DECISION

Fair Work Act 2009
s.217—Enterprise agreement

The University of Melbourne
(AG2020/2746)

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2018

Educational services

COMMISSIONER YILMAZ
MELBOURNE, 25 SEPTEMBER 2020

Application for variation of clause 1.41.6 of the University of Melbourne Enterprise Agreement 2018.

[1] On 14 September 2020 the University of Melbourne made this application pursuant to s.217 of the Fair Work Act (the Act), to vary the University of Melbourne Enterprise Agreement 2018 (the Agreement) on the grounds that there was ambiguity or uncertainty in the Agreement.

[2] The University of Melbourne submitted there was some urgency to the application. The University of Melbourne is faced with financial pressure arising from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic requiring it to make significant cost and structural savings. Among the measures to achieve the required savings, the University of Melbourne intends to offer expressions of interest for voluntary redundancies before the need for substantial involuntary redundancies. While considering a University-wide voluntary redundancy arrangement, it became aware of a potential ambiguity arising in respect of clause 1.41.6 of the Agreement.

[3] The University of Melbourne makes this application following discussions with the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU). The NTEU, a bargaining representative at the time of making of the Agreement, supports the application.

[4] I listed the matter for hearing on 23 September 2020. Mr Sean Hogan, Director of Workplace Relations at the University of Melbourne and Sarah Roberts, Assistant Secretary of the NTEU appeared.
Jurisdiction

Section 217 of the Act provides:

“217 Variation of an enterprise agreement to remove an ambiguity or uncertainty

(1) The FWC may vary an enterprise agreement to remove an ambiguity or uncertainty on application by any of the following:

(a) one or more of the employers covered by the agreement;
(b) an employee covered by the agreement;
(c) an employee organisation covered by the agreement.

(2) If the FWC varies the enterprise agreement, the variation operates from the day specified in the decision to vary the agreement.”

I am satisfied that the application was made by the employer covered by the Agreement and that it has capacity to make the application.

Decisions of this Commission concerning discretion to vary agreements on the grounds of ambiguity or uncertainty have traditionally required the determination if there is an ambiguity or uncertainty having regard to principles concerning the interpretation of agreements.

The University of Melbourne relied on the decision of Bianco Walling Pty Ltd v CFMMEU [2020] FCAFC 50 (24 March 2020) (Bianco) which determined that the decision of a senior single member and a full bench of this Commission had fallen into jurisdictional error in applying s.217 of the Act. Consequently, in matters relating to s.217 it is not necessary to interpret the Agreement to reach a conclusion that there is ambiguity or uncertainty, and there is no need to be constrained by the principles concerning the construction of agreements.

In summary, Bianco found that it is not necessary to interpret an agreement to reach the conclusion that there is ambiguity or uncertainty. Although, practical consequences for the ascertainment of ambiguity or uncertainty for the purposes of s.217 means that:

i. The Commission need not be “constrained in the matters to which it may have regard by the principles developed for the interpretation of enterprise agreements”;

ii. The Commission is “obliged” to take into account “equity, good conscience and the merits of the matter”;

iii. The Commission “is not bound by the rules of evidence and procedure”;

iv. “The consequence is that, the Commission is far from being precluded from having regard to evidence of the parties’ common intention and to the history “of the agreement,”

1 Bianco Walling Pty Ltd v CFMMEU [2020] FCAFC 50 (24 March 2020) at [67].
2 Ibid at [68].
v. Ambiguity or uncertainty is to be considered objectively, and

vi. As noted in Tenix, the Commission will err on the side of finding an ambiguity or uncertainty where rival contentions are advanced, and an arguable case is made out for more than one contention.

**The alleged ambiguity or uncertainty**

University of Melbourne and the NTEU have identified an ambiguity or uncertainty in the application of clause 1.41.6 of the Agreement and propose additional wording to remove the ambiguity or uncertainty. Clause 1.41.6 provides as follows and the proposed new words to the clause are in bold:

> 1.41.6 In circumstances where redundancy occurs due to a reduction of like positions contemplated at clause 1.40.1.3 resulting in an internal competitive process for selection to one of the remaining Suitable Alternative Positions, the Employee may elect Early Separation in place of Redeployment in circumstances where Early Separation mitigates the occurrence of involuntary separation. In all other cases of Redundancy in circumstances contemplated by clause 1.40.1, the University may invite Employees to lodge an expression of interest for Early Separation (also commonly referred to by the Parties as voluntary redundancy), on occasion where it will mitigate the need for involuntary redundancies. The University will accept an Employee's expression of interest where the University deems the Employee's position to be redundant in circumstances contemplated by clause 1.40.1.

The Redundancy clause 1.40 defines redundancy, makes provision for consultation and genuine consideration of mitigation actions. Clause 1.41 relates to redeployment and alternative options which includes the option for Early Separation. The clause allows for Early Separation when an Employee is given notice that their position is redundant (clause 1.41.5) and where redundancy occurs due to a reduction in aggregate numbers in like positions (clause 1.41.6). The University of Melbourne and the NTEU submit the ambiguity or uncertainty arises because clause 1.41.6 allows for Early Separation but its reference to clause 1.40.1.3 raises uncertainty regarding whether clause 1.41.6 is limited only to circumstances set out under clause 1.40.1.3, and not circumstances captured by clauses 1.40.1.1 and 1.40.1.2.

Early Separation is the term used to describe voluntary separation due to redundancy in the Agreement. It is not contended, and it is not the case, that there is ambiguity or uncertainty in the Agreement when an Employee is given notice that their position is redundant (clause 1.41.5), but the same cannot be said for situations where redundancy occurs because of a reduction in aggregate numbers in like positions (clause 1.41.6). The distinction between the clauses is that clause 1.41.5, which is the consolidated clause from the predecessor agreement, allows for the election of Early Separation when an employee is given notice that their position is redundant; while clause 1.41.6 allows for voluntary redundancy, as this can be seen from the reference to mitigation of involuntary redundancy.

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4 Ibid at [70].
The University of Melbourne intends to call for expressions of interest for Early Separation to mitigate involuntary redundancy, which is contemplated by the clause in question. The same clause recognises that such redundancy results in a competitive process for selection into the remaining alternative positions.

An expression of interest for voluntary redundancy is contemplated by the Agreement and was front of mind of the parties when bargaining for the current Agreement. Both Mr Hogan and Ms Roberts submit they were bargaining representatives and discussed and agreed to the inclusion of voluntary redundancy options in the Agreement. This can be seen from the difference between this Agreement and its predecessor.

The University of Melbourne Enterprise Agreement 2013 (2013 Agreement) provides for Early Separation for both academic and professional staff in similar terms to the consolidated clause 1.41.5. The relevant clauses in the 2013 Agreement are clauses 74.4, 74.15, 75.4 and 75.7.

During bargaining for the 2018 Agreement, the NTEU expressed concern about the traditional spill and fill arrangements for organisational restructure, before an individual could access the Early Separation option. This concern is reflected in the new clause 1.41.6 and its reference to subclause 1.40.1.3, which is a departure from the 2013 Agreement.

The Agreement further recognises that voluntary redundancy is a permitted option by clause 1.40.2.2 which requires the University of Melbourne to consider all reasonable alternative options in clause 1.41 are to be exhausted before involuntary separation (which includes the clause in question). Clause 1.40.2.2 is not limited by subclause 1.40.1.3 and is also a departure from the 2013 Agreement. The 2013 Agreement does not use the language of involuntary separation, yet this Agreement does in key clauses.

The challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic raises the uncertainty that the scale of restructure, and particularly the option to enable voluntary separation through expressions of interest across the University is captured by the Agreement. The ambiguity creates uncertainty in terms of the connection between clauses 1.41.6 and 1.40.2.2, but also between clause 1.41.6 and the subclauses within clause 1.40.1.

The ambiguity or uncertainty arising in the subclauses of 1.40.1 concerns the difference in expression between clauses 1.40.1.1, 1.40.1.2 and 1.40.1.3. The relevant clause is:

1.40 REDUNDANCY

1.40.1. Redundancy occurs where the University decides that it no longer requires the Continuing position an Employee has been performing to be done by anyone and this is not due to the ordinary and customary turnover of labour. Including (but not limited to) circumstances where:

1.40.1.1. the substantive work performed in the position is no longer required by the University;

1.40.1.2. the University changes the position with the effect of substantially changing the skills, competencies, experience or hours of work required; or
1.40.1.3. the University decides to reduce the aggregate number of like positions that are surplus to requirements

[21] Clause 1.40.1 does not limit the circumstances captured by redundancy to the three subclauses, yet when the parties drafted clause 1.41.6, it was directly linked to subclause 1.40.1.3. While a large scale restructure was contemplated by clause 1.40.1.3, due to the severe impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the practical situation is likely to arise where decisions to accept expressions of interest will be based on operational needs, which may include taking into account skills, competencies, the Universities’ strategic operational direction or other valid considerations. Subclauses 1.40.1.1 and 1.40.1.2 encapsulate some, but not all, of these considerations.

[22] Subclauses 1.40.1.1 and 1.40.1.2 raises uncertainty that voluntary separation may be permitted when the process turns to assessment of the expressions of interest. Further, this uncertainty is inconsistent with clause 1.40.2.2.

[23] I am satisfied that the parties had intended to introduce into the Agreement voluntary separation prior to involuntary redundancy, and this includes the process of expressions of interest, without limiting volunteers to certain circumstances. The ambiguity from the reading of related clauses creates uncertainty, which both parties intend to resolve by way of this application, for the benefit of employees that will be affected by the impending restructure.

[24] In the context of the circumstances confronting the University of Melbourne, it is nonsensical to interpret the relevant clauses with a narrow literal approach, even though it is possible to do so. Also, to do so, does not address the efforts taken by the NTEU and the University of Melbourne, at the time of bargaining, to avert the consequences on staff affected by the old spill and fill approach. Further, a narrow interpretative approach does not properly recognise the new clauses and their practical intent compared to the 2013 Agreement. Removal of the ambiguity will enable certainty and is necessary prior to the impending restructure required as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[25] Taking into account the industrial context and the whole purpose of the redundancy clause, it is sensible and consistent with the powers of the Commission as expressed in s.578 of the Act to approve the proposed variation.

[26] By granting the application, to vary the clause as proposed and agreed between the parties, will create certainty and fairness for employees that will be impacted by the restructure.

[27] I am satisfied that both the University of Melbourne and the NTEU have demonstrated an arguable case for uncertainty or ambiguity in relation to clause 1.41.6 and its relevance to clauses 1.40.1 and 1.40.2.2, I have considered the history of the redundancy clause in question, and I have taken into account my obligations of equity, good conscience and merits of the matter.

[28] I am satisfied that the variation sought removes the ambiguity and uncertainty posed by clause 1.41.6, and reflects the intention of the parties when the Agreement was made.
Accordingly, I will issue an Order varying the 2018 Agreement in terms proposed by the University of Melbourne which will operate from the date of this decision.

COMMISSIONER

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ORDER

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The University of Melbourne
(AG2020/2746)

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2018
(ODN AG2018/6272) [AE502413]

Educational services

COMMISSIONER YILMAZ

MELBOURNE, 25 SEPTEMBER 2020

Application for variation of clause 1.41.6 of the University of Melbourne Enterprise Agreement 2018.

[1] Further to my decision in [2020] FWCA 5143, the Fair Work Commission orders that:

A. Clause 1.41.6 is deleted and replaced by the following:

1.41.6 In circumstances where redundancy occurs due to a reduction of like positions contemplated at clause 1.40.1.3 resulting in an internal competitive process for selection to one of the remaining Suitable Alternative Positions, the Employee may elect Early Separation in place of Redeployment in circumstances where Early Separation mitigates the occurrence of involuntary separation. In all other cases of Redundancy in circumstances contemplated by clause 1.40.1, the University may invite Employees to lodge an expression of interest for Early Separation (also commonly referred to by the Parties as voluntary redundancy), on occasion where it will mitigate the need for involuntary redundancies. The University will accept an Employee’s expression of interest where the University deems the Employee’s position to be redundant in circumstances contemplated by clause 1.40.1.


COMMISSIONER

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DECISION

Fair Work Act 2009
s.185—Enterprise agreement

University of Melbourne
(AG2018/6272)

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2018

Educational services

COMMISSIONER WILSON MELBOURNE, 20 MARCH 2019

Application for approval of the University of Melbourne Enterprise Agreement 2018.

[1] An application has been made for approval of an enterprise agreement known as the University of Melbourne Enterprise Agreement 2018 (the Agreement). The application was made pursuant to s.185 of the Fair Work Act 2009 (the Act). It has been made by University of Melbourne. The Agreement is a single enterprise agreement.

[2] The Employer has provided written undertakings. A copy of the undertakings is attached in Annexure A. I am satisfied that the undertakings will not cause financial detriment to any employee covered by the Agreement and that the undertakings will not result in substantial changes to the Agreement.

[3] Subject to the undertakings referred to above, I am satisfied that each of the requirements of ss.186, 187, 188 and 190 as are relevant to this application for approval have been met.

[4] The National Tertiary Education Industry Union and United Voice being bargaining representatives for the Agreement, have given notice under s.183 of the Act that they want the Agreement to cover them. In accordance with s.201(2) I note that the Agreement covers these organisations.

[5] The Agreement is approved and, in accordance with s.54 of the Act, will operate from 27 March 2019. The nominal expiry date of the Agreement is 31 October 2021.

COMMISSIONER

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IN THE FAIR WORK COMMISSION

FWC Matter No.:
AG2018/6272

Applicant:
The University of Melbourne

Undertaking — section 190

I, Sean Hogan, Director of Workplace Relations at The University of Melbourne (University), give the following undertakings with respect to the University of Melbourne Enterprise Agreement 2018 (Agreement):

1. I have the authority given to me by the University to provide this undertaking in relation to this application before the Fair Work Commission.

2. The University undertakes that, in respect of the clauses in the Agreement that deal with casual employment, it will apply those clauses consistently with the National Employment Standards (NES) and any applicable case law which applies from time to time.

3. The University undertakes that clause 1.43 of the Agreement (which deals with abandonment of employment) will operate subject to the NES and any applicable case law which applies from time to time. In particular, employment will be terminated following the period of notice (or payment in lieu of the notice) prescribed at section 117(3) of the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth) in circumstances where:
   a. the conditions set out at clause 1.43.1 of the Agreement are satisfied; and
   b. the prevailing employment law deems termination on abandonment as being an employer-initiated termination.

4. The University undertakes that, to the extent it engages any Apprentices during the life of the Agreement, it will pay any:
   a. Apprentice Level 1 at least at the rate of pay specified for Level 1, Increment 3 in clause 3.23.2; and
   b. Apprentice Level 2 at least at the rate of pay specified for Level 2, Increment 3 in clause 3.23.2.

Employer name:
The University of Melbourne

Authority to sign:
Director Workplace Relations

Signature:
Date: 15 March 2019
Note - this agreement is to be read together with an undertaking given by the employer. The undertaking is taken to be a term of the agreement. A copy of it can be found at the end of the agreement.

Enterprise Agreement 2018
## Division 1 – General Terms

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**DIVISION 1**

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1.2. **TITLE**  
The title of this agreement is the *University of Melbourne Enterprise Agreement 2018* (Agreement).

1.3. **DATE & PERIOD OF OPERATION**  
1.3.1. This Agreement will come into operation seven days after the date on which the Fair Work Commission (FWC) approves the Agreement (Commencement Date).

1.3.2. The nominal expiry date of this Agreement shall be three years from the Commencement Date or 31 October 2021, whichever occurs first.

1.3.3. Negotiations to replace this Agreement will commence no less than six months prior to the nominal expiry date at clause 1.3.2.

1.4. **SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT**  
This Agreement covers:

1.4.1. The University of Melbourne (University);

1.4.2. all Employees whose employment is covered by either Division 2 (Academics) or Division 3 (Professional, Administration and Support Occupation Employees) of the Agreement excluding individuals employed to perform work for:

1.4.2.1. the Melbourne Theatre Company; and

1.4.2.2. subsidiaries of the University.

1.4.3. the National Tertiary Education Industry Union (NTEU); and

1.4.4. Employee associations who give notice in accordance with section 183(1) of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth) (FW Act) and the FWC notes in its decision to approve the Agreement (Unions);

(together the Parties).

1.5. **OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT**  
1.5.1. This Agreement supersedes all previous enterprise agreements made under the FW Act (or predecessor legislation), memoranda of understanding, heads of agreement and informal undertakings through exchange of letters.

1.5.2. Division 1 of the Agreement applies to all Employees, while Division 2 applies only to Academic Employees and Division 3 applies only to Professional, Administration and Support Occupation Employees. To the extent of any inconsistency between Division 1 and 2 or Division 1 and 3, Division 2 and 3 will prevail respectively.
1.6. **INTERPRETATION**

In interpreting the Agreement:

1.6.1. a reference to a position and organisational title is to be read as an equivalent successor or replacement position, or to the closest equivalent successor or replacement position;

1.6.2. if a word or phrase is given a defined meaning, any other part of speech or grammatical form of that word or phrase has a corresponding meaning;

1.6.3. words importing a gender include every other gender and the collective reference to "their" and "they" includes all genders;

1.6.4. words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular;

1.6.5. a reference to State or Federal legislation includes amendments and/or successors to that legislation.

1.7. **UNIVERSITY POLICY**

1.7.1. University policies and associated procedures, processes, guidance notes, work instructions and systems of work (**University Policy**) are separate to and do not form part of the Agreement. Reference to University Policy in the Agreement is incidental to the Agreement and does not incorporate the referenced University Policy as a term of the Agreement.

1.7.2. Pursuant to clause 1.7.1, the University undertakes to continue the practice of consulting Employees and their representatives on the introduction of new, or significant change to existing, University Policy on employment matters (excluding processes, guidance notes, work instructions and systems of work associated with policy).

1.8. **PROMOTING DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**

1.8.1. The Parties will act collaboratively to advance appropriate workplace behaviours and address instances of discrimination, harassment, assault and bullying in the workplace. The University will continue to promote awareness of the University’s policies and practices.

1.8.2. Having regard to the availability of suitably qualified Employees, the University will apply all practical endeavour to ensure appropriate gender balance on selection and promotion panels if and when convened.

1.9. **INDIVIDUAL FLEXIBILITY ARRANGEMENT**

1.9.1. The University and an Employee may agree to make an individual flexibility arrangement (**IFA**) to vary the effect of terms of the Agreement if:

1.9.1.1. the IFA deals with one or more of the following matters:

   (a) arrangements about when work is performed, such as working hours;

   (b) overtime rates;

   (c) penalty rates;

   (d) allowances; and
1.9. Leave (e) leave loading;
1.9.1.2. the IFA meets the genuine needs of the University and the Employee in relation to one or more of the matters mentioned at clause 1.9.1.1; and
1.9.1.3. the IFA is genuinely agreed to by the University and the Employee.
1.9.2. The University must ensure that the terms of the IFA:
1.9.2.1. are about permitted matters under section 172 of the FW Act; and
1.9.2.2. are not unlawful terms under section 194 of the FW Act; and
1.9.2.3. result in the Employee being better off overall than the Employee would be if no IFA was made.
1.9.3. The University must ensure that the IFA:
1.9.3.1. is in writing; and
1.9.3.2. includes the name of the University and the Employee; and
1.9.3.3. is signed by the University and Employee and if the Employee is under 18 years of age, signed by a parent or guardian of the Employee; and
1.9.3.4. includes details of:
(a) the terms of the Agreement that will be varied by the IFA; and
(b) how the IFA will vary the effect of the terms; and
(c) how the Employee will be better off overall in relation to the terms and conditions of their employment as a result of the IFA; and
(d) states the day on which the IFA commences.
1.9.4. The University must give the Employee a copy of the IFA within 14 days after it is agreed.
1.9.5. The University or Employee may terminate the IFA:
1.9.5.1. by giving no more than 28 days' written notice to the other party to the IFA; or
1.9.5.2. if the University and the Employee agree in writing at any time.

