culturally responsive government, (2) supporting inclusive, harmonious and united communities and (3) improving economic opportunities.
- The policy is being implemented through a three-year Queensland Multicultural Action Plan 2016-17 – 2018-19.
- The policy and action plan are a requirement of the *Multicultural Recognition Act 2016* (the Act) and represent one of three key provisions of the Act, together with establishing the Multicultural Queensland Charter and Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council.
- Section 24 of the Act requires entities with actions in the action plan to report publicly on an annual basis. The attached report fulfils this requirement for 2017-18 for Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ).

## Priority area 3: Economic opportunities

Outcome: Queensland gets the most benefit from our diversity and global connections

Action	Lead	Timeframe	Progress status	Achievements and outcomes
Encourage a global approach to education and future employment for both domestic and international students through the participation of international students in Queensland state education.	TIQ	2016–19	On Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Developed an employability roadmap for international students</li><li>- Co-funded gen[in], a state-wide student innovation challenge designed to improve students' innovation skills and develop the entrepreneurial mindset.</li><li>- Co-funded with QLD universities a project to enhance the employability of higher degree research students</li><li>- Appointing two Industry Innovators in Residence for 2018-19 to further develop employability initiatives</li></ul>
Enhance the international student experience through the implementation of the \$25.3 million International Education and Training Strategy to Advance Queensland 2016–2026.	TIQ	2016–19	On Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Established a Queensland International Student Advisory Panel to provide international student a voice to government on their needs.</li><li>- Co-funded with local study clusters 3 student hubs in Cairns, Gold Coast and Brisbane (through the IET Partnership Fund) to support students and connect with community and business.</li></ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Launched 1800QSTUDY 24/7 support and referral line to provide current and prospective international students with information about studying in QLD, accommodation, employment, health, safety, wellbeing and transport.</li> <li>- Supported 50 projects to date through the \$1.2 million IET Partnership Fund with a strong focus on enhancing student experience and regional growth</li> </ul>
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#### Outcome: Individuals supported to participate in the economy

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Deliver targeted leadership programs to support international students to become future leaders.	TIQ	2016–19	On Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TIQ will host an International Student Leadership Forum 15-16 October which will include an International Students Meet Parliament event to celebrate the contribution of international students to Queensland's multicultural community and provide them with leadership skills.</li> </ul>