1.10. Salary Adjustments
1.10.1. Salaries will be increased by:
1.10.1.1. 2.1% effective retrospectively from 1 May 2018 and adjusted on the first full pay period immediately following the Commencement Date (first increase);
1.10.1.2. 2.1% effective from 1 May 2019 and adjusted on the first full pay period immediately following 1 May 2019 (second increase);
1.10.1.3. 2.2% effective from 1 May 2020 and adjusted on the first full pay period immediately following 1 May 2020 (third increase); and
1.10.1.4. 2.2% effective from 1 May 2021 and adjusted on the first full pay period immediately following 1 May 2021 (fourth increase).
1.10.2. The retrospective increase at clause 1.10.1.1 does not apply to Employees whose employment terminated on or prior to the Commencement Date.
1.10.3. The Agreement sets out the minimum terms and conditions pertaining to salary. Nothing in the Agreement prevents the University, at its discretion, providing remuneration and benefits to Employees in addition to and separate from the entitlements set out in the Agreement.

1.11. SUPERANNUATION

1.11.1. The University’s default fund is UniSuper.

1.11.2. Subject to clause 1.11.3, employer superannuation contributions will be paid to the default fund in accordance with the UniSuper Trust Deed (as amended), the UniSuper Deed of Covenant (as amended) and the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992 (Cth) (SG Act). Reference to the UniSuper Trust Deed and the UniSuper Deed of Covenant are incidental to the Agreement and do not incorporate the respective documents as terms of the Agreement nor does the Agreement cover any matters relating to the respective documents.

1.11.3. Employees engaged in Fixed-Term employment of 24 or less months’ duration, or Fixed-Term employment which is externally funded or for the purpose of research, will continue to receive the employer superannuation contribution rate prescribed in the SG Act (currently set at 9.5%) up to the nominal expiry date of the Agreement. Effective from the nominal expiry date of the Agreement, all Employees engaged on Fixed-Term employment will receive the employer superannuation contribution rate of 17%.

1.11.4. Employees engaged in Casual employment will continue to receive the employer superannuation contribution rate prescribed in the SG Act (currently set at 9.5%).

1.12. SALARY PAYMENTS

1.12.1. Salaries and applicable authorised overtime, penalty and allowance payments will be paid fortnightly by electronic funds transfer into a bank account nominated by the Employee (Payroll).

1.12.2. The University will endeavour to pay all verified and authorised overtime, penalty and allowance payments by the next pay cycle, and no later than four weeks from being claimed by the Employee through Payroll.

1.12.3. It is expected that an Employee will:

1.12.3.1. provide timely and accurate information to the University on salary and attendance related matters (including periods of absence); and

1.12.3.2. bring to the attention of the University’s Pay Office any apparent errors detected on the payslip within a reasonable period from when the Employee became aware of the error.

1.12.4. Where an overpayment has been made to an Employee, the Employee will repay the nett amount by cheque, electronic funds transfer or payroll deduction either in full or through scheduled repayment as agreed between the Employee and the University. Agreement will not be unreasonably withheld. Outstanding overpayments at termination will be deducted from the Employee’s final pay.

1.12.5. Where an Employee is underpaid, the University will apply all reasonable endeavours to expediently correct the underpayment but no later than the end of the next full pay period following notification to the University; with exception where the circumstances of the under-payment requires extensive investigation,
verification and authorisation by the University. On such occasion, the University will discuss and agree an appropriate timeframe to address the underpayment with the Employee.

1.13. SALARY PACKAGING
1.13.1. An Employee may enter into a salary packaging arrangement with the University for superannuation or any other arrangements agreed by the University that are lawful and consistent with Australian Taxation Office (ATO) requirements.
1.13.2. Any pre-tax deduction (salary sacrifice) will not be deducted when calculating Employee's payment on termination and so Employee payments on termination shall be based on the applicable salary that would have applied had the Employee not entered into a salary sacrifice arrangement.
1.13.3. Employees obtain personal financial advice on salary packaging at no cost or obligation to the University.
1.13.4. All applicable taxes and costs associated with salary sacrificing, including reasonable administrative costs, are to be met by the Employee through salary deduction.
1.13.5. ATO tax requirements arising from salary packaging remain the personal responsibility of the Employee. The Employee must regularly monitor their payslips and immediately bring to the attention of the University's Pay Office apparent issues regarding tax deductions.
1.13.6. An Employee who enters into a salary packaging arrangement with the University may elect, upon providing the Pay Office with 20 working days' written notice, to discontinue or amend the salary packaging arrangement.

1.14. PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE ALLOWANCE
1.14.1. An Employee may use their privately-owned motor vehicle for University business on condition that the:
   1.14.1.1. University has given prior authorisation;
   1.14.1.2. Employee agrees;
   1.14.1.3. vehicle is roadworthy;
   1.14.1.4. vehicle is insured; and
   1.14.1.5. Employee has a valid driver's licence.
1.14.2. On occasion where the Employee uses their privately-owned vehicle for University business the Employee will:
   1.14.2.1. be paid an allowance equivalent to the ATO's "Rate per Business Kilometre" for the kilometres travelled on business; and
   1.14.2.2. maintain an accurate travel log of kilometres travelled on business.

1.15. WORKFORCE PLANNING
1.15.1. The University, at its discretion, determines the nature, number, mix and tenure of positions within the University to satisfy organisational and budgetary requirements and in accordance with the Agreement.
1.15.2. The University will continue the established practice of utilising employment such as Fixed-Term employment, Casual employment and Sessional Teaching (see clause 2.8.2) as an efficient and flexible supplement to the University's core Continuing workforce.

1.15.3. Pursuant to clause 1.15.2, the University endeavours to avoid action that may result in unnecessary reduction of overall Continuing positions and, where practical, will genuinely consider opportunities to enhance security of employment; particularly in circumstances where an Employee may have a genuine claim to have their employment recognised as continuing under law.

1.15.4. It is an important part of the University's diversity strategy to promote inclusion and continue to give proper consideration to employment opportunities consistent with prevailing University Policy which is to:

   1.15.4.1. achieve gender balance;
   1.15.4.2. support individuals with a disability; and
   1.15.4.3. support groups of individuals under-represented in the workplace.

1.15.5. Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment

1.15.5.1. For the purpose of the Agreement "Indigenous" means a person of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.

1.15.5.2. Indigenous Employees are supported by culturally responsive University Policy, including the University's Reconciliation Action Plan, aimed at eliminating discrimination in the workplace.

1.15.5.3. Pursuant to clause 1.15.5.5, the University will continue its commitment to deliver growth in Indigenous employment and work towards population parity of its Indigenous workforce as expressed in the University's Indigenous Employment Framework as 3% (equivalent at the time of bargaining to approximately 240 positions) by 2021.

1.15.5.4. The Parties agree to act collaboratively to support Indigenous employment at the University. Throughout the life of the Agreement, the University will discuss the progress of its commitment set out above at 1.15.5.3 with Indigenous Employees and other relevant stakeholders who are party to the Agreement.

1.15.5.5. For the purpose of this Agreement the University's Reconciliation Action Plan and Indigenous Employment Framework are University Policies contemplated at clause 1.7.1.

1.15.5.6. The University, as it relates to employment matters, will continue to promote and recognise Indigenous cultural practices and identity and will respect and acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

1.15.6. Where necessary to address organisational or financial requirements, the University will from time to time review all or parts of its organisation and, if necessary, restructure all or part of the University accordingly.
1.16. **EMPLOYMENT CATEGORIES**

1.16.1. Employees will be employed in one of the following employment categories set out in detail in Division 2 for Academics and Division 3 for Professional, Administrative and Support Occupations:

1.16.1.1. Continuing employment;
1.16.1.2. Continuing (Research Contingent) employment;
1.16.1.3. Fixed-Term employment;
1.16.1.4. Periodic employment; or
1.16.1.5. Casual employment.

1.17. **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

1.17.1. An Employee (with the exception of Employees engaged in Casual employment) will be entitled to the following Public Holidays (also referred to as University Holidays) without loss of pay where the Public Holiday occurs on a day the Employee would normally work:

1.17.1.1. 1 January (New Year’s Day) or, if that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday;
1.17.1.2. 26 January (Australia Day) or, if that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday;
1.17.1.3. Good Friday, Easter Monday and the following Tuesday;
1.17.1.4. 25 April (ANZAC Day);
1.17.1.5. Queen’s Birthday (or successor);
1.17.1.6. 25 December (Christmas Day) or, if that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, 27 December; and
1.17.1.7. 26 December (Boxing Day) or, if that day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, 28 December.

1.17.2. Where any day or days are gazetted in addition to or in substitution of any of the above mentioned days by proclamation or legislation, then that day or days will be observed as a public holiday, in addition to or in substitution of the Public Holidays set out in clause 1.17.1 without loss of pay.

1.17.3. The University is closed between Boxing Day (or substitute day) and New Year’s Day (or substitute day) without loss of pay (Year-end Closure Period).

1.17.4. The University requires Employees to perform their duties on Labour Day and Melbourne Cup day. The parties agree that the Labour Day and Melbourne Cup public holidays are substituted for days that are not Public Holidays in the Year-end Closure Period.

1.17.5. An Employee, with agreement of the University, may substitute a Public Holiday for a cultural or religious day of significance where the University considers it safe and appropriate for the Employee to attend work during a Public Holiday.

1.18. **ANNUAL LEAVE**

1.18.1. For each year of service, a Full-Time Employee is entitled to four weeks (145 hours being 20 working days) of paid Annual Leave. Annual Leave will accrue
based on a standard 36.25 hour week and 7.25 hour day and shall be deducted when taken based on a standard 36.25 hour week and 7.25 hour day.

1.18.2. An Employee's entitlement to paid Annual Leave accrues progressively throughout a year of service on a week to week basis according to the Employee's ordinary hours of work, and accumulates from year to year.

1.18.3. Annual Leave accrues for Employees in Part-Time and Periodic employment on a pro rata basis in accordance with the Employee's contracted ordinary hours of work.

1.18.4. Annual Leave does not apply to Employees engaged in Casual employment.

1.18.5. Annual Leave does not accrue during periods of leave without pay, periods of unauthorised absence or unpaid Parental Leave.

1.18.6. An Employee will be paid all unused accrued Annual Leave as at the date of termination.

1.18.7. An Employee who is ill or injured during a period of Annual Leave will, subject to the Employee providing the University with a medical certificate (as contemplated at clause 1.20.5.2), be re-credited Annual Leave for the period of the sickness set out in the medical certificate.

1.18.8. An Employee who is eligible for Compassionate Leave during a period of Annual Leave will be re-credited Annual Leave for the period of Compassionate Leave.

1.18.9. A Public Holiday falling within a period of Annual Leave will be paid as a public holiday and not deducted from the Annual Leave accrual.

1.18.10. Unless otherwise agreed by the University, Annual Leave will be taken within 18 months of the entitlement being accrued either at a time mutually agreed or as directed by the University where mutual agreement cannot be settled. Annual Leave will be taken at a time mutually agreed between the Employee and the University with exception to Employees whose accrued Annual Leave balance is in excess of six weeks (Excess Leave). Where the Employee and University cannot settle a mutually agreed time for the Excess Leave to be taken, the University will direct the Employee:

1.18.10.1. through one month's written notice, to take Excess Leave over and above six weeks' accrual at a time nominated by the University; or

1.18.10.2. where an Employee's reasonable request for Annual Leave in the preceding twelve months had been declined through six month's written notice to take the Excess Leave over and above six weeks' accrual at a time nominated by the University.

1.18.11. Employees will be paid an Annual Leave loading in respect of Annual Leave entitlements accrued in the previous 12 months equal to 17.5% of the Employees ordinary salary and capped at an amount equivalent to the most recent published Australian Bureau of Statistics figure for "Average Weekly Total Earnings of all Males (Australia)". Employees in Part-Time or Periodic employment will be entitled to Annual Leave loading on a pro rata basis calculated on the Employee's contracted ordinary hours of work.

1.18.12. An Employee may request and the University may agree, at its absolute discretion, to allow an Employee to cash out up to two weeks of an Employee's
accrued Annual Leave in excess of the four weeks' annual entitlement set out at clause 1.18.1 provided that in each case:

1.18.12.1. the Employee has taken at least two weeks of continuous Annual Leave within the previous 12 months;

1.18.12.2. the Employee's remaining accrued entitlement to paid Annual Leave is not less than 4 weeks;

1.18.12.3. the cashing out is the subject of a separate agreement in writing between the University and the Employee; and

1.18.12.4. payment is calculated at the Employee's ordinary salary applicable at the time the request is approved and will not be less than the full amount that would have been payable to the Employee had the Employee taken the leave.

1.18.13. An Employee (excluding an Employee in Casual or Periodic employment) may request and the University may approve, at its discretion, the purchase of additional Annual Leave through a proportionate reduction in the Employee's annual salary (Purchased Leave).

1.18.14. Purchased Leave:

1.18.14.1. may be approved subject to operational and University requirements and without adverse effect on workloads;

1.18.14.2. is for one calendar year with requests and approvals not carrying over from a previous calendar year;

1.18.14.3. does not incur a leave loading; and

1.18.14.4. may be purchased in multiples of two weeks up to eight weeks as set out below:

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1.19. LONG SERVICE LEAVE

1.19.1. Subject to this clause 1.19, Long Service Leave accrues and is taken in accordance with the Long Service Leave Act 1992 (Vic) (LSL Act).

1.19.2. An Employee is entitled to:

1.19.2.1. 13 weeks of paid Long Service Leave on completion of 10 continuous years' service with the University; and,
1.19.2.2. an additional 6.5 days of paid Long Service Leave for each completed subsequent year of service with the University.

1.19.3. Subject to the LSL Act, the University may, at its discretion, recognise an Employee's service in another organisation for the purpose of determining the entitlement to Long Service Leave accrued during employment with the University.

1.19.4. On completion of seven years' continuous service an Employee:

1.19.4.1. may request, and the University may approve at its discretion, to take pro rata Long Service Leave due to an exceptional personal circumstance;

1.19.4.2. is entitled to pro rata payment of Long Service Leave upon termination of the Employee's employment.

1.19.5. An Employee is entitled to pro rata payment of Long Service Leave after one year of continuous service where their employment ends due to redundancy.

1.19.6. Within three years of their nominated retirement date, an Employee may request to take their Long Service Leave entitlement on half pay thereby doubling the period of absence, provided that the Employee has provided the University in writing with prior notice of their nominated retirement date.

1.19.7. An Employee who is ill or injured during Long Service Leave for more than three consecutive days will, subject to the Employee providing the University with a medical certificate (as contemplated at clause 1.20.5.2), be re-credited Long Service Leave for the period of the sickness set out in the medical certificate.

1.20. PERSONAL/CARER'S LEAVE

1.20.1. Subject to clause 1.24.3, a member of the Employee's immediate family for the purpose of this Agreement means (without assigning gender) a spouse, former spouse, de facto partner, former de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of an Employee; or a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of the Employee’s spouse, former spouse or de facto partner.

1.20.2. Paid Personal/Carer's Leave

1.20.2.1. Paid Personal Leave (also referred to as Sick Leave) is absence an Employee (with exception to one in Casual employment) is entitled to take without loss of pay due to personal illness or injury (including pregnancy related illness).

1.20.2.2. Paid Carer's Leave is absence which an Employee (with exception to one in Casual employment) is entitled to take without loss of pay due to responsibilities in relation to either members of their immediate family or members of their household requiring the Employee's care and support due to illness or injury or unexpected emergency.

1.20.2.3. The entitlement for paid Personal/Carer's Leave is 20 days per year. This entitlement comprises 15 days cumulative Personal/Carer's Leave and five days non-cumulative Carer's Leave. Absence on Carer's Leave will draw on the five days non-cumulative entitlement prior to the 15 days cumulative entitlement.

1.20.2.4. An Employee's entitlement to paid Personal/Carer's Leave accrues progressively during the Employee's year of service according to the
ordinary hours of work and (with exception to non-cumulative Carer’s Leave above at clause 1.20.2.3) accumulates from year to year.

1.20.2.5. Paid Personal/Carer’s Leave does not accrue during periods of leave without pay, periods of unauthorised absence or during unpaid Parental Leave.

1.20.2.6. If the period during which an Employee takes paid Personal/Carer’s Leave includes a day or part-day that is a Public Holiday, the Employee is not on paid Personal/Carer’s Leave on that Public Holiday.

1.20.3. Unpaid Carer’s Leave

1.20.3.1. An Employee (including one engaged in Casual employment) is entitled to two days of unpaid Carer’s Leave for each occasion when a member of the Employee’s immediate family or household requires care or support because of an illness, injury or an unexpected emergency.

1.20.3.2. An Employee may take unpaid Carer’s Leave for each occasion as a single continuous period of up to two days or any separate periods to which the Employee and the University agree.

1.20.3.3. An Employee eligible for paid Personal/Carer’s Leave cannot take unpaid Carer’s Leave during a particular period where the Employee has sufficient paid entitlement to cover all of the absence.

1.20.4. Unpaid Personal Leave

1.20.4.1. Where an Employee is absent due to personal illness or injury and the Employee has no accrued paid Personal Leave available, the Employee is entitled to Personal Leave on an unpaid basis.

1.20.4.2. An Employee (excluding one engaged in Casual employment) may request and the University may, at its discretion, agree to allow an Employee to access Annual Leave on occasion where unpaid Personal Leave would cause significant financial hardship.

1.20.5. Managing absence

1.20.5.1. An Employee must give the University notice as soon as practicable of their absence; including the period, or expected period, of absence.

1.20.5.2. The University is entitled to request evidence that substantiates the reason for leave. For the purpose of the Agreement, evidence for Personal Leave means a certificate by a registered medical practitioner that would satisfy a reasonable person that the leave is taken for the reason specified (medical certificate). Failure by an Employee to provide the University with either notice or evidence, where requested, for the absence means the Employee is not entitled to paid Personal/Carer’s Leave.

1.20.5.3. Where an Employee is absent on Personal Leave (paid or unpaid) the University may ask the Employee to produce a medical certificate or a statutory declaration signed by an authorised witness not employed or associated with the University in the following circumstances:

a) for an absence in excess of one day;
b) where the absence is in excess of three single days in a calendar year;
c) where the University has reason to question that the absence is genuine; or
d) where the University is formally managing the Employee for poor performance due to poor attendance at work.

1.20.5.4. The medical certificate or statutory declaration, must confirm that the Employee is unable to perform their normal duties due to personal illness or injury and, if applicable, must outline the expected duration of absence.

1.20.5.5. Where an Employee is absent on Carer's Leave (paid or unpaid) the University may ask the Employee to produce a statement of attendance or note from a registered medical practitioner or a statutory declaration signed by an authorised witness not employed or associated with the University, confirming:

a) the nature of the family member or member of the household's illness or injury requiring support of a carer; and
b) the anticipated duration of the care required.

1.21. COMPASSIONATE LEAVE

1.21.1. An Employee is entitled to three days of paid Compassionate Leave per occasion:

1.21.1.1. to spend time with a member of their immediate family or household who has sustained a life-threatening illness or injury; or

1.21.1.2. after the death of a member of their immediate family or household.

1.21.2. The meaning of a member of the Employee’s immediate family for the purpose of this clause 1.21 is set out at clause 1.20.1.

1.21.3. An Employee may take Compassionate Leave for each occasion as:

1.21.3.1. a single continuous period; or

1.21.3.2. two separate periods; or

1.21.3.3. any other arrangement to which the Employee and University agree.

1.21.4. An Employee (excluding one engaged in Casual employment) will be paid the base salary for the ordinary hours they would have worked during the period of absence. Casual Employees are entitled to unpaid Compassionate Leave.

1.21.5. An Employee must give the University notice as soon as practicable of their absence; including the period, or expected period, of absence.

1.21.6. Proof of entitlement to Compassionate Leave may be required where the University considers it necessary.

1.22. PARENTAL LEAVE

1.22.1. The National Employment Standards set out in the FW Act (NES) sets out eligibility and provision for unpaid Parental Leave. In addition to these unpaid entitlements, the University also provides Employees who are eligible for unpaid Parental Leave under the NES with paid Parental Leave as set out in this clause.
1.22. The provisions set out in this clause 1.22 are applied in conjunction with and supplementary to the NES.

1.22.2. The paid Parental Leave provisions set out in this clause 1.22 do not apply to Employees engaged in Casual employment.

1.22.3. Paid leave entitlements set out in this clause 1.22 are inclusive of the eligible period of unpaid absence set out in the NES and do not extend the period of absence.

1.22.4. An Employee’s leave entitlements will accrue during a period of paid Parental Leave.

1.22.5. Public Holidays occurring during a period of paid Parental Leave will be paid as Public Holidays and not paid or counted as paid Parental Leave. Public Holidays are not applicable to periods of unpaid Parental Leave as the Employee is not required to attend work.

1.22.6. Unless otherwise stated in this clause 1.22, paid Parental Leave must be taken at the beginning of a Parental Leave period and must be taken as a single continuous period at full pay (with exception to Public Holidays).

1.22.7. An Employee on paid Maternity Leave pursuant to this clause who contracts an illness resulting from pregnancy or childbirth which extends beyond the period of paid Maternity Leave is, upon submission of a medical certificate (as contemplated at clause 1.20.5.2) entitled to use accrued Personal Leave for the period of illness immediately following the period of paid Maternity Leave. In such circumstances, the Employee’s period of authorised Parental Leave is not extended.

1.22.8. By agreement with the University, an Employee may also use accrued annual and Long Service Leave during a period of unpaid Parental Leave. Except in significant unforeseen circumstances, an Employee must use their accrued Annual Leave or Long Service Leave entitlement immediately after any period of paid Parental Leave (including periods of Personal Leave contemplated at clause 1.20.2.1). Where an Employee uses accrued Annual Leave or Long Service Leave entitlement during a period of unpaid Parental Leave, this does not extend an Employee’s period of authorised Parental Leave.

1.22.9. Where an Employee resigns or is dismissed during a period of paid Parental Leave the remaining unused paid leave will not be paid out on termination.

1.22.10. Where an Employee is employed in Fixed-Term employment, their entitlement to paid Parental Leave is limited to the remaining period of their Fixed-Term employment.

1.22.11. An Employee must return to work from a period of Parental Leave to be eligible for a subsequent period of paid Parental Leave.

1.22.12. For the purposes of paid Parental Leave under this clause 1.22:

1.22.12.1. "child" means a child of the Employee or the Employee’s partner or child born through surrogacy or child placed through adoption (reference to "child" in the singular is inclusive of multiple births and multiple births do not extend the period of paid Parental Leave).

1.22.12.2. "primary care giver" is an Employee who has the principal responsibility for providing care and attention to the child each day during the period.
the Employee is caring for the child and is not engaged in secondary employment. The Employee must be the:

1.22.12.2.1. biological father or mother of the child;
1.22.12.2.2. partner of the birth mother or father of the child;
1.22.12.2.3. adoptive parent of the child;
1.22.12.2.4. partner of an adoptive parent of the child; or
1.22.12.2.5. person caring for a child born of a surrogacy arrangement.

1.22.12.3. "partner" means an individual who is a spouse, de facto spouse or same sex partner and includes an ex-partner; and

1.22.12.4. "expected date of birth" means the expected date of birth as determined by a medical practitioner and also includes the date in which the Employee receives a new-born through surrogacy arrangement or the date that a child is placed through adoption or permanent care.

1.22.13. The paid Parental Leave entitlements provided for by this clause 1.22 are:

1.22.13.1. paid Maternity Leave;
1.22.13.2. paid Partner Leave (Primary Carer);
1.22.13.3. paid Adoption, Surrogacy, Permanent Care Leave; or
1.22.13.4. paid Concurrent Partner Leave.

1.22.14. Paid Maternity Leave

An Employee (excluding one engaged in Casual employment) who gives birth to a child and is the primary care giver is entitled to:

1.22.14.1. 14 weeks' leave on full pay where the Employee has completed 12 continuous months' service as at the expected date of birth; or
1.22.14.2. 24 weeks' leave on full pay where the Employee has completed five continuous years' service as at the expected date of birth; or
1.22.14.3. upon receipt of a medical certificate, an Employee eligible to receive paid leave set out in this clause 1.22.14, may access up to 14 weeks' paid leave for any absence resulting from one of the following circumstances:

(a) the pregnancy terminates within 20 weeks of the expected date of birth; or
(b) stillbirth (including death of a baby during labour or birth).

1.22.14.4. Where an Employee commences paid Maternity Leave (as contemplated at this clause 1.22.14) and the child passes away during this period, the Employee continues to receive the full entitlement set out at this clause 1.22.14. Further, in such circumstances and at its discretion, the University will consider requests to extend periods of paid Maternity Leave on compassionate grounds.

1.22.15. Paid Partner Leave (Primary Carer)

An Employee (excluding one engaged in Casual employment) who is the primary care giver for a new born child is entitled to:
1.22.15.1. 14 weeks' leave on full pay where the Employee has completed 12 continuous months' service as at the expected date of birth; or,

1.22.15.2. 24 weeks' leave on full pay where the Employee has completed five continuous years' service as at the expected date of birth.

1.22.15.3. An Employee may elect to take one week paid leave on the birth of the child and the remaining paid leave as a subsequent period of continuous leave within the initial 52 week period of eligible unpaid leave.

1.22.15.4. An Employee who applied for leave in accordance with this clause 1.22.15 may access one week paid Concurrent Partner Leave in the circumstance of a stillbirth (including death of a baby during labour or birth). Further, in such circumstances and at its discretion, the University will consider requests to extend periods of paid Partner Leave (Primary Carer) on compassionate grounds.

1.22.16. **Paid Adoption, Surrogacy & Permanent Care Leave**

An Employee (excluding one engaged in Casual employment) who is the primary carer for a new born child born through a surrogacy arrangement, or is the primary carer for a child placed with them for the purpose of adoption or permanent care is entitled to:

1.22.16.1. 14 weeks' leave on full pay where the Employee has completed 12 continuous months' service as at the expected date of birth or as at the date of placement (in the circumstances of adoption leave or permanent care leave); or

1.22.16.2. 24 weeks' leave on full pay where the Employee had completed five continuous years' service as at the expected date of birth.

1.22.17. **Paid Concurrent Partner Leave**

1.22.17.1. An Employee (excluding one engaged in Casual employment) who is not the primary care giver and is eligible for unpaid concurrent leave in accordance with the NES is entitled to be absent for five of those days as Concurrent Partner Leave on full pay at the time of the child's birth or placement where the Employee:

(a) has not taken leave set out at clauses 1.22.14, 1.22.15 and 1.22.16 at the time of the birth or placement; and,

(b) does not intend to take leave set out at clauses 1.22.14, 1.22.15 and 1.22.16.

1.22.17.2. An Employee may access paid Concurrent Partner Leave in the circumstance of a stillbirth (including death of a baby during labour or birth). Further, in such circumstances and at its discretion, the University will consider requests to extend periods of paid Concurrent Partner Leave on compassionate grounds.

1.22.18. An Employee must return to work from Parental Leave to be eligible for a subsequent period of paid Parental Leave.

1.22.19. At the request of the Employee and upon approval by the University, the Employee may take paid leave set out at clauses 1.22.14, 1.22.15 and 1.22.16:
(a) at half pay for double the duration of the full paid period set out in the respective clauses;
(b) for a continuous period of absence within the initial 52 week period of eligible unpaid leave.

For the purpose of clause 1.22.19, leave will accrue pro rata to half pay.

1.22.20. Keeping in Touch Days

Keeping in touch days set out at section 79A of the FW Act are separate and paid in addition to paid Parental Leave set out in this clause 1.22.

1.22.21. Retention Benefit

1.22.21.1. The University provides Employees returning from Parental Leave set out at clauses 1.22.14, 1.22.15 and 1.22.16 with a non-superannuable retention benefit as financial assistance to return to the University following their period of leave and to assist with the financial transition with returning to work.

1.22.21.2. The retention benefit is provided as either:

(a) a one-off lump sum payment equivalent to 12 weeks' pay, calculated on the Employee's base salary paid on return from Parental Leave; or

(b) 12 weeks of paid absence to be utilised during the period of unpaid Parental Leave at clauses 1.22.14, 1.22.15 and 1.22.16 where the payment does not extend the period of Parental Leave; or

(c) a combination of (a) and (b) above up to an equivalent 12 weeks' pay.

1.22.21.3. The retention benefit will be provided where the Employee:

(a) applies for the:
   i. paid leave no less than four weeks prior to the end of the Parental Leave; or
   ii. payment within four weeks of returning from Parental Leave; and

(b) provides the University with written commitment to continue working with the University for a period in excess of 12 months from the date that the Employee returns from Parental Leave.

1.22.21.4. Where the Employee resigns or is dismissed within 12 months of returning from Parental Leave, the Employee will repay the nett amount of the retention benefit either through payroll deductions or another form of repayment as agreed with the Employee and University.

1.22.22. Flexible Working Arrangements for Parents

1.22.22.1. Where an Employee is the parent of a child under school age or the parent of a child who is under the age of 18 years and has a disability, or is otherwise eligible under the NES, the Employee may, in accordance with the NES, request a change in working arrangements to assist in caring for the child.

1.22.22.2. All other matters pertaining to Parental Leave not covered in this clause 1.22 will be applied in accordance with the NES.
1.23. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT**

1.23.1. The University is committed to supporting Employees experiencing domestic violence (also referred to as family violence).

1.23.2. Where an Employee is experiencing domestic violence, which is adversely affecting their health, wellbeing, attendance or performance, the University will support the Employee through one or more of the following issues based on the Employee's particular circumstances:

1.23.2.1. approved flexible work arrangements;

1.23.2.2. approved modified duties and responsibilities;

1.23.2.3. the provision of approved paid leave of absence per occasion (which includes the payment of scheduled casual hours where the individual advises the University they cannot or could not attend work due to matters arising from domestic violence) or, where paid leave of absence is not approved, up to five days of unpaid leave of absence per annum.

1.23.2.4. counselling and other appropriate occupational health and safety support; and

1.23.2.5. any other appropriate support as required.

1.23.3. Where the University considers it necessary, the Employee may be required to provide evidentiary material in support for a leave of absence request. All personal information concerning domestic violence attained by the University as part of this process will be kept confidential in accordance with relevant legislation and University Policy and having regard to the University's overriding obligations to protect the wellbeing of the Employee.

1.24. **LEAVE FOR AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EMPLOYEES**

1.24.1. The University acknowledges the kinship system as a feature of Indigenous social organisation and family relationships that determines how individuals relate to each other and their Indigenous cultural and societal roles, responsibilities and obligations in relation to one another, ceremonial business and land (Kinship).

1.24.2. An Indigenous Employee who is fulfilling Indigenous cultural responsibilities and is required to be absent from work for the purpose of attending NAIDOC, community, cultural or ceremonial activities is entitled to five days of paid leave per calendar year (pro-rated for part years of service and non-cumulative). The University will, at its discretion, consider and where warranted approve requests for additional paid leave in excess of the five paid days set out above as and where the need arises.

1.24.3. For Indigenous Employees, “immediate family” extends to Kinship for the purpose of Carer's Leave or Compassionate Leave.

1.24.4. For the purpose of the Agreement “Indigenous” means a person of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.

1.25. **COMMUNITY SERVICE LEAVE**

1.25.1. An Employee who engages in an eligible community service activity is entitled to be absent from their employment, without loss of pay:
1.25.1.1. for a period if the period consists of one or more of the following:
(a) time when the Employee engages in the activity;
(b) reasonable travelling time associated with the activity;
(c) reasonable rest time immediately following the activity; and
1.25.1.2. unless the activity is jury service—the Employee’s absence is reasonable in all of the circumstances.

1.25.2. An eligible community service activity is defined in the FW Act as a:
1.25.2.1. Voluntary Emergency Management Activity; or,
1.25.2.2. jury service as outlined below.

1.25.3. A Voluntary Emergency Management Activity is defined in the FW Act.

1.25.4. An Employee seeking to take Community Service Leave must give the University notice of their absence.

1.25.5. The notice:
1.25.5.1. must be given to the University as soon as practicable (which may be a time after the absence has started); and
1.25.5.2. must advise the University of the period, or expected period, of the absence.

1.25.6. An Employee who has given the University notice of an absence under clause 1.25.5 must, if required by the University, provide evidence that would satisfy a reasonable person that the absence is because the Employee has been or will be engaging in an eligible community service activity.

1.25.7. Employees (excluding those in Casual employment) required to attend for jury service during their ordinary working hours will be reimbursed by the University of an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid by the State in respect of their attendance for such jury service and the amount they would have received for working ordinary hours had they not been on jury service.

1.25.8. An Employee will notify the University as soon as possible of the date upon which he or she is required to attend for jury service.

1.25.9. An Employee must provide the University proof of attendance, the duration of such attendance and the amount received from the State in respect of jury service.

1.26. PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE – BLOOD DONATION
An Employee is entitled to paid leave at a mutually agreed time during normal working hours to donate blood at a recognised clinic.

1.27. PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE – STUDY
An Employee undertaking studies approved by the University will be entitled to paid leave at a mutually agreed time during ordinary working hours to attend course examinations.
1.28. **LEAVE WITHOUT PAY**

1.28.1. An Employee engaged in Continuing employment may request, and the University may approve at its discretion, leave without pay.

1.28.2. An Employee does not accrue leave entitlements during a period of leave without pay unless required by law.

1.28.3. Leave without pay for the purpose of this clause 1.28, is not unpaid Personal Leave, unpaid Carer’s Leave, unpaid absence due to injury or illness or unpaid Parental Leave.

1.29. **WORKERS’ COMPENSATION MAKE-UP PAY**

1.29.1. An Employee who is absent from work on account of a workplace injury or illness (Injury) arising out of an accepted workers’ compensation claim (Claim) will be paid make-up pay by the University. Injury for the purpose of this clause is the same meaning as that given in the *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013* (Vic).

1.29.2. Make-up pay will not exceed a continuous period of 52 weeks or an aggregate of 52 weeks in respect of any one Injury. Irrespective of the number of Claims, there will only be one applicable make-up pay per relevant pay period.

1.29.3. For periods where the Employee is eligible to receive workers’ compensation payments, an Employee will be paid the difference between:

1.29.3.1. the base salary applicable at the time of injury (excluding any payment for overtime, shift premiums, special rates or travelling allowance or incidental expenses or any payment of a temporary character such as reimbursement of expenditure incurred); and

1.29.3.2. the proportion of Pre-injury Average Weekly Earnings (PIAWE) payable to the Employee.

1.29.4. Where the PIAWE result in the applicable compensation being a higher amount than the Employee’s base salary at the time of injury, the Employee will not receive any additional payment; however, this still counts towards the 52 week period.

1.29.5. Make-up pay will be provided without reduction of the Employee’s Personal Leave entitlement while the Employee is entitled to workers’ compensation payments.

1.29.6. It is a condition of make-up pay that the Employee:

1.29.6.1. actively participates in appropriate and reasonable rehabilitation and return to work processes; and

1.29.6.2. attends medical examinations where required.

1.29.7. All other workers’ compensation matters are address in accordance with the *Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013* (Vic) or other applicable State legislation.

1.30. **FITNESS FOR WORK**

1.30.1. The University may direct an Employee to either not attend or to leave the workplace where the University has a reasonable concern about an Employee’s health and wellbeing or fitness for work, to the extent that the Employee’s
presence or continued presence at work constitutes an imminent risk of harm or injury to themselves or others, or may seriously disrupt University operations.

1.30.2. In circumstances set out above, an Employee will be paid for the day they are directed not to attend or leave the workplace. Subsequent days absent will be in accordance with the applicable paid or unpaid Personal Leave provisions.

1.30.3. Where the University has a genuine concern that an Employee may not be able to perform the inherent requirements of their job safely, and where it is reasonable to do so, the University may request the Employee to undertake an independent medical examination.

1.30.4. The scope of independent medical examinations commissioned under this clause is solely to test whether the Employee is able to perform the inherent requirements of their job.

1.30.5. Prior to commissioning of an independent medical examination, the following information will be provided to the Employee:

1.30.5.1. the basis on which the independent medical examination is sought;
1.30.5.2. the questions the medical practitioner will be asked to address; and
1.30.5.3. any supporting information being provided to the medical practitioner.

1.30.6. The Employee will be provided a copy of the independent medical examination report. The report will only be used by the University and Employee for its intended purpose and will remain confidential.

1.30.7. Where an Employee declares they are fit to return to work and the University requires an independent medical examination prior to return to work, the Employee's Personal Leave will be re-credited for the period from the Employee's declaration to the issuing of the independent medical examination on occasion where the examination determined the Employee was fit for work.

1.30.8. The cost of any independent medical examination commissioned under this clause will be paid by the University.

1.31. PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

1.31.1. Employees are expected to actively and constructively participate in performance assessment, training and professional development activities as and when required by the University.

1.31.2. Matters relating to performance assessment, training and professional development are addressed through University Policy and do not form part of and are separate to this Agreement.

1.31.3. Notwithstanding clause 1.31.2, an Employee may raise a grievance at clause 1.38 on matters pertaining to procedural fairness of a performance assessment process where there is a basis to consider that:

1.31.3.1. performance requirements and objectives set by the University are inconsistent with the:

(a) agreed workload;
(b) classification;
(c) responsibilities;
(d) skill;
(e) competence; or
(f) expertise required of the position; or

1.31.3.2. assessment of performance was not consistent or transparent against:
(a) the expectations and objectives of the position; or
(b) extraneous factors beyond the control of the Employee.

1.31.4. Nothing in this clause 1.31, constrains the University from also assessing, through a performance assessment process, an Employee’s usual workplace behaviours and conduct.

1.31.5. Where an Employee’s indigeneity is an inherent requirement of their employment, the Employee may request an Indigenous colleague who is sufficiently qualified to provide guidance and insight to ensure the Employee’s indigeneity is appropriately addressed when:

1.31.5.1. establishing key performance measures;
1.31.5.2. assessing performance; or
1.31.5.3. developing training and development programmes.

1.32. PROBATION

1.32.1. With the exception of Casual Employees who are employed by the hour, employment with the University is subject to a period of probation which must not exceed:

1.32.1.1. 12 weeks from the Employee’s commencement date for employment with a duration of less than one year (inclusive of any breaks in service); or
1.32.1.2. 26 weeks from the Employee’s commencement date for employment with a duration of one year or greater (inclusive of any breaks in service).

1.32.2. Employment may be terminated by either Party during the period of probation by giving one week’s written notice.

1.32.3. Any subsequent employment with the University where the role, duties or responsibilities are substantially the same will not require a probationary period.

1.33. ADDRESSING POOR PERFORMANCE & MISCONDUCT - GENERAL TERMS

1.33.1. In circumstances of alleged poor performance or misconduct, the University will:

1.33.1.1. provide the Employee with the reason for raising concern with the Employee’s performance and/or conduct (including where relevant its effect on the health and safety of other Employees or the community);
1.33.1.2. ensure the Employee is provided an opportunity to respond to any reason provided by the University supporting its concern regarding an Employee’s performance or conduct;
1.33.1.3. ensure the Employee is provided opportunity to have a support person or nominated representative present in any discussions; and
1.33.1.4. where appropriate, support the Employee to meet the expected standard.

1.33.2. An Employee may be assisted by a support person or nominated representative other than a practising lawyer, legal counsel or University Employee employed in the Employee’s faculty or administrative business division where a conflict of interest exists. For the purpose of this clause 1.33, “be assisted by a support person or nominated representative” does not displace or interfere with direct interaction between the Employee and the University when attempting to resolve disputed matters.

1.33.3. Nothing in clauses 1.33, 1.34 and 1.35 prevents the University from assessing and acting on an Employee’s overall or repeated pattern of behaviour, whether construed as either misconduct or poor performance.

1.33.4. Clauses 1.33, 1.34 and 1.35 apply to all Employees except those in Casual employment.

1.33.5. An Employee is required to actively participate in the processes set out in this clause. An Employee who is absent from work may be required to participate without attending the workplace, unless there is medical advice expressly stating the reasons why the Employee cannot participate.

1.34. MANAGEMENT OF UNSATISFACTORY WORK PERFORMANCE

1.34.1. The purpose of this clause is to:

1.34.1.1. provide a procedurally fair framework to identify and address Unsatisfactory Work Performance;

1.34.1.2. support Employees with Unsatisfactory Work Performance to enable them to improve their performance to the required standard; and

1.34.1.3. ensure that Unsatisfactory Work Performance is addressed expeditiously.

1.34.2. An Employee’s work performance is unsatisfactory where the Employee substantively fails to perform duties or deliver outcomes to the standards, responsibilities or reasonable expectations commensurate with the nature, purpose and classification of their position (Unsatisfactory Work Performance).

1.34.3. Where the Unsatisfactory Work Performance falls within the meaning of misconduct in accordance with clause 1.35, any documented processes or action arising from the process under this clause 1.34 may also be considered in the process set out at clause 1.35.

1.34.4. Prior to any formal discussions regarding performance, the University will, where appropriate, endeavour to assist the Employee to improve their performance through the following interventions:

1.34.4.1. increased supervision;

1.34.4.2. changes to work arrangements;

1.34.4.3. mentoring;

1.34.4.4. coaching;

1.34.4.5. training and professional development;
1.34.4.6. increased feedback; or
1.34.4.7. other actions discussed with the Employee.

1.34.5. Before commencing formal Unsatisfactory Work Performance processes, the University will:

1.34.5.1. be satisfied that appropriate informal attempts to address an Employee's Unsatisfactory Work Performance have been unsuccessful;
1.34.5.2. advise the Employee of the purpose of the meeting;
1.34.5.3. provide the Employee with prior opportunity to seek advice on the Unsatisfactory Work Performance process;
1.34.5.4. allow the Employee the opportunity to provide details of any personal factors pertinent to the matter;
1.34.5.5. consider any organisational or personal factors that contribute to the Employee's Unsatisfactory Work Performance; and
1.34.5.6. consider alternatives to the Unsatisfactory Work Performance process to address the matter.

1.34.6. Where the University and Employee agree that the Employee is not capable of meeting the required level of performance the University may, at its discretion, transfer the Employee to a suitable alternative position. Salary will be maintained for transfers to a lower classification for a period equivalent to the notice period that the Employee would be entitled to upon termination of their employment by the University.

1.34.7. Formal counselling

1.34.7.1. Formal management of Unsatisfactory Work Performance commences with the Employee receiving formal counselling. The University will:

(a) advise the Employee of the Unsatisfactory Work Performance and confirm the commencement of the formal counselling stage;
(b) outline the standard required of the Employee;
(c) provide the Employee with an opportunity to respond within a reasonable timeframe; and
(d) provide the Employee with an opportunity to address concerns regarding Unsatisfactory Work Performance within a reasonable timeframe.

1.34.7.2. The Employee will be advised of the consequences of not improving their performance within a reasonable period of time and of engaging in any further Unsatisfactory Work Performance.

1.34.7.3. If the University determines that the Employee has met the required standard of performance within the timeframe set by the University to review the performance (Review Period), the University will advise the Employee that:

(a) they have satisfied the performance improvement requirements; and
(b) no further action will be taken by the University unless the Employee engages in continued or repeated Unsatisfactory Work Performance, in
which case the formal Unsatisfactory Work Performance process may continue to the next stage.

1.34.8. Formal written warning

1.34.8.1. The Employee will be given a copy of the formal written warning by the University, if one or both of the following occur:

(a) the Employee's performance has not improved within the Review Period following formal counselling;

(b) the Employee engages in further Unsatisfactory Work Performance which need not be the same as the Unsatisfactory Work Performance previously discussed and noted in the formal counselling.

1.34.8.2. The University will:

(a) advise the Employee of the Unsatisfactory Work Performance;

(b) outline the standard required of the Employee;

(c) provide the Employee with an opportunity to respond within a reasonable timeframe; and

(d) provide the Employee with an opportunity to improve their performance within the Review Period.

1.34.8.3. The formal written warning will set out:

(a) the standard expected of the Employee;

(b) where and how the Employee is not meeting this standard; and

(c) the consequences if the Employee fails to improve their performance including continued or repeated Unsatisfactory Work Performance may result in further disciplinary action including the termination of the Employee's employment.

1.34.8.4. If the University determines that the Employee has met the required standard of performance within the Review Period, the University will advise the Employee that:

(a) the Employee satisfied the performance improvement requirements; and

(b) no further action will be taken by the Employer unless the Employee engages in continued or repeated Unsatisfactory Work Performance, in which case the formal Unsatisfactory Work Performance process may continue to the next stage.

1.34.9. Final written warning

1.34.9.1. The Employee will be given a copy of the final written warning by the University if one or both of the following occur:

(a) the Employee's performance has not improved within the reasonable time period following receipt of a formal written warning;

(b) the Employee engages in further Unsatisfactory Work Performance which need not replicate the Unsatisfactory Work Performance previously discussed and noted in the formal written warning.

1.34.9.2. The University will:
(a) advise the Employee of the Unsatisfactory Work Performance;
(b) outline the standard required of the Employee;
(c) provide the Employee with an opportunity to respond within a reasonable timeframe; and
(d) provide the Employee with an opportunity to improve their performance within the Review Period.

1.34.9.3. The final written warning will set out:
(a) the standard expected of the Employee;
(b) where and how the Employee is not meeting this standard; and
(c) the consequences if the Employee fails to improve their performance including that continued or repeated Unsatisfactory Work Performance may result in further disciplinary action including the termination of the Employee’s employment.

1.34.9.4. The University may issue an Employee with a written final warning without prior formal counselling or without a previous written warning where the Employee’s performance causes, or has potential to cause, serious and imminent risk to:
(a) the health or safety of a person; or
(b) the reputation, viability or finances of the University.

1.34.9.5. A final written warning will not be removed from the Employee’s personnel file. However, if the University determines that the Employee has met the required standard of performance within the Review Period, the University will advise the Employee that:
(a) the Employee satisfied the performance improvement requirements; and
(b) no further action will be taken by the University unless the Employee engages in continued or repeated Unsatisfactory Work Performance, in which case the formal Unsatisfactory Work Performance process may continue to the next stage.

1.34.9.6. In the event that the Employee’s performance has not improved within the Review Period following the receipt of a final written warning the University will advise the Employee of the Employee’s continued or repeated Unsatisfactory Work Performance and provide the Employee with a reasonable opportunity to respond.

1.34.9.7. The University will determine the action to apply to the Employee arising from the Unsatisfactory Work Performance following consideration of:
(a) the effect of the Employee’s performance proportionate to the proposed action;
(b) the Employee’s supplementary response and explanation (if provided); and,
(c) organisational or personal factors that may have contributed to the Employee’s Unsatisfactory Work Performance.
1.34.9.8. The potential outcomes are:

(a) assignment of the Employee, with or without their agreement, to a role at a classification level lower than the Employee's current classification level without maintaining the salary of the current classification (Demotion);

(b) termination of the Employee's employment with notice;

(c) withholding progression to the next salary increment for a specified period of time;

(d) removal or reduction of remuneration provided at the discretion of the University in excess of the Agreement; or

(e) rescission of any benefit in kind provided by the University at its discretion in excess of the Agreement.

1.34.9.9. The University will advise the Employee of the Unsatisfactory Work Performance outcome in writing.

1.35. MANAGEMENT OF MISCONDUCT
1.35.1. For the purposes of this clause, misconduct includes:

1.35.1.1. a contravention of a provision of any relevant law, University statute or regulation, the Agreement or University Policy;

1.35.1.2. a contravention of a lawful direction given to the Employee by an authorised Employee of the University;

1.35.1.3. negligent, careless or incompetent discharge of an Employee's duties or responsibilities;

1.35.1.4. repeated conduct or performance that has been subject to prior action under this clause 1.35; and

1.35.1.5. for Academics (as defined in Division 2 of the Agreement) falsification, plagiarism or deception in proposing, carrying out or reporting the results of research, including the improper appropriation of the intellectual property and contributions of others; failure to declare or manage a serious conflict of interest, and the wilful concealment or facilitation of research misconduct by others (Research Misconduct).

1.35.2. For the purpose of this clause, serious misconduct is:

1.35.2.1. wilful and deliberate behaviour which results in a serious contravention of the kind set out above at clause 1.35.1;

1.35.2.2. persistent or repeated instances of misconduct which results in a serious contravention of the kind set out at clause 1.35.1; or

1.35.2.3. serious misconduct that falls within the definition of that term as set out in the FW Act or the regulations to that Act.

1.35.3. For Academics (as defined in Division 2 of the Agreement), misconduct and serious misconduct does not include conduct by an Academic that complies with the principles of Academic Freedom of Expression, as set out separately in University Policy.
1.35.4. Following initial assessment by the University of the facts and circumstance informing its view of an Employee’s purported misconduct, the University will:

1.35.4.1. provide written advice to the Employee of the purported misconduct, setting out the rationale for the University’s view;

1.35.4.2. provide any material in support of the University’s view;

1.35.4.3. with the exception of 1.35.4.4 below, where the Employee denies the purported misconduct, assign an individual, who has no prior involvement in the matter (Reviewer), to conduct an impartial review of the purported misconduct (Review);

1.35.4.4. for Academics (as defined in Division 2 of the Agreement), review purported research misconduct consistent with the processes set out in the Commonwealth Government Australian Code For The Responsible Conduct of Research (as amended or its successor) and its associated procedures;

1.35.4.5. provide the Employee with opportunity to seek advice and prepare their response to the purported misconduct;

1.35.4.6. allow the Employee the opportunity of at least five working days to provide the Reviewer (either in person or in writing) with their response and explanation of the purported misconduct including details of any personal and other mitigating factors relevant to the apparent misconduct;

1.35.4.7. for the purpose of 1.35.4.6 above, an extension of time may be granted by the University to satisfy procedural fairness;

1.35.4.8. if required, provide opportunity for the Reviewer to interview other relevant individuals;

1.35.4.9. provide opportunity for the Reviewer to collect further information emerging from the Review;

1.35.4.10. receive a report from the Reviewer containing the Employee's response and explanation and any new information or material relevant to the purported misconduct which had not been considered at the initial assessment.

1.35.5. After Review, where the University determines that misconduct or serious misconduct has taken place, it will assess the misconduct or serious misconduct by the Employee and determine the action set out at clause 1.35.6 following consideration of:

1.35.5.1. the seriousness of the matter proportionate to the proposed action;

1.35.5.2. any new information and any mitigating factors emerging from the review.

1.35.6. The University may take one or more of the following actions:

1.35.6.1. no action;

1.35.6.2. formal counselling;

1.35.6.3. formal written warning;

1.35.6.4. final written warning;
1.35.6.5. training and development;
1.35.6.6. transfer to an alternative position with or without the Employee's consent;
1.35.6.7. Demotion;
1.35.6.8. in the case of serious misconduct, termination of employment;
(a) with notice; or
(b) without notice.

1.35.7. Where an initial assessment finds sufficient basis for the University to determine that an Employee engaged in serious misconduct that, if substantiated, renders continued employment untenable:

1.35.7.1. the University may suspend the Employee without pay for the duration of the Review and determination by the University of any actions arising;
1.35.7.2. where the Employee refutes purported serious misconduct set out at this clause 1.35.7 the Parties agree to expedite the Review contemplated at clause 1.35.4, with the Dispute Committee referred to at clause 1.38.8 as the Reviewer;
1.35.7.3. on occasion where the Employee refuses to participate in the Review when directed by the University, the University may conclude the Review and determine the appropriate action; and
1.35.7.4. where the University determines termination is not warranted, reinstate lost earnings incurred for the period of suspension without pay.

1.35.8. Following initial assessment by the University of the facts and circumstance informing its view of an Employee's apparent misconduct, the University may also:

1.35.8.1. direct the Employee to perform alternative duties or work at an alternative place of work during the Review; or
1.35.8.2. suspend the Employee on pay.

1.35.9. The Employee will be advised both in person and in writing of the University's decision regarding the misconduct or serious misconduct and the subsequent action that the University intends to take. The Employee will be provided a further 24 hours to provide new personal or mitigating information not provided at the Review for final consideration by the University.

1.35.10. In addition to clause 1.35.7, an Employee may initiate a dispute at clause 1.38.8 in relation to the University's intended action contemplated at clauses 1.35.6.7 and 1.35.6.8.

1.36. CONSULTATION ON WORKPLACE CHANGE

1.36.1. Where appropriate as contemplated at clause 1.36.4, the University will informally engage with relevant stakeholders to inform the development of a change proposal.
1.36.2. Where the University has developed a proposal for major change that is likely to have a significant effect on Employees, the University will consult with the
Employees likely to be directly affected by the change, the relevant Union and any other affected Employee's nominated representative.

1.36.3. For the purpose of this clause 1.36:

1.36.3.1. "consultation" means the full, meaningful and forthright discussion of issues/proposals in good faith and the consideration of each party’s views, prior to the implementation of a decision by the University;

1.36.3.2. "major change" refers to major change in the University’s operations, programme of work, organisation, structure or technology that is likely to have significant effect on employment; and where,

1.36.3.3. "significant effect" refers to multiple redundancies or a single redundancy that might have a flow-on effect on a number of positions; major changes in composition, operation or size of the University’s workforce (that are not variations typical to the normal day to day operations of the University) or in the skills required; the elimination or diminution of job opportunities, promotion opportunities or job tenure; the alteration of hours of work; the need for retraining and the restructuring of jobs.

1.36.4. For the purpose of this clause 1.36, the University is not required to disclose confidential information which would be contrary to the University’s interests. The Parties agree not to seek disclosure of such information by any alternative means for the purpose of consultation.

1.36.5. For the purpose of this clause 1.36, the University will give genuine consideration to, and take into account, the views of Employees and relevant Unions and other relevant stakeholders to inform and influence the University’s decision. Consultation will also provide a genuine opportunity for the Parties to influence the proposed major change prior to implementation. Nothing in this clause 1.36 gives the Employee, relevant Union and any other nominated representative a right to joint decision making.

1.36.6. Consultation as contemplated in this clause 1.36 is not required in respect of changes expressly provided for in this Agreement.

1.36.7. This Agreement has no effect or coverage on the University’s decision making or implementation of a decision and nothing in this Agreement blocks, impedes or interferes with the University’s decision making or implementation of a decision.

1.36.8. Where consultation is required under this clause 1.36, the University will discuss with the Employees directly affected by the major change, with the relevant Union or any other affected Employee’s nominated representatives:

1.36.8.1. the anticipated significant effect that the change is likely to have on Employees;

1.36.8.2. measures to avert or mitigate any adverse effect of the change on the Employees; and,

1.36.8.3. matters raised by the Employees or their representatives in relation to the effect of the change.

1.36.9. To assist consultation under this clause 1.36, the University will provide in writing to the Employees concerned, the relevant Union or any other nominated representatives:
1.36.9.1. all relevant information about the change including the nature of the change proposed;

1.36.9.2. the expected effect of the change on Employees and any other matters likely to affect Employees.

1.36.10. Unless contrary to the University's statutory, financial or operational requirements, consultation under this clause 1.36 is for a four-week period or as otherwise agreed between the University, directly affected Employees, the relevant Union or any other Employee's nominated representatives. Agreement for the purposes of this clause 1.36.10 will not be unreasonably withheld.

1.37. CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO REGULAR ROSTER OR ORDINARY HOURS OF WORK

1.37.1. Where applicable, if the University proposes to introduce a change to an Employee's regular roster or ordinary hours of work, the University must, as soon as possible after proposing to introduce the change, provide information to the Employee (including, where relevant, the Employee's representative) about the change, and invite the Employee to give their views about the impact of the change (including any impact in relation to their family or caring responsibilities) and consider any views given by the Employee about the impact of the change.

1.38. GRIEVANCE AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURE

1.38.1. The grievance and dispute settlement procedures (Dispute Procedure) apply to employment grievances and disputes arising from the application of this Agreement and the relevant provisions of the NES.

1.38.2. The Dispute Procedure also applies to employment grievances and disputes that do not arise from the application of this Agreement or the relevant provisions of the NES with exception to referral to the FWC at clause 1.38.9.1(b) and 1.38.9.2.

1.38.3. Grievances and disputes regarding alleged non-compliance by the University with processes set out in the Agreement (including matters of procedural fairness) when coming to a decision may be brought under this Dispute Procedure but not grievances or disputes about the decision itself.

1.38.4. The following are not covered by the Dispute Procedure:

1.38.4.1. occupational health and safety matters not addressed in the Agreement; and

1.38.4.2. the formation, amendment or rescission of University Policy that accord with the terms of the Agreement.

1.38.5. With the exception of matters referred to the FWC in accordance with clause 1.38.9, an Employee may be assisted by a support person or nominated representative other than a practising lawyer, legal counsel or University Employee employed in the Employee's faculty or administrative business division where a conflict of interest exists. For the purpose of this clause 1.38.5, "be assisted by a support person or nominated representative" does not displace or interfere with direct interaction between the Employee and the University when attempting to resolve disputed matters.
1.38.6. The parties will genuinely attempt to resolve grievances and disputes at the workplace in good faith and in confidence. Where possible, grievances should, in the first instance, be dealt with locally, impartially, efficiently and informally.

1.38.7. Dispute Procedure

1.38.7.1. Where a grievance or dispute (excluding disputed matters set out at clause 1.38.8) arises between an Employee and the University the matter will first be discussed between the Employee concerned and their immediate supervisor.

1.38.7.2. If the grievance or dispute is unable to be resolved within a reasonable timeframe, the matter may be referred to the next level of management.

1.38.7.3. If the grievance or dispute cannot be resolved within a reasonable timeframe at the next level of management, the matter may be referred in writing to the Executive Director, Human Resources & OHS (or delegate).

1.38.7.4. The Union may directly raise a dispute relating to the interpretation, implementation or application of the Agreement or applicable NES provisions which does not relate to a particular Employee in writing with the University through the Executive Director Human Resources & OHS (or delegate).

1.38.7.5. For the purpose of this clause 1.38.7 reference to “a reasonable timeframe” means five working days unless an extension of time is agreed to facilitate resolution of the matter.

1.38.8. Dispute Procedure – Disputed Demotion or Termination of Employment or Academic Non-Confirmation

1.38.8.1. Within five working days of being informed by the University of an intended demotion, termination of employment or for Academics (as defined in Division 2 of the Agreement) Non-Confirmation, an Employee may raise a dispute in writing with the University through the Executive Director, Human Resources & OHS (or delegate) on one or more of the following grounds:

(a) the Employee was not afforded fair treatment;

(b) the intended action by the University is not supported by the evidence; or

(c) the intended action by the University was disproportionate to the circumstances,

(together Disputed Matters).

1.38.8.2. Within the five working days of receiving the dispute the Executive Director, Human Resources & OHS (or delegate) will convene a dispute committee comprising of:

(a) a University Executive appointed to Chair the committee (Chair); and

(b) equal number of University Employees nominated by the University and NTEU; and

(c) for the purpose of (a) above, the Chair will be an individual who has not had previous involvement in the Disputed Matters, has relevant
experience, is impartial and commands the confidence of both University leadership and Employees.

(together Dispute Committee).

1.38.8.3. Members of the Dispute Committee are required to remain impartial and not represent the interests of either the University, the Employee or Union.

1.38.8.4. The Parties agree that Dispute Committee proceedings and deliberations are conducted in confidence, in good faith and without prejudice.

1.38.8.5. The Dispute Committee must:
   (a) act efficiently and in accordance with principles of procedural fairness,
   (b) only consider the matters pertaining to the grounds set out at clause 1.38.8.1;
   (c) take reasonable steps to be fully informed of the particulars pertaining to the Disputed Matters.

1.38.8.6. Parties to the dispute will be entitled to put their respective position and concerns regarding the Disputed Matters to the dispute committee by way of verbal submissions, written submissions and supporting material.

1.38.8.7. The Dispute Committee will report (either collectively or separately) to the University within 10 working days of convening for action, if any, by the University. The Executive Director, Human Resources & OHS (or delegate) may grant an extension of time on the recommendation of the Chair.

1.38.9. Referral to the FWC

1.38.9.1. If the grievance or dispute is unable to be resolved in accordance with clause 1.38.7, a party to the grievance or dispute may apply to FWC:
   (a) for assistance to resolve the grievance or dispute through conciliation;
   (b) to have the matter arbitrated if conciliation is unsuccessful.

1.38.9.2. The decision of the FWC will bind the parties to the dispute, subject to either party exercising a right of appeal in accordance with the FW Act.

1.38.9.3. Disputed Matters dealt with by the Dispute Committee as set out at clause 1.38.8 may not be referred to the FWC.

1.38.10. Continuation of work

1.38.10.1. Notwithstanding the notification of a grievance or dispute in accordance with this clause, work will continue in accordance with the directions of the University (Continuation of Work) until the grievance or dispute is resolved.

1.38.10.2. The exception to 1.38.10.1 above is where Continuation of Work:
   (a) might exacerbate purported health and safety concerns;
   (b) might exacerbate an alleged discrimination complaint;
   (c) might exacerbate an alleged adverse action complaint; or
(d) will result in actions that cannot be wound back and therefore may be prejudicial to the resolution of the Disputed Matter.

1.38.10.3 The Parties acknowledge that continuation of work under this clause 1.38.10 is without prejudice to the resolution of the Disputed Matter.

1.38.11. Disputes pertaining to Academic Freedom of Expression

1.38.11.1 Purported contravention of clauses 2.13.1 and 2.13.4 may be referred to the grievance and dispute settlement procedure as set out at clause 1.38.1.

1.38.11.2 Grievances arising from matters contemplated at clause 2.13.3 may be referred to the grievance and dispute settlement procedure as set out at clause 1.38.8.

1.38.11.3 Pursuant to clause 1.7.1, grievances arising from the application of the University’s Academic Freedom of Expression policy may be referred to the grievance and dispute settlement procedure as set out at clause 1.38.2.

1.38.11.4 Pursuant to clause 1.7.1, nothing in the Agreement confers arbitral powers to the FWC to determine matters relating to the content, composition, interpretation and application of the University’s Academic Freedom of Expression policy; save for determining contraventions at clauses 2.13.1 and 2.13.4.

1.39. UNION REPRESENTATIVES

1.39.1 The Parties acknowledge the NTEU is the primary convener of union matters on site.

1.39.2 Due to the size of the main campus, the University will continue to provide Employees with on-site access to the University Branch of the NTEU by way of:

1.39.2.1 office space located on the Parkville campus;

1.39.2.2 facilities provided to University guests and visitors;

1.39.2.3 unpaid meetings of union members on University premises;

1.39.2.4 reasonable paid meetings for the purpose of briefing members on bargaining or members affected by matters arising from clause 1.36.

1.39.3 The University will continue the practice of informing the University Branch of the NTEU of formal University induction sessions and provide the University Branch of the NTEU with the opportunity to advise new Employees of their services during scheduled breaks in induction sessions.

1.39.4 The University will continue the practice of providing payroll deductions for union membership as and when requested by an Employee. An Employee may cancel the deduction at any time by providing the University with written advice.

1.39.5 An Employee who has been elected as a union representative will be allowed reasonable time during working hours to conduct union business pertaining to the University. For the purpose of this clause, “reasonable time” means a release from usual duties on occasion where such release does not unduly or substantively interfere with the operational requirements of the Employee’s work (Time Release).
1.39.6. For the President and Secretary of the University Branch of the NTEU, Time Release will be no more than 50% of their ordinary weekly working time as and where required.

1.39.7. Employees representing the University Branch of the NTEU at bargaining will be provided Time Release to prepare for bargaining, attend bargaining meetings, or, where required, attend proceeding arising from bargaining.

1.39.8. Subject to operational requirements and provided that the Employee makes application with reasonable notice of no less than 10 days, the University will provide paid leave of absence to Employees:

   1.39.8.1. nominated by the NTEU to the University as authorised union delegates of up to 5 days per annum (non-cumulative) to undertake trade union training, development or related educational activities; or,

   1.39.8.2. elected under NTEU's rules to attend Branch Committee meetings and meetings of State union bodies of which the Employee is a member, and in respect of NTEU National Executive members or members of NTEU's National Council or Committees, to attend meetings of those bodies of up to 5 days per annum (non-cumulative).

1.39.9. The University will, at its discretion, consider and where warranted approve requests for additional paid leave of absence in excess of the leave set out above as and where the need arises.

1.39.10. The University will, at its discretion, consider requests by Employees to attend union training leave with less than 10 days' notice set out at clause 1.39.8 in circumstances where the Employee has been asked to attend training at short notice due to absence.

1.40. REDUNDANCY

1.40.1. Redundancy occurs where the University decides that it no longer requires the Continuing position an Employee has been performing to be done by anyone and this is not due to the ordinary and customary turnover of labour. Including (but not limited to) circumstances where:

   1.40.1.1. the substantive work performed in the position is no longer required by the University;

   1.40.1.2. the University changes the position with the effect of substantially changing the skills, competencies, experience or hours of work required; or

   1.40.1.3. the University decides to reduce the aggregate number of like positions that are surplus to requirements.

1.40.2. Where the University has made a decision to make a position redundant, the University will consult in accordance with clause 1.36 to (amongst other matters arising):

   1.40.2.1. give genuine consideration to reasonable and financially viable actions intended to:

      (a) mitigate the effect of the redundancy (including but not limited to attrition through turnover of labour); or
avoid circumstances where an individual is required to participate in successive redeployment or redundancy processes throughout the life of the Agreement;

1.40.2.2. prior to involuntary separation arising from redundancy, consider and exhaust all reasonable, alternative actions set out below at clause 1.41; and,

1.40.2.3. discuss changes to workload, work practices or work that will no longer be performed arising from the redundancy and keep Employees affected by the change informed of the outcomes arising from the redundancy.

1.40.3. Nothing in clause 1.40.2 prohibits the University from terminating the employment of an Employee as a genuine redundancy.

1.41. REDEPLOYMENT & OTHER ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS

1.41.1. The University will provide an Employee whose position has been made redundant with an opportunity to be considered for an alternative position across the University or an associated entity (Redeployment). Redeployment may be to either a role that is considered on an overall basis by the University to be a “suitable alternative position” or otherwise an “alternative position”.

1.41.2. For the purpose of this clause 1.41 a “suitable alternative position” means a vacant position that:

1.41.2.1. on an overall basis, draws upon the Employee’s skills, competencies and experience without diminishing classification, work capacity, status, salary or equivalent career progression; and

1.41.2.2. does not unreasonably extend the Employee’s usual travel time (together Suitable Alternative Position).

1.41.3. For the purpose of this clause 1.41 an:

1.41.3.1. “alternative position” means any vacant position the Employee elects to accept that does not fall within the meaning of Suitable Alternative Position (Alternative Position); and

1.41.3.2. “alternative Part-Time position” means any vacant Alternative Position which falls within the meaning of Part-Time set out in the Agreement (Alternative Part-time Position).

1.41.4. Where an Employee elects Redeployment to either an Alternative Position of a lower classification or Alternative Part-time Position of a lower classification, the Employee will have their salary maintained (but not the time fraction in the case of Alternative Part-time Position) for a period equivalent to the number of weeks’ severance that the Employee would otherwise receive as part of their Redundancy Pay (Salary Maintenance). On completion of the period of Salary Maintenance, the Employee will be paid the salary at the top of the range for classification applicable to the Alternative Position.

1.41.5. Where an Employee has been given notice that their position is redundant and the University accepts the Employee’s request to end employment prior to the expiry of the notice period, employment will end on a date specified by the University or such other date as agreed between the University and the Employee (Early
Separation). If the termination date is earlier than the end of the Notice Period, the Employee will be paid in lieu of the balance of the notice period. Early Separation initiated by the Employee and acceptance by the University is on the agreed understanding that Early Separation is a genuine redundancy and not a dismissal for the purpose of the FW Act.

1.41.6. In circumstances where Redundancy occurs due to a reduction of like positions contemplated at clause 1.40.1.3 resulting in an internal competitive process for selection to one of the remaining Suitable Alternative Positions, the Employee may elect Early Separation in place of Redeployment in circumstances where Early Separation mitigates the occurrence of involuntary separation.

1.41.7. With exception to 1.41.6 above, the University may direct an Employee to be redeployed to a Suitable Alternative Position but not an Alternative Position. An Employee may not unreasonably decline an offer of redeployment by the University to a Suitable Alternative Position.

1.41.8. An Employee may be redeployed to a Suitable Alternative Position on a temporary basis for a mutually agreed period (Temporary Redeployment). If Redeployment to a Continuing position does not become available during the Temporary Redeployment, the Employee’s employment will terminate on conclusion of the Temporary Redeployment. Redundancy Pay is calculated on the salary and terms applicable to the redundant position.

1.42. NOTIFICATION OF REDUNDANCY

1.42.1. Where the University has determined that an Employee’s position is redundant, the University will advise the Employee in writing that:

1.42.1.1. the position is redundant;

1.42.1.2. the University will endeavour to redeploy the Employee to a suitable alternative position; and

1.42.1.3. if Redeployment is unsuccessful, employment may be terminated due to redundancy.

1.42.2. An Employee will be provided with a minimum of eight weeks’ notice of the date their employment will terminate if Redeployment is unsuccessful. Where an Employee requests Early Separation within the notice period at this clause 1.42.2, the University will pay the Employee in lieu of the remaining balance of the notice period and Redundancy Pay calculated as at the Employee’s final date of employment as agreed between the University and Employee.

1.43. ABANDONMENT OF EMPLOYMENT

1.43.1. The University is entitled to treat an Employee as having terminated their employment with the University at their initiative where the Employee is absent for more than 40 consecutive working days in circumstances where:

1.43.1.1. the absence has not been authorised by the University;

1.43.1.2. the Employee has not contacted the University to provide an explanation for their absence; and

1.43.1.3. after due inquiry, the University could not reasonably have been aware of any proper grounds for the Employee’s absence.
1.44. MEDICAL RETIREMENT

1.44.1. Where an Employee is absent from work due to illness, injury or impairment, and it is apparent to the University that the Employee is no longer able to perform the inherent requirements of their position, the University may:

1.44.1.1. seek the Employee's consent to contact the Employee's treating practitioner to provide a report (at the University's cost) in relation to the Employee's capacity to return to work within 12 months of the assessment; or

1.44.1.2. require the Employee following reasonable notice to have their medical capacity to return to work within 12 months assessed by an independent medical examination at the University's cost, (together Assessment).

1.44.2. Where the University determines, based on the advice sought at clause 1.44.1, that the Employee does not have capacity to perform the inherent requirements their position within twelve months from the date of Assessment at clause 1.44.1, the University may:

1.44.2.1. through agreement with the Employee, consider alternative positions of reduced hours and lower classification and pay to accommodate the Employee's work restriction – if such a position is available; or

1.44.2.2. provide the Employee with six months' written notice of the day of termination due to medical retirement (Medical Retirement).

1.44.2.3. Within 5 working days of receiving notice of Medical Retirement, the Employee may request a review by an independent Medical Panel (Medical Panel).

1.44.3. The Medical Panel will comprise of three appropriately qualified medical practitioners who have no prior involvement in the matter and who are selected through an appropriate authority.

1.44.4. The six months period of notice will continue during the Medical Panel review and the Medical Panel is required to provide its findings no less than 20 working days prior to the date of termination. Employment will not be terminated for reason of Medical Retirement by the University prior to Medical Panel confirming the Assessment.

1.44.5. The University will pay costs incurred for convening the Medical Panel.

1.44.6. The University will consider the findings of the Medical Panel in reviewing actions arising from clause 1.44.2.

1.44.7. Where an Employee demonstrates they have made application to their private provider for a permanent disability or temporary incapacity claim, the University will defer the Medical Retirement until the claim has been finalised. The deferral has no effect on the decision by University in relation to Medical Retirement and the Employee will be placed on leave without pay from that date of Medical Retirement at clause 1.44.2 if the claim remains pending.
Division 2 – Academic Terms

2.1. DIVISION 2 ARRANGEMENT

2.2. SCOPE OF DIVISION 2

2.2.1. Division 2 of the Agreement applies only to Employees who are employed to perform work in the classifications set out below at clause 2.2.3 and who do not hold Executive Roles (Academics).

2.2.2. For the purpose of this Agreement:

2.2.2.1. "Non-Executive Academic roles" are those positions set out at 2.14.2 as the "Occupational Equivalent" for each appropriate MSAL but exclude those individuals engaged in a position which falls within the definition of Executive Roles set out below.

2.2.2.2. "Executive Roles" means:

(a) the position of Vice-Chancellor, Provost, Deputy Provost, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Dean or equivalent howsoever called; or

(b) academic roles which report directly to the Vice-Chancellor or Provost.
2.2.3. Division 2 Academic Salaries by Classification (inclusive of the increases contained in clause 1.10):

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2.3. EMPLOYMENT CATEGORIES

2.3.1. Academics will be employed in one of the following employment categories:

2.3.1.1. Continuing employment;
2.3.1.2. Continuing (Research Contingent) employment;
2.3.1.3. Fixed-Term employment;
2.3.1.4. Periodic employment; or
2.3.1.5. Casual employment.

2.3.2. Academics will be employed across the University under a single employment contract where required to perform the same or similar work under the same or similar funding arrangements.
2.4. CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT
Continuing (or ongoing) employment has no fixed end date except where notice of termination has been provided.

2.5. CONTINUING (RESEARCH CONTINGENT) EMPLOYMENT
2.5.1. Continuing (Research Contingent) employment is Continuing employment that is not limited to a fixed end date (except where notice of termination has been provided) and where Continuing employment is contingent on:
   2.5.1.1. externally provided research funding to perform the research duties required;
   2.5.1.2. continuation of the research pertaining to the position; and
   2.5.1.3. the Academic being either:
      (a) research active; or
      (b) engaged on a research project.

2.5.2. For the purpose of clause 2.5.1.1 and 2.6.1.3, "externally provided research funding" means:
   2.5.2.1. research funding for a limited term provided from a source, or a combination of sources, external to the University covering more than 50% of the position's costs (inclusive of on-costs):
   2.5.2.2. funding not provided through student funding from Government;
   2.5.2.3. funding not derived from the payment of fees made by or on behalf of students; or
   2.5.2.4. funding not derived from the payment of fee for services provided by the University.

2.5.3. A Continuing (Research Contingent) employment position will end when one or more of the conditions set out at clause 2.5.1 are no longer applicable.

2.5.4. The following provisions set out the arrangements for Academics whose Continuing (Research Contingent) employment position is no longer required for reasons set out above at clause 2.5.3.

2.5.5. The University will endeavour to transfer the Academic to a vacant suitable alternative Continuing (Research Contingent) employment position within the University.

2.5.6. Where it is evident that a suitable alternative Continuing (Research Contingent) employment position will be made available within 26 weeks of the Academic's substantive position ending, the University may grant the Academic leave without pay pending commencement of the new position. Leave without pay in such circumstance will not be deemed a break in service for the purpose of long service leave. Where the Academic chooses separation under the provisions set out below, the University is not obliged to re-employ the Academic within two years of the Academic's termination of employment.

2.5.7. Where it is evident that a suitable alternative Continuing (Research Contingent) employment position will not be available as set out above at clause 2.5.6, the Academic will be considered for redeployment throughout the University to vacant suitable alternative positions as determined by the University that are not research contingent.
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2.5.8. Clauses 2.5.9 and 2.5.10 below do not apply in circumstances where an Academic declines an offer of suitable alternative employment contemplated at clause 2.5.6 and 2.5.7.

2.5.9. An Academic who is not offered suitable alternative employment contemplated at clause 2.5.6 and 2.5.7 shall be provided a minimum of four weeks' written notice (five weeks' notice if the Academic is over 45 years of age) that the employment will end. The University may pay the Academic in lieu of all or part of the notice period not worked.

2.5.10. An Academic whose employment is terminated for reasons set out at clause 2.5.3 will also receive the following severance payment:

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2.5.11. For the purpose of clause 2.5.10, "Continuous Service" means service under an unbroken contract of employment and includes any period of leave of absence that does not break service as set out in this Agreement or legislation including a break in service and leave without pay contemplated in this clause 2.5, but does not include any period of:

2.5.11.1. unauthorised absence;

2.5.11.2. unpaid leave or unpaid authorised absence other than a period of:
   (a) absence due to Community Service Leave;
   (b) absence due to Periodic employment at clause 2.7.3;
   (c) leave of absence set out elsewhere in the Agreement that provides for continuity of service; or
   (d) leave or absence of a kind prescribed in legislation.

2.5.12. With exception to the provisions set out in this clause 2.5 the Academic will be entitled to the terms and conditions applicable to Continuing employment.

2.5.13. Termination of employment arising from other reasons not set out in this clause 2.5 will accord with the applicable provision of the Agreement.
2.6. **FIXED-TERM EMPLOYMENT**

2.6.1. Fixed-Term employment occurs where the University identifies work needed for a:

2.6.1.1. specified period of time with a start and end date;

2.6.1.2. specified task, project or purpose with a specified term of completion other than an end date;

2.6.1.3. position that relies on externally provided research funding to perform the research duties required as defined at clause 2.5.2 with a specified term of completion;

2.6.1.4. position that is externally funded (other than research funding contemplated above) in part or in full for a specified time and there is reasonable basis for the University to consider at the time of the employment offer that the funding will not be extended beyond the term of the contract; or

2.6.1.5. position that is required to backfill a temporary vacancy due to, amongst other circumstances, Parental Leave, long term absence, sabbatical, temporary transfer, secondment or while a selection process for the vacancy is being completed with a specified term of completion; and

2.6.1.6. where the:

(a) work is not required on an ongoing basis; and

(b) position requires the same or similar work to be performed for a period not in excess of five years' duration without a break in service.

2.6.2. With the exception of circumstances set out at clause 2.6.6, each period of Fixed-Term employment stands alone. Accordingly:

2.6.2.1. an Academic will be paid all unused accrued Annual Leave at the expiration of the Fixed-Term employment;

2.6.2.2. redundancy, including redundancy pay (also referred to as severance pay) in the Agreement does not apply to Fixed-Term employment;

2.6.2.3. unless otherwise required in this clause 2.6, the University is under no obligation to offer further employment at expiration of Fixed-Term employment.

2.6.3. Unless specified elsewhere in this Agreement, a Fixed-Term Employee is entitled to the same employment conditions (including incremental progression) as would apply to a Continuing Employee engaged in an equivalent classification and working an equivalent proportion of normal weekly hours for the classification.

2.6.4. The University when offering Fixed-Term employment will, as a minimum requirement, inform the individual in writing that they are employed on Fixed-Term employment, the term of the Fixed-Term employment, the classification level, rate of pay and hours of work.

2.6.5. Fixed-Term employment may be terminated prior to the expiration date subject to the Probation provision at clause 1.32, Management of Unsatisfactory Performance and Misconduct at clauses 1.33, 1.34 and 1.35 (including the applicable notice of termination contemplated in the respective clauses and termination provisions set out in the Agreement) or where the Employee is paid in lieu of the time remaining under the contract.

2.6.6. For the purpose of this clause 2.6, the following does not constitute a break in service:
2.6.6.1. where the Academic is employed under Periodic arrangements at clause 2.7;
2.6.6.2. two or less breaks between Fixed-Term appointments per calendar year where each break does not exceed six weeks on each occasion between each Fixed-Term appointment;
2.6.6.3. a break over the year-end summer period on occasion where the second or subsequent Fixed-Term employment is for the same position;
2.6.6.4. periods of unpaid leave approved by the University; or
2.6.6.5. where it is demonstrable that the pattern of Fixed-Term employment was structured for the sole purpose of avoiding the separation arrangement at clause 2.6.7.

2.6.7. The University will provide an Academic with a separation payment at expiration of the Fixed-Term employment as set out below at clause 2.6.8 (Separation Payment) on occasion where:

2.6.7.1. the individual, at expiration of the Fixed-Term employment, had been engaged on successive Fixed-Term contracts (i.e. not a single contract) to perform the same or similar work for a period in excess of five years without a break in service; and
2.6.7.2. the University elected to end the employment at expiration of the Fixed-Term employment without offer to extend the Fixed-Term employment and where:

(a) there was no suitable alternative employment available; or
(b) the individual was unsuccessful in attaining subsequent employment within the University through a competitive selection process; and
(c) it is evident that an offer by the University for further employment (excluding Casual employment) will not be available within 26 weeks following expiration of the Fixed-Term employment.

2.6.8. For the purpose of clause 2.6.7, the Separation Payment is as follows.

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2.6.9. An Academic engaged on Fixed-Term employment with a contract start date preceding the Commencement Date of the Agreement (Contract Start Date) may receive the equivalent severance set out at clause 24 of the University of Melbourne Enterprise Agreement 2013 (Fixed-Term Severance) where, due to the duration of the Fixed-Term employment, they are not eligible for the separation payment set out at clause 2.6.7 but would have otherwise been eligible for Fixed-Term Severance in operation at the Contract Start Date and in circumstances where employment ends on the expiry date agreed at the Contract Start Date.
2.6.10. An Academic will not receive the separation payment set out above at either clause 2.6.7 or 2.6.8 where the individual:

2.6.10.1. declined an offer of further equivalent employment; or
2.6.10.2. elected to end the employment relationship.

2.7. PERIODIC EMPLOYMENT

2.7.1. Periodic employment occurs where the University identifies work:

2.7.1.1. needed for discrete teaching periods determined by the University in a calendar year less than a full-time equivalent and for a minimum 0.3 full-time annual equivalent averaged across the year (Period);
2.7.1.2. which does not require the entire performance of academic work being teaching, research and engagement; and
2.7.1.3. which is not required on a casual hourly basis.

2.7.2. Periodic employment requires an individual to work one or more Periods in a calendar year as determined by the University and advised in writing to the individual.

2.7.3. Periods where the individual is not required to work are non-work periods. During a non-working period (excluding periods of approved paid leave), the individual will be deemed to be on leave of absence without pay for that period.

2.7.4. Periodic employment may be either on a Continuing basis as contemplated at clause 2.4 or on a Fixed-Term basis as contemplated at clause 2.6.

2.7.5. A non-work period does not:

2.7.5.1. break continuity of employment;
2.7.5.2. count as service for the purpose of accruing or determining eligibility of entitlements set out in the Agreement - except for periods of authorised paid leave taken during a non-work period or where required by law.

2.7.6. An individual employed on a Periodic basis:

2.7.6.1. will not be paid Public Holidays during non-work periods;
2.7.6.2. will accrue and take leave pro rata to the full-time equivalent;
2.7.6.3. may elect, with the agreement of the University, to annualise their salary over either the calendar year or the term of employment (whichever occurs first) and on condition that Annual Leave is taken in the calendar year it accrues and at the annualised rate of pay;
2.7.6.4. may take approved paid annual or Long Service Leave during a non-work period;
2.7.6.5. will not be engaged by the University under a separate employment contract during non-work periods but may seek agreement by the University to extend the Periodic employment;
2.7.6.6. will be provided reasonable access to available facilities and resources commensurate with the role and the flexible nature of their employment which includes (amongst other things authorised by the University) access to:

(a) on-campus facilities;
(b) on-campus meeting rooms for student consultation;
2.7.7. Periodic positions will be established consistent with clause 1.15.3. to supplement the aggregate Continuing teaching and research positions as at the Commencement Date.

2.8. CASUAL EMPLOYMENT

2.8.1. Casual employment is a position where:

2.8.1.1. Continuing hours of work are not guaranteed; and

2.8.1.2. work is required either:

(a) for Sessional Teaching contemplated at clause 2.8.2 and 2.8.4; or

(b) to temporarily supplement University requirements; or

(c) on an irregular or ad hoc basis; and

(d) where an individual is employed on an hourly basis, with exception to clause 2.8.2, for a minimum period of two hours per occasion of employment.

2.8.2. Clause 2.8.4 sets out allocated casual teaching-related activities (Sessional Teaching) and the rate of pay for each specified Sessional Teaching requirement (Derived Sessional Teaching Rates). For the purpose of recording hours of work, the hours of work set out at clause 2.8.4 for particular Sessional Teaching activities shall be the hours worked.

2.8.3. Unless otherwise set out at clause 2.8.4 of this Agreement, an individual engaged on Casual employment will be paid per hour at the rate of 1/37th of the weekly rate prescribed for the class of work performed, plus a 25% loading for work performed Monday to Friday inclusive (working week).

2.8.4. Derived Sessional Teaching Rates

2.8.4.1. Lecturing, Tutoring and Higher Marking Hourly Rate

(a) The base rate applicable to lecturing or for purposes of the higher marking rate is determined by reference to the second increment of the Full-Time Level B scale set out at clause 2.2.3 and is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Level B2}/52 + \text{Casual loading 25\%} = \text{Casual hourly rate}$$

(b) The base rate applicable where the duties include full subject coordination or the Academic possesses a relevant doctoral qualification is determined by reference to the sixth increment of the Full-Time Level A scale in clause 2.2.3 and calculated as follows:

$$\text{Level A6}/52 + \text{Casual loading 25\%} = \text{Casual hourly rate}$$

(c) The base rate applicable to all other duties including tutoring rates not covered above is determined by reference to the second increment of the Full-Time Level A scale in clause 2.2.3 and is calculated as follows:
2.8.4.2. Sessional Lecturing Derived Rates

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<th>Sessional Lecture Type</th>
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(a) The term "lecture" means any education delivery described as a lecture in a course or unit outline, or in an official timetable issued by the University. A lecture may be face-to-face teaching or equivalent delivery through a different mode.

(b) The "developed lecture" rate is paid where the lecturer assumes significant responsibility for planning and developing a unit or a large part of a unit as well as lecturing or where a lecture or small group of lectures calls for special expertise.

(c) The "specialised lecture" rate is paid to a distinguished person for a single lecture or a small group of lectures.

(d) The "repeat lecture" rate applies to a second or subsequent delivery of substantially the same lecture in the same subject matter within a period of seven days and student consultation reasonably contemporaneous with it.

2.8.4.3. Sessional Tutoring Rates

(a) A Casual required to deliver or present a tutorial (or equivalent delivery through other than face to face teaching mode) of a specified duration and relatedly provide directly associated non-contact duties in the nature of preparation, administration of relevant records of the student for whom the Casual Employee is responsible, and reasonably contemporaneous student consultation, will be paid at a rate for each hour of tutorial delivered or presented, according to the following table:
Sessional Tutorial Type | Total Hours | First Increase at clause 1.11.1.1 | Second Increase at clause 1.11.1.2 | Third Increase at clause 1.11.1.3 | Fourth Increase at clause 1.11.1.4
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Notes | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | (F) | (G) | (H) | (I) | (J) | (K) | (L) |
Tutorial | 1 hour of delivery plus, 2 hours of associated working time. | 3 | $48.48 | $145.45 | $49.50 | $148.51 | $50.59 | $151.77 | $51.70 | $155.11 |
Repeat Tutorial | 1 hour of delivery plus, 1 hour associated working time. | 2 | $48.48 | $96.97 | $49.50 | $99.00 | $50.59 | $101.18 | $51.70 | $103.41 |
Tutorial (With requisite PhD) | 1 hour of delivery plus, 2 hours of associated working time. | 3 | $57.99 | $173.96 | $59.20 | $177.61 | $60.51 | $181.52 | $61.84 | $185.51 |
Repeat Tutorial (With requisite PhD) | 1 hour of delivery plus, 1 hour associated working time. | 2 | $57.99 | $115.97 | $59.20 | $118.41 | $60.51 | $121.01 | $61.84 | $123.67 |

(b) The term "tutorial" means any education delivery described as a tutorial in a course or unit outline, or in an official timetable issued by the University. It is a supplementary form of educational delivery where matters already covered elsewhere in the course are discussed, clarified or elaborated. A tutorial is conducted in accordance with guidelines issued by the lecturer in charge of the subject.

(c) The hourly rate in a repeat tutorial applies to a second or subsequent delivery of substantially the same tutorial in the same subject matter within a period of seven days and student consultation reasonably contemporaneous with it.

2.8.4.4. Marking Rates

Casual Employee will be paid at the marking rates in the table below for all marking required by the supervising lecturer of a subject or course, other than marking that is undertaken during a lecture, tutorial or clinical session, or could reasonably have been undertaken during that session.

Sessional Marking Type | First increase at clause 1.11.1.1 | Second increase at clause 1.11.1.2 | Third increase at clause 1.11.1.3 | Fourth increase at clause 1.11.1.4
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Standard Marking | Hourly Rate | $48.48 | $49.50 | $50.59 | $51.70 |
Advanced Marking | Hourly Rate | $67.98 | $69.40 | $70.93 | $72.49 |
Standard Marking (with requisite PhD) | Hourly Rate | $57.99 | $59.20 | $60.51 | $61.84 |
Advanced Marking (with requisite PhD) | Hourly Rate | $67.98 | $69.40 | $70.93 | $72.49 |
2.8.4.5. Sessional Musical Accompanying with Special Educational Services

(a) For musical accompanying, the Casual Academic will be paid for each hour of accompanying as well as for one hour of preparation time for each hour of accompanying delivered:

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(b) The term "musical accompanying with special educational service" means the provision of musical accompaniment to one or more students or staff in the course of teaching by another member of the academic staff in circumstances where the accompanist deploys educational expertise in repertoire development or expression for student concert or examination purposes, but does not include concert accompanying, vocal coaching or musical directing.

2.8.4.6. Sessional Undergraduate Clinical Nurse Education

(a) A Casual Academic required to provide undergraduate clinical nurse education (UCNE) will be paid for each hour of clinical education delivered, together with directly associated non-contact duties in the nature of preparation and reasonably contemporaneous student consultation according to the following table:

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<td>Minimal preparation required</td>
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<td>$48.48 $96.97</td>
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(b) The term "undergraduate clinical nurse education" means the conduct of undergraduate nurse education in a clinical setting.

2.8.5. The University when offering Casual employment will, as a minimum requirement, inform the individual in writing:

2.8.5.1. that they are employed as a Casual;
2.8.5.2. the applicable classification level;
2.8.5.3. the hourly rate of pay;
2.8.5.4. the anticipated number of hours required; and
2.8.5.5. for Sessional Teaching, that additional hours not contemplated by, and in excess of, the derived rate will be paid at the Casual hourly rate set out at clause 2.8.3.

2.8.6. The following clauses in the Agreement do not apply to Casual employment:

2.8.6.1. salary packaging (clause 1.13);
2.8.6.2. Annual Leave (clause 1.18);
2.8.6.3. public holidays (clause 1.17);
2.8.6.4. paid Parental Leave (clause 1.22);
2.8.6.5. notice of termination of employment by the University (clause 2.19);
2.8.6.6. redundancy (clause 1.40); and
2.8.6.7. any other clause in the Agreement that expressly excludes Employees in Casual employment.

2.8.7. Casual Employees will be paid at the rate of pay applicable at the time the hours were worked within 22 calendar days of submitting a valid claim for payment (also referred to as a timesheet).

2.8.8. The University will provide Casual Employees reasonable access to available facilities and resources commensurate with the role and with the flexible and ad hoc nature of their employment. This includes (amongst other things authorised by the University) access to:

2.8.8.1. on-campus facilities;
2.8.8.2. on-campus meeting rooms for student consultation;
2.8.8.3. the University’s wi-fi, phone, network and email systems when on campus; and
2.8.8.4. Library facilities.

2.8.9. For the purpose of this Agreement, an individual invited by the University for an occasional speaking engagement (Guest Speaker) is not:

2.8.9.1. engaged in Casual employment; or
2.8.9.2. covered by this Agreement.

2.8.10. For the purpose of clause 2.8.9, Guest Speaker (also referred to as a keynote speaker) means an individual who has been invited by the University to speak or deliver a presentation on a particular topic, area of interest or area of expertise.

2.9. TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

2.9.1. The following provisions are intended to facilitate the transition, where applicable, to employment categories in the Agreement pursuant to clause 1.15.

2.9.2. The provisions set out below in this clause 2.9.2 will come into effect 18 months after the Commencement Date at clause 1.3, will be accessible to eligible Employees for 12 months and will cease to be operative 30 months from the Commencement Date:

2.9.2.1. Fixed-Term Employment Review

The University will review the employment history of Academics engaged on Fixed-Term employment for the purpose of identifying
opportunities to offer Continuing employment as contemplated at either clause 2.4 or clause 2.5 for research/externally funded contracts. Where the Academic has been engaged on successive Fixed-Term employment arrangements (performing the same or substantially similar duties) for a period in excess of five years of continuous service without a break in service contemplated at clause 2.6.6, this may give rise to an expectation of ongoing employment.

2.9.2.2. Request for conversion – Fixed-Term Employment

(a) On occasion where an Academic has been engaged on successive Fixed-Term employment (performing the same or substantially similar duties) for a period in excess of five years without a break in service as set out at clause 2.6.6, the Employee will be eligible to apply for conversion to Continuing employment on the condition that the Academic:

i. will be performing the same or substantially similar duties to the preceding Fixed-Term agreement;

ii. was appointed through a merit selection process for at least one of the Fixed-Term contracts; and

iii. is not the subject of any matters arising from clauses 1.33, 1.34 and 1.35 in relation to unsatisfactory work performance or misconduct.

(b) The University will assess eligible requests for conversion.

(c) Reasonable grounds to decline a request for conversion are:

i. pursuant to clause 1.15, where it is demonstrable that conversion would require significant adjustment resulting in an unreasonable or unsustainable financial effect (with exception to employer superannuation contributions) on the composition of the workforce required by the University; or

ii. that it is known or reasonably foreseeable that the Academic will perform work which will cease within two years from the date the conversion was requested and there is no other suitable alternative work.

(d) Where the University determines there are no grounds to refuse a request for conversion the University will provide an eligible Academic with an offer of Continuing employment. If an Academic declines an offer of employment they will cease to be eligible for any future requests for conversion.

(e) For the purpose of clause 2.15 (Academic Confirmation), an offer of Continuing employment above is a new appointment and will be assessed accordingly.

(f) To be clear, the University only ends Fixed-Term employment on genuine and lawful grounds and not for the sole purpose to avoid a request for conversion contemplated at clause 2.9.2.2.

2.9.3. The provisions set out below in this clause 2.9.3 will come into effect 18 months after the Commencement Date at clause 1.3.1.

2.9.3.1. Sessional Teaching Employment Review
(a) Prior to the commencement of the academic year, the University will review the employment history of regular Sessional Teaching Employees for the purpose of identifying genuine opportunities to transfer employment from Casual to either Periodic employment performing the same or substantially similar duties or a Melbourne Early Career Academic Fellowship (MECAF) position (Conversion).

(b) The Conversion review will be conducted by each respective work area and will include a request for eligible Casual Employees to submit an expression of interest for Conversion.

(c) In circumstances where the University determines that Sessional Teaching hours, assigned to more than one Casual Employee, are combined to establish a Periodic position, the eligible Casual Employees affected will have the opportunity to participate in selection for the position.

(d) For the purpose of this clause 2.9.3.1, Regular Sessional Teaching refers to a Casual Employee who has, over a period of three or more years, worked a pattern of hours of no less than 72 hours of teaching delivery in each of the three years and, without significant adjustment, the Employee could continue to perform the work as Periodic Employment. Regular Sessional Teaching for the purpose of this clause 2.9.3.1, excludes circumstance where:

  i. the individual has a primary occupation other than the Casual employment;
  ii. the individual’s work is ad hoc, intermittent, unpredictable or involves hours that are irregular;
  iii. the individual does not meet all of the essential requirements of the Periodic employment in circumstances where the Periodic employment requires substantially different duties to those performed by the Casual;
  iv. the individual has not performed to the expectation of the University;
  v. the individual is a student, or has recently been a student (with exception where the individual’s status as a student does not relate to the requirements of the Casual employment); or
  vi. the individual is a genuine retiree.

(e) Reasonable grounds to not offer Conversion are one or a combination of the following:

  i. pursuant to clause 1.15, in circumstances where it is demonstrable that Conversion would require significant adjustment resulting in an unreasonable or unsustainable financial effect (with exception to employer superannuation contributions) on the composition of the workforce required by the University;
  ii. that it is known or reasonably foreseeable that:

      A. the individual’s hours of work will either be significantly varied or no longer required within the 12 months
following the receipt by the University of a request for conversion (including variation to casual hours where the Employee would no longer be available);

B. the individual performs teaching duties in an area of study which the University plans to discontinue or where there is a decline in student enrolments.

(f) Where the University determines there are no grounds to refuse a request for conversion the University will determine and provide the individual, eligible at clause (d) above, with an appropriate offer of Periodic Employment.

(g) With exception of any health matters, compassionate grounds or carer’s responsibilities that would prevent an employee accepting an offer, if an individual declines an offer of employment or expresses a preference to remain employed on a non-permanent basis, the University will no longer be obliged to identify future opportunities for the individual to convert. This does not prevent an individual from submitting, and the University considering, an expression of interest for Conversion as contemplated at clause 2.9.3.1(b). The University reserves the right to give priority to individuals who have not previously been offered a transfer contemplated at clause 2.9.3.1(a).

2.9.3.2. Offer of Continuing (Research Contingent) Employment

(a) Where an Academic engaged on successive Fixed-Term employment arrangements (as set out at clause 2.6.1.3) for a period in excess of five years without a break in service and is offered further employment in a research position with the University, the Academic will be employed on a Continuing (Research Contingent) employment basis on condition that the Fixed-Term employment:

i. was externally funded as set out at clause 2.5.2;

ii. required the Academic to be research active or engaged on a research project; and

iii. was not undertaken by a student of the University where their status as a student was the primary reason for the Fixed-Term appointment.

(b) Where an Academic is re-employed in circumstances contemplated at clause 2.9.3.2 above and there is a break in service not exceeding 26 weeks from expiration of the Fixed-Term contract to the commencement of Continuing (Research Contingent) employment, employment will be deemed continuing for the purpose of section 62A(1) of the LSL Act.

2.9.3.3. Offer of Continuing Employment

With exception to circumstances set out at 2.9.3.2 above, where an Academic engaged on successive Fixed-Term employment (performing the same or substantially similar duties) for a period in excess of five years without a break in service and is offered further employment with the University, the Academic will be offered continuing employment with exception where the Academic:

(a) will not be performing the same or substantially similar duties to the preceding Fixed-Term agreement; or
(b) prefers to accept an offer of Fixed-Term employment.

2.9.4. Nothing in this clause 2.9 prevents disputed categories of employment being referred to the Grievance and Dispute Settlement Procedure at clause 1.38.

2.10. FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT
An Academic engaged in full-time employment works 36.25 ordinary hours per week as contemplated at clause 2.12.10.

2.11. PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT
2.11.1. An Academic engaged in part-time employment:
2.11.1.1. works less than 36.25 ordinary hours per week;
2.11.1.2. has reasonably predictable hours of work; and
2.11.1.3. receives, on a pro rata basis, terms and conditions equivalent to Full-Time positions.

2.11.2. A Part-Time Academic's hours may be worked by mutual agreement as:
2.11.2.1. fixed hours per week, on fixed days; or
2.11.2.2. fixed hours per week flexibly arranged throughout the week.

(Together, Ordinary Hours of Work).

2.11.3. An Academic will not be paid Public Holidays that occur on days where the Academic's Ordinary Hours of Work do not typically require them to work.

2.12. WORKLOAD AND HOURS OF WORK
2.12.1. For the purpose of this clause 2.12, Academic work encompasses:
2.12.1.1. responsibilities and functions set out in the Minimum Standards of Academic Levels at clause 2.14.2; and
2.12.1.2. activities encompassing research, teaching, engagement, leadership, administration or other scholarly activities as appropriate to the Academic's appointment and classification.

2.12.2. Pursuant to clause 2.12.1, Academic work throughout the calendar year will be established in a manner that:
2.12.2.1. recognises the self-direction of academics in arranging their patterns of work;
2.12.2.2. does not routinely or unreasonably require the Academic to carry out their duties beyond the allocated work of 1,725 hours per annum;
2.12.2.3. requires an Academic to carry out duties and responsibilities within the Academic's ordinary hours of work that are:
   (a) commensurate with the Academic's skill, competence and expertise; and
   (b) within the reasonable expectations of the position;
2.12.2.4. that addresses the University's duty of care to an Academic's health and safety;
2.12.2.5. that is consistent with individuals achieving appropriate balance in their professional and personal lives; and
2.12.2.6. within reasonable practicalities of academic work, will:

(a) not require an Academic to work more than five hours continuously without an unpaid meal break of at least half an hour; and

(b) provide an Academic working a full day two 10-minute paid rest breaks; one in the morning and one in the afternoon, (together Workload).

2.12.3. For the purpose of clause 2.12.2, Workload includes all work required in the role irrespective of whether or not the work achieved the planned or desired outcome. For example, work performed by an Academic related to the preparation of an unsuccessful research grant submission or the research and preparation of an unaccepted journal paper, remains within the meaning and assessment of Workload. These examples are illustrative and are not intended to provide a complete or exhaustive list.

2.12.4. An Academic and their Supervisor, as nominated by the University, will discuss both the expectations at clause 2.12.2.3(b) and the programme of work planned for the year ahead and settle an appropriate Workload as contemplated at clause 2.12.2 on the basis that no more than 1,725 hours per annum (pro rata for Part-Time and proportionate to the equivalent Period for Periodic employment) of Academic work is allocated by the University.

2.12.5. An Academic may request in writing to their Supervisor a review of their Workload if they consider the Workload is inconsistent with the Workload settled at clause 2.12.4 or has transpired to be inconsistent with Workload set out at clause 2.12.2.

2.12.6. Where required, the University will conduct a review to ensure the Workload adheres to clause 2.12.2 by taking into account:

2.12.6.1. Academic work at clause 2.12.1;

2.12.6.2. Workload at clause 2.12.2 and 2.12.3;

2.12.6.3. work practices;

2.12.6.4. resourcing; and

2.12.6.5. any other related matters.

2.12.7. On completion of the review, the University will provide the Academic with the findings of the review and implement any necessary adjustments or remediating actions.

2.12.8. On occasion where Workload cannot be settled between the Academic and Supervisor at clause 2.12.4 or following the review of Workload, the matter may be referred to the Grievance and Dispute Settlement Procedure at clause 1.38.

2.12.9. Pursuant to clause 1.6, reference to Academic in the singular includes the plural.

2.12.10. For the purpose of calculating salary and leave payments the ordinary hours of work for a Full-Time Academic are:

2.12.10.1. 1,885 hours per annum;

2.12.10.2. an average of 36.25 hours per week; and

2.12.10.3. an average of 7.25 hours per day.
2.13. ACADEMIC FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

2.13.1. The Parties agree to act in a manner consistent with the protection and promotion of Academic Freedom within the University.

2.13.2. The University promotes and protects Academic Freedom of Expression, as set out separately in University Policy.

2.13.3. The University will have regard to the principles of Academic Freedom of Expression when assessing, determining and actioning matters set out in this Agreement relating to performance, academic non-confirmation and, pursuant to clause 1.35.3, misconduct.

2.13.4. The University confirms the University Council’s resolution that the Academic Freedom of Expression Policy will not be reviewed until 31 December 2022 and, accordingly, the Parties agree that the Academic Freedom of Expression Policy in place during bargaining will not be amended or rescinded throughout the life of the Agreement or up to and including 31 December 2022, whichever comes first.

2.14. CLASSIFICATION, APPOINTMENT & PROMOTION

2.14.1. The University, at its discretion, determines the composition of the tasks, competencies, experience, responsibility, accountability and objectives of any position within the University to satisfy organisational requirements.

2.14.2. The Minimum Standards for Academic Levels (Academic levels) set out below establish the minimum base for which an academic position is classified:

2.14.2.1. Minimum standards for Academic levels (other than those engaged in Casual employment) are set out in this clause 2.14.2. The Academic levels are differentiated by level of complexity, degree of autonomy, leadership requirements of the position and level of academic achievement of the Academic. The responsibilities of an Academic may vary according to the specific requirements of the Faculty (or equivalent) to meet its objectives, to different discipline requirements or to address Academic career development.

2.14.2.2. For the avoidance of doubt, the MSALs contained in this clause 2.14.2 do not apply to individuals employed in “Executive Roles” as defined at clause 2.2.2 of this Agreement.

2.14.2.3. Level A

Occupational Equivalent: Tutor, Research Assistant, Research Fellow 1

(a) A Level A Academic will work with the support and guidance from more senior Academics and will work under the supervision of an Academic at Level B and above.

(b) A Level A Academic is expected to develop their expertise in teaching, scholarship and/or research with an increasing degree of autonomy and may work with limited supervision and/or as part of a team.

(c) A Level A Academic will contribute to teaching at the University (at a level appropriate to their skills and experience) and/or undertake research and/or engage in professional activities appropriate to their profession or discipline. The Academic will undertake administration primarily relating to their activities with the Faculty. The contribution to teaching and supervision of students of Level A Academics will be primarily at undergraduate and graduate diploma level. The results of research conducted may be published as sole author or in collaboration.
2.14.2.4. **Level B**

*Occupational Equivalent: Lecturer, Research Fellow 2*

(a) A Level B Academic will undertake independent teaching and/or research in their discipline or related area. In research and/or teaching and/or scholarship, a Level B Academic will make an independent contribution through professional practice and expertise and coordinate and/or lead the activities of other Academics, as appropriate to the discipline.

(b) A Level B Academic will contribute to teaching at undergraduate, honours and postgraduate level, and/or engage in independent scholarship and/or undertake research or engage in professional activities appropriate to their profession or discipline. The Academic will undertake administration primarily relating to their activities within the Faculty and may be required to perform the full academic responsibilities of, and related administration for, the coordination of an award program of the University.

(c) At Level B an Academic will have experience in research or scholarly activities, which have resulted in refereed journals or other demonstrated scholarly activities. Research may be carried out independently and/or as part of a team. Level B Academics may supervise postgraduate research students or projects and be involved in research training.

2.14.2.5. **Level C**

*Occupational Equivalent: Senior Lecturer, Senior Research Fellow*

(a) A Level C Academic will make a significant contribution to the discipline at the national level. In research, scholarship and/or teaching the Academic will make independent and original contributions, which expand knowledge or practice in their discipline and have a significant impact on their field of expertise.

(b) A Level C Academic will make a significant contribution to research and/or scholarship and/or teaching and/or administration activities of an organisational unit or an interdisciplinary area at undergraduate, honours and postgraduate level. The Academic may undertake research. The Academic will play a major role or provide a significant degree of leadership in scholarly, research and/or professional activities relevant to the profession, discipline and/or community and may be required to perform the full academic responsibilities of, and related administration for, the coordination of a large award program or a number of smaller award programs of the University.

(c) The research work of a Level C Academic will be acknowledged at a national level as being influential in expanding the knowledge of their discipline. This standing will be demonstrated by a strong record of published work or other demonstrated scholarly activities. A Level C Academic will normally provide leadership in research, including research training and supervision.

2.14.2.6. **Level D**
Occupational Equivalent: Associate Professor, Principal Lecturer, Principal Research Fellow

(a) A Level D Academic will make an outstanding contribution to the research and/or scholarship and/or teaching and administration activities of an organisational unit, including a large organisational unit, or interdisciplinary area.

(b) A Level D Academic will make an outstanding contribution to the governance and collegial life inside and outside of the University and will have attained recognition at a national or international level in their discipline. The Academic will make original and innovative contributions to the advancement of scholarship, research and/or teaching in their discipline, and may undertake research.

(c) The research work of a Level D Academic will make a major original and innovative contribution to their field of study or research, and be recognised as outstanding nationally or internationally.

(d) A Level D Academic will play an outstanding role within the University, discipline and/or profession in fostering the research activities of others and in research training.

2.14.2.7. Level E

Occupational Equivalent: Professor, Professorial Fellow

(a) A Level E Academic will provide leadership and foster excellence in research, teaching and policy development in the academic discipline across the University and within the community, professional, commercial or industrial sectors.

(b) A Level E Academic will have attained recognition as an eminent authority in their discipline, will have achieved distinction at the national level and may be required to have achieved distinction at the international level. A Level E Academic will make original, innovative and distinguished contributions to scholarship, research and/or teaching in their discipline and may undertake research. The Academic will make a commensurate contribution to the work of the University.

(c) The research work of a Level E Academic will typically have achieved international recognition through original, innovative and distinguished contributions to their field of research, which is demonstrated by sustained and distinguished performance. At Level E an Academic will provide leadership in their field of research within the University, discipline and/or profession and within the scholarly and/or general community.

(d) The Academic will foster excellence in research, research policy and research training.

2.14.3. An Academic is appointed or promoted by the University, at its discretion, to a particular classification level. Appointment and promotion are based on:

2.14.3.1. merit as determined by the University; and

2.14.3.2. the Academic or candidate demonstrating, to the satisfaction of the University, potential capability and competency to advance through the academic levels.
2.14.4. An Academic appointed or promoted by the University to a particular classification level may be assigned and may be expected to undertake responsibilities and functions of any classification level up to and including the level to which the Academic is appointed or promoted. An Academic may also undertake work of a higher level in order to gain experience and expertise consistent with the requirements of the University's promotion process.

2.15. ACADEMIC CONFIRMATION

2.15.1. The University will assess, within a five-year period (assessment period), an Academic's competency, capability and suitability to advance through the academic levels. Where the University considers it is advantageous to the Academic, any period of absence on Parental Leave may not be included in the assessment period for the purpose of this clause 2.15.1. Nothing in this clause 2.15 prevents an Academic from applying for, or the University determining, confirmation prior to the end date of the assessment period.

2.15.2. For the purpose of this clause 2.15 suitability for Continuing employment as an Academic means that an Academic has:

2.15.2.1. consistently satisfied the requisite requirements as determined by the University and as communicated to the Academic prior to confirmation; and

2.15.2.2. demonstrated to the satisfaction of the University potential capability and competency to advance through the academic levels.

2.15.3. Assessment by the University in relation to Academic confirmation will occur no later than six months prior to the end of the assessment period. The assessment will include (amongst other things required by the University):

2.15.3.1. an opportunity for the Academic to provide the University with a submission on their academic work.

2.15.3.2. a written assessment and recommendation prepared by the University and provided to the Academic on their suitability for Continuing employment as an Academic (including any material in support of the University's view).

2.15.3.3. an opportunity for the Academic to provide the University with a response to the University's assessment and recommendation; and

2.15.3.4. consideration by a committee of leading academics convened by the University to impartially review the merits and procedural fairness of the University's assessment at 2.15.3.2 and the Academic's response at 2.15.3.3.

2.15.4. Guided by the outcomes of the process contemplated at clause 2.15.3 and any other relevant information the University will determine:

2.15.4.1. confirmation of the Academic's Continuing employment; or

2.15.4.2. non-confirmation of the Academic's Continuing employment; or

2.15.4.3. extension of the confirmation period by up to one year.

2.15.5. If confirmed, the Academic will continue academic employment with the University.

2.15.6. If not confirmed, the Academic will be provided with a minimum six month written notice of the day of termination. During the six month notice period the University, at its discretion, may consider alternative positions within the University to offer the
Academic. An Academic may initiate a dispute at clause 1.38.8 in relation to non-confirmation.

2.15.7. The application of this clause 2.15 does not preclude action of the sort contemplated at clauses 1.33, 1.34 and 1.35 of this Agreement.

2.16. PROGRESSION THROUGH INCREMENTS

2.16.1. Level A to D classified positions provide for incremental progression through the respective salary range set out at clause 2.2.3 (Incremental Progression).

2.16.2. Incremental Progression recognises an Academic’s scholarly work and engagement required in the role to achieve the objectives of a position required by the University.

2.16.3. Incremental Progression occurs annually on an Academic’s classification anniversary date. The classification anniversary date is the date that:

2.16.3.1. the Academic commenced employment; or

2.16.3.2. when the Academic commenced at the higher classification level following promotion.

2.16.4. A reduction in increment or classification may occur where an Academic:

2.16.4.1. is demoted due to poor performance or misconduct;

2.16.4.2. is redeployed due to redundancy; or

2.16.4.3. elects to undertake a lower classified or paid role.

2.17. EARLY ACADEMIC CAREER DEVELOPMENT

2.17.1. Pursuant to clause 2.9.3.1, the University will, at its discretion, identify genuine opportunities to transfer employment from Sessional Teaching to MECAF positions for Employees who are early in their academic career insofar as they have:

2.17.1.1. regular Sessional Teaching experience contemplated at clause 2.9.3.1(d) at a level A or B classification;

2.17.1.2. less than three years post PhD experience (which may be extended due to career interruption); and

2.17.1.3. not previously held a Continuing academic position with a tertiary education institution.

2.17.2. Pursuant to the Workload arrangements at clause 2.12, MECAF positions will involve teaching, teaching-related work and early career level research capability development where the teaching and teaching-related components might otherwise be delivered through Sessional Teaching. MECAF positions will also accommodate, within the agreed Workload allocation, a self-directed development programme which will be developed with the support of the Academics Manager which will include:

2.17.2.1. appropriate training, career and professional development opportunities; and

2.17.2.2. academic supervision.

2.17.3. MECAF positions may be either on a Continuing basis or on a Fixed-Term basis and with a minimum time fraction of 0.5 FTE.
2.17.4. MECAF employment does not prevent an Employee from applying for vacancies or promotional opportunities.

2.18. CLINICAL LOADINGS

2.18.1. The University will pay appropriately qualified Academics a clinical loading in addition to salary of:

2.18.1.1. a minimum amount of $19,605 per annum for a medically qualified Full-Time Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer or Lecturer employed in a full clinical department as determined by the University and responsible for patient care; or

2.18.1.2. a minimum amount of $13,085 per annum for a medically qualified Full-Time Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer or Lecturer employed in a para-clinical department as determined by the University; or,

2.18.1.3. a minimum amount of $9,825 per annum for a medically qualified Full-Time Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer or Lecturer employed in a pre-clinical department as determined by the University; or,

2.18.1.4. a minimum amount of $9,825 per annum for a dentally qualified Full-Time Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer or Lecturer employed in a medical school or dental school in the teaching of medical or dental students.

2.18.2. The University also gives consideration to the nature and extent of any patient-care responsibilities by the Academic when determining the amount of the clinical loading.

2.18.3. All clinical loadings are superannuable and will be paid to an Academic during periods of authorised Study Leave, Annual Leave and Long Service Leave.

2.18.4. Clinical loadings in this clause 2.18 are not included in the calculation of an Academic's final pay on termination of employment.

2.19. NOTICE OF TERMINATION BY THE UNIVERSITY

2.19.1. Termination of employment will be in accordance with the Agreement and prevailing legislation.

2.19.2. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, Academics in Continuing employment are entitled to three months' written notice of the day of termination.

2.19.3. The University may:

2.19.3.1. not require an Academic to attend work during the notice period; or,

2.19.3.2. terminate employment within the notice period and pay the Academic in lieu of the remaining notice.

2.19.4. The notice provisions set out in this clause 2.19 do not apply:

2.19.4.1. to Academics engaged in Casual employment;

2.19.4.2. to Fixed-Term employment; or

2.19.4.3. where the University terminates employment for serious misconduct without notice.
2.20. NOTICE OF TERMINATION BY THE ACADEMIC
It is expected that an Academic on Continuing employment provides the same notice of termination as that required of the University or a notice period agreed at offer of employment.

2.21. REDUNDANCY PAY
2.21.1. An Academic whose employment is terminated due to redundancy shall receive the following redundancy payment in addition to standard termination entitlements:

2.21.1.1. payment equivalent to 20 weeks' salary where the Academic is aged less than 45 years; or

2.21.1.2. payment equivalent to 22 weeks' salary where the Academic is aged 45 years and over; plus

2.21.1.3. payment equivalent to three weeks' salary for every completed year of continuous service to a maximum of 52 weeks,

(together Redundancy Pay)

2.21.2. For the purpose of clause 2.21.1.3, “Continuous Service” means service under an unbroken contract of employment and includes any period of leave of absence that does not break service as set out in this Agreement or legislation, but does not include any period of:

2.21.2.1. unauthorised absence;

2.21.2.2. unpaid leave or unpaid authorised absence other than a period of:

(a) absence due to Community Service Leave at clause;

(b) absence due to Periodic employment at clause 2.7.3;

(c) leave of absence set out elsewhere in the Agreement that provides for continuity of service; or

(d) leave or absence of a kind prescribed in legislation.

2.21.3. The maximum amount of Redundancy Pay is equivalent to 74 weeks.

2.21.4. For the purpose of this clause 2.21 “salary” and “pay” means ordinary time earnings at the time the position became redundant and includes allowances and loadings but excludes payment for additional hours and superannuation.

2.21.5. For the purpose of this clause 2.21, Redundancy Pay is not applicable where the Academic:

2.21.5.1. is offered a suitable alternative position with the University or an associated entity;

2.21.5.2. elects to accept an alternative position with the University or an associated entity; or

2.21.5.3. is dismissed for reasons other than redundancy.
# Division 3 – Professional, Administrative and Support Occupations Terms

## 3.1. Division 3 Arrangement

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### 3.2. Scope of Division 3

3.2.1. Division 3 of the Agreement applies only to Professional, Administrative and Support Occupations (PASO) Employees who are paid:

3.2.1.1. a salary by the University set out below at clause 3.2.2 to perform work in professional, administrative and support occupations classified at clause 3.4; and

3.2.1.2. an annual salary (excluding employer superannuation contribution) less than $144,048 at the Commencement Date (i.e. prior to any salary adjustments set out at clause 1.10 but indexed throughout the duration of the Agreement pursuant to clause 1.10),

(together PASO Employees).
3.2.2. Division 3 PASO Salaries by Classification (inclusive of the increases contained in clause 1.10):
3.3. CLASSIFICATION FRAMEWORK
The University, at its discretion, determines the composition of the tasks, competencies, experience, responsibility, accountability and objectives of any position within the University to satisfy organisational requirements.

3.4. CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTORS
3.4.1. Classification Descriptors (Descriptors) are set out at clause 3.29 of the Agreement for each classification level covered by the Agreement from UoM 1 to UoM 10 (previously referred to as Professional Staff Classification [PSC] 1 to 10).

3.4.2. The Descriptors are the primary reference for Managers and PASO Employees on the appropriate classification level of positions covered by the Agreement; highlighting the following typical attributes for a role within a respective classification:

3.4.2.1. key characteristics;
3.4.2.2. general responsibilities;
3.4.2.3. nature and scope of the role; and
3.4.2.4. description of work required.

3.4.3. The Descriptors align to and operate in conjunction with the Classification Definitions set out at Schedule B of the Higher Education Industry (General Staff) Award 2010. Positions will be classified in accordance with the Descriptors.

3.4.4. It is not intended that a single position would be able to demonstrate every task, competency or technical requirement expressed in the Descriptor for a respective classification. The Descriptors convey typical attributes for a variety of positions across functions within a particular classification.

3.4.5. Classifications are grouped in the following categories to assist with position sizing and identifying career paths:

3.4.5.1. Category A - Classifications UoM1 to UoM5
Category A positions typically focus on executing practical tasks to enable University operations. Positions within these classifications generally follow instructions and defined procedures and processes. Decision making is generally not one of the critical elements of these positions.

3.4.5.2. Category B - Classifications UoM6 to UoM7
Positions falling within Category B are typically subject matter expert or supervisory level positions. Category B positions focus on executing complex tasks and operational problem solving to enable University operations. Positions within these classifications generally operate within broad procedures, they apply occupational knowledge and experience to solve problems at their level.

3.4.5.3. Category C - Classifications UoM8 to UoM10
Category C positions are management positions or positions requiring senior subject matter expertise. Category C positions typically focus on advising senior decision makers and managing elements of a function in order to enable and improve University operations. These roles generally apply advanced decision making and discretionary judgement. For the purpose of this clause 3.4.5.3, senior subject matter expertise
refers to positions which are critical roles, accountable for high risk areas and require scarce, highly specialised skills or an extremely in-depth understanding of the University and the environment in which it operates.

3.4.6. The University will apply the Descriptors set out at clause 3.29 as the primary reference for determining the classification of new positions, the reclassification of an existing, restructured or modified position. Positions will be classified at the level which most accurately reflects the work to be performed.

3.4.7. Pursuant to clause 3.4.2, requests by a PASO Employee for a review of classification will be addressed in the first instance between the PASO Employee and Manager. Grievances arising from a review of classification may be referred to the Grievance and Dispute Settlement Procedure at clause 1.38. In circumstances, where the position is reclassified, the reclassification will be effective from the date the grievance was raised.

3.5. **INCREMENTAL PROGRESSION**

3.5.1. Positions classified UoM 1 to UoM 9 provide for incremental progression through the respective salary range set out at clause 3.2.2 (Incremental Progression).

3.5.2. Incremental Progression recognises a PASO Employee’s proficiency and professionalism required in the role in achieving the objectives of a position required by the University; consistent with the PASO Employee’s occupation, position description and the classification.

3.5.3. Incremental Progression occurs annually on a PASO Employee’s classification anniversary date. For the purpose of this clause 3.5, the Classification Anniversary Date is either the date the PASO Employee commenced:

3.5.3.1. employment with the University; or

3.5.3.2. at the higher classification following reclassification of the position or promotion or transfer to a new position.

3.5.4. Incremental Progression occurs on the classification anniversary date where:

3.5.4.1. the University is satisfied the PASO Employee met the requirements of the position in the twelve months preceding the Classification Anniversary Date; and

3.5.4.2. the PASO Employee has:

(a) not been subject to formal action due to poor performance;

(b) not been subject to formal action due to misconduct (including serious misconduct); and

(c) contributed to workplace productivity through attendance at work for the majority of the year (i.e. attended the workplace for more than an aggregate of six months preceding the Classification Anniversary Date).

3.5.5. A PASO Employee who has either progressed to the top of the salary range for the respective classification or works in a position classified at UoM10:

3.5.5.1. is not eligible for Incremental Progression;

3.5.5.2. may be considered, at the discretion of the University, for an annual performance bonus where the PASO Employee:
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(a) in the view of the University, displayed outstanding performance and exceeded the requirements of the position in the twelve months preceding the Classification Anniversary Date;

(b) contributed to workplace productivity through attendance at work for the majority of the year (i.e. attended the workplace for more than an aggregate of six months preceding the Classification Anniversary Date);

(c) had not been subject to formal action arising from poor performance; and

(d) had not been subject to formal action arising from misconduct (including serious misconduct).

3.5.6. A reduction in increment or classification may occur where a PASO Employee:

3.5.6.1. is demoted due to poor performance or misconduct process;

3.5.6.2. is redeployed due to redundancy; or

3.5.6.3. elects to undertake a lower classified or paid role.

3.6. CAREER PROGRESSION TO HIGHER CLASSIFICATION

3.6.1. PASO Employees at the top of their classification level will be provided opportunities to develop the necessary skills, competencies, qualifications and experience to be promoted to the next highest classification. In particular, where a PASO Employee has expressed interest in progressing to the next classification level and are meeting the performance expectation of their role, they will (with the support of their Manager) be:

3.6.1.1. responsible for their self-directed career development and training;

3.6.1.2. assigned work at the higher classification where the work is required by the University and is contemplated in the PASO Employee's development plan;

3.6.1.3. provided opportunities, where available, to relieve in positions at the higher level;

3.6.1.4. provided opportunities, where available, to temporarily transfer to positions at the higher level;

3.6.1.5. provided appropriate training and development opportunities where available.

3.6.2. Promotion to a higher classification is not automatic and will be offered where the University has identified a need for work to be performed at the higher level.

3.6.3. Nothing in this Agreement prevents PASO Employees from applying, or the University selecting a PASO Employee, for any suitable vacant role through the University selection processes.

3.7. EMPLOYMENT CATEGORIES

3.7.1. PASO Employees will be employed in one of the following employment categories:

3.7.1.1. Continuing employment;

3.7.1.2. Continuing (Research Contingent) employment;

3.7.1.3. Fixed-Term employment;

3.7.1.4. Periodic employment; or
3.7.1.5. Casual employment.

3.8. CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT
Continuing (or ongoing) employment has no fixed end date except where notice of termination has been provided.

3.9. CONTINUING (RESEARCH CONTINGENT) EMPLOYMENT
3.9.1. Continuing (Research Contingent) employment is Continuing employment that is not limited to a fixed end date (except where notice of termination has been provided) and where Continuing employment is contingent on:

3.9.1.1. externally provided research funding to perform ancillary duties required in support of the research;

3.9.1.2. continuation of the research pertaining to the position; and

3.9.1.3. performance of ancillary duties required in support of an Academic engaged in or on either:

(a) research active work; or

(b) a research project.

3.9.2. For the purpose of clause 3.9.1.1 and 3.10.1.3, "externally provided research funding" means:

3.9.2.1. research funding for a limited term provided from a source, or a combination of sources, external to the University covering more than 50% of the position's costs (inclusive of on-costs):

3.9.2.2. funding not provided through student funding from Government;

3.9.2.3. funding not derived from the payment of fees made by or on behalf of students; or

3.9.2.4. funding not derived from the payment of fee for services provided by the University.

3.9.3. A Continuing (Research Contingent) employment position will end when one or more of the conditions set out at clause 3.9.1 are no longer applicable.

3.9.4. The following provisions set out the arrangements for PASO Employees whose Continuing (Research Contingent) employment position is no longer required for reason set out above at clause 3.9.3.

3.9.5. The University will endeavour to transfer the PASO Employee to a vacant suitable alternative Continuing (Research Contingent) employment position within the University.

3.9.6. Where it is evident that a suitable alternative Continuing (Research Contingent) employment position will be made available within 26 weeks of the PASO Employee's substantive position ending, the University may grant the PASO Employee leave without pay pending commencement of the new position. Leave without pay in such circumstance will not be deemed a break in service for the purpose of long service leave. Where the PASO Employee chooses separation under the provisions set out below, the University is not obliged to re-employ the PASO Employee within two years of the PASO Employee's termination of employment.
3.9.7. Where it is evident that a suitable alternative Continuing (Research Contingent) employment position will not be available as set out above at clause 3.9.6, the PASO Employee will be considered for redeployment throughout the University to vacant suitable alternative positions as determined by the University that are not research contingent.

3.9.8.Clauses 3.9.9 and 3.9.10 below do not apply in circumstances where a PASO Employee declines an offer of suitable alternative employment contemplated at clause 3.9.6 and 3.9.7.

3.9.9. A PASO Employee who is not offered suitable alternative employment contemplated at clause 3.9.6 and 3.9.7 shall be provided a minimum of four weeks' written notice (five weeks' notice if the PASO Employee is over 45 years of age) that the employment will end. The University may pay the PASO Employee in lieu of all or part of the notice period not worked.

3.9.10. A PASO Employee whose employment is terminated for reasons set out at clause 3.9.3 will also receive the following severance payment:

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3.9.11. For the purpose of clause 3.9.10, “Continuous Service” means service under an unbroken contract of employment and includes any period of leave of absence that does not break service as set out in this Agreement or legislation including a break in service and leave without pay contemplated in this clause 3.9, but does not include any period of:

3.9.11.1. unauthorised absence;
3.9.11.2. unpaid leave or unpaid authorised absence other than:
3.9.11.3. a period of absence due to Community Service Leave;
3.9.11.4. a period of leave of absence set out elsewhere in the Agreement that provides for continuity of service; or
3.9.11.5. a period of leave or absence of a kind prescribed in legislation.

3.9.12. With exception to the provisions set out in this clause 3.9, the PASO Employee will be entitled to the terms and conditions applicable to continuing employment.
3.9.13. Termination of employment arising from other reasons not set out in this clause 3.9 will accord with the applicable provision of the Agreement.

3.10. **FIXED-TERM EMPLOYMENT**

3.10.1. Fixed-Term employment occurs where the University identifies work needed for a:

3.10.1.1. specified period of time with a start and end date;

3.10.1.2. specified task, project or purpose with a specified term of completion other than an end date;

3.10.1.3. position that relies on externally provided research funding to perform the research duties required as defined at clause 3.9.2 with a specified term of completion;

3.10.1.4. position that is externally funded (other than research funding contemplated above) in part or in full for a specified time and there is reasonable basis for the University to consider at the time of the employment offer that the funding will not be extended beyond the term of the contract; or

3.10.1.5. position that is required to backfill a temporary vacancy due to, amongst other circumstances, Parental Leave, long term absence, sabbatical, temporary transfer, secondment or while a selection process for the vacancy is being completed and with a specified term of completion; and

3.10.1.6. where the:

(a) work is not required on an ongoing basis;

(b) position requires the same or similar work to be performed for a period not in excess of five years' duration without a break in service;

3.10.2. Each period of Fixed-Term employment stands alone. Accordingly, with exception to circumstances set out below at clause 3.10.6:

3.10.2.1. a PASO Employee will be paid all unused accrued Annual Leave at the expiration of the Fixed-Term employment;

3.10.2.2. redundancy, including redundancy pay (also referred to as severance pay) does not apply to Fixed-Term employment;

3.10.2.3. unless otherwise required in this clause 3.10, the University is under no obligation to offer further employment at expiration of Fixed-Term employment.

3.10.3. Unless specified elsewhere in this Agreement, a Fixed-Term PASO Employee is entitled to the same employment conditions (including incremental progression) as would apply to a Continuing PASO Employee engaged in an equivalent classification and working an equivalent proportion of normal weekly hours for the classification.

3.10.4. The University when offering Fixed-Term employment will, as a minimum requirement, inform the individual in writing that they are employed on Fixed-Term employment, the term of the Fixed-Term employment, the classification level, rate of pay and hours of work.

3.10.5. Fixed-Term employment may be terminated prior to the expiration date subject to the Probation provision at clause 1.32, Management of Unsatisfactory Performance and Misconduct at clauses 1.33, 1.34 and 1.35, and the applicable Notice of
Termination in such circumstances or where the PASO Employee is paid in lieu of the time remaining under the contract.

3.10.6. For the purpose of this clause 3.10, the following does not constitute a break in service:

3.10.6.1. where the PASO Employee is employed under Periodic arrangements at clause 3.11;

3.10.6.2. two or less breaks between Fixed-Term appointments per calendar year where each break does not exceed six weeks on each occasion between each Fixed-Term appointment;

3.10.6.3. a break over the year-end summer period on occasion where the second or subsequent Fixed-Term employment is for the same position;

3.10.6.4. periods of unpaid leave approved by the University; or

3.10.6.5. where it is demonstrable that the pattern of Fixed-Term employment was structured for the sole purpose of avoiding the separation arrangement at clause 3.10.7.

3.10.7. The University will provide a PASO Employee with a separation payment at expiration of the Fixed-Term employment as set out below at clause 3.10.8 (Separation Payment) on occasion where:

3.10.7.1. the individual, at expiration of the Fixed-Term employment, had been engaged on successive Fixed-Term contracts (i.e. not a single contract) to perform the same or similar work for a period in excess of five years without a break in service; and

3.10.7.2. the University elected to end the employment at expiration of the Fixed-Term employment without offer to extend the Fixed-Term employment and where:

(a) there was no suitable alternative employment available; or

(b) the individual was unsuccessful in attaining subsequent employment within the University through a competitive selection process; and

(c) it is evident that an offer by the University for further employment (excluding Casual employment) will not be available within 26 weeks following expiration of the Fixed-Term employment.

3.10.8. For the purpose of clause 3.10.7, the Separation Payment is as follows.

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3.10.9. A PASO Employee engaged on Fixed-Term employment with a contract start date preceding the Commencement Date of the Agreement (Contract Start Date) may receive the equivalent severance set out at clause 24 of the University of Melbourne Enterprise Agreement 2013 (Fixed-Term Severance) where, due to the
duration of the Fixed-Term employment, they are not eligible for the separation payment set out at clause 3.10.7 but would have otherwise been eligible for Fixed-Term Severance in operation at the Contract Start Date and in circumstances where employment ends on the expiry date agreed at the Contract Start Date.

3.10.10. A PASO Employee will not receive the separation payment set out above at either clause 3.10.7 or 3.10.9 where the individual:

3.10.10.1. declined an offer of further equivalent employment; or
3.10.10.2. elected to end the employment relationship.

3.11. PERIODIC EMPLOYMENT

3.11.1. Periodic employment occurs where the University identifies work:

3.11.1.1. needed for discrete periods determined by the University in a calendar year (Period) less than a full-time equivalent; and
3.11.1.2. which is not required on a casual hourly basis.

3.11.2. Periodic employment requires an individual to work one or more Periods in a calendar year as determined by the University and advised in writing to the individual.

3.11.3. Periods where the individual is not required to work are non-work periods. During a non-working period (excluding periods of approved paid leave), the individual will be deemed to be on leave of absence without pay for that period.

3.11.4. Periodic employment may be either on a Continuing basis as contemplated at clause 3.8 or on a Fixed-Term basis as contemplated at clause 3.10.

3.11.5. A non-work period does not:

3.11.5.1. break continuity of employment;
3.11.5.2. count as service for the purpose of accruing or determining eligibility of entitlements set out in the Agreement - except for periods of authorised paid leave taken during a non-work period or where required by law.

3.11.6. An individual employed on a Periodic basis:

3.11.6.1. will not be paid Public Holidays during non-work periods;
3.11.6.2. will accrue and take leave pro rata to the full-time equivalent;
3.11.6.3. may elect, with the agreement of the University, to annualise their salary over either the calendar year or the term of employment (whichever occurs first) and on condition that Annual Leave is taken in the calendar year it accrues and at the annualised rate of pay;
3.11.6.4. may take approved paid annual or Long Service Leave during a non-work period;
3.11.6.5. will not be engaged by the University under a separate employment contract during non-work periods but may seek agreement by the University to extend the Periodic employment;
3.11.6.6. will be eligible for overtime at clause 3.20;
3.11.6.7. will be provided reasonable access to available facilities and resources commensurate with the role and the flexible nature of their employment which includes (amongst other things authorised by the University) access to:
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(a) on-campus facilities;
(b) the University's wi-fi, phone, network and email systems when on campus; and
(c) Library facilities.

3.11.7. Periodic positions will be established consistent with clause 1.15.3.

3.12. CASUAL EMPLOYMENT

3.12.1. Casual employment is a position where Continuing hours of work are not guaranteed and where a PASO Employee is employed on an hourly basis for a minimum period of:

3.12.1.1. one hour per occasion of employment where:
(a) the individual is an enrolled student of the University who, in addition to the paid casual employment, has separate scheduled activities at the University in their capacity as a student (including self-directed study and research) on the same day of casual employment;
(b) the individual has a primary employer external to the University (i.e. secondary employment);
(c) the individual is employed in the occupation of either pastoral and farm work, grape picker, gym or fitness instructors; or
(d) the PASO Employee requested and the University agreed to a one hour minimum.

3.12.1.2. two hours per occasion of employment where:
(a) the individual is employed in either a trade, maintenance, electrical occupation;
(b) the individual is employed to assist students with disability;
(c) the PASO Employee requested and the University agreed to a two-hour minimum.

3.12.1.3. three hours per occasion of employment for all other employment not set out above.

3.12.2. Unless otherwise set out below at 3.12.3, a PASO Employee engaged in Casual employment will be paid per hour at the rate of 1/37th of the weekly rate prescribed for the class of work performed, plus a 25% loading for work performed Monday to Friday inclusive (working week).

3.12.3. Fruit Picking and Horticultural Casual hourly rates (inclusive of the increases contained in clause 1.10):
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#### Casual Hourly rates for Piecework:

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### Casual Hourly Rates for staff undertaking horticultural related duties

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3.12.4. The University, when offering Casual employment, will inform the PASO Employee in writing that they are employed as a Casual PASO Employee, the classification level, hourly rate of pay and the anticipated number of hours required.

3.12.5. The following clauses in the Agreement do not apply to Casual employment:

3.12.5.1. salary packaging (clause 1.13);  
3.12.5.2. Annual Leave (clause 1.18);  
3.12.5.3. public holidays (clause 1.17);  
3.12.5.4. paid Parental Leave (clause 1.22);  
3.12.5.5. notice of termination of employment by the University (clause 3.25);  
3.12.5.6. redundancy (clause 1.40); and  
3.12.5.7. any other clause in the Agreement that expressly excludes PASO Employees in Casual employment.

3.12.6. For the purpose of this Agreement, an individual invited by the University for an occasional speaking engagement (Guest Speaker) is not:

3.12.6.1. engaged in Casual employment; or  
3.12.6.2. covered by this Agreement.

3.12.7. For the purpose of clause 3.12.6, Guest Speaker (also referred to as a keynote speaker) means an individual who has been invited by the University to speak or deliver a presentation on a particular topic, area of interest or area of expertise.

### TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

3.13.1. The following provisions are intended to facilitate the transition, where applicable, to employment categories in the Agreement pursuant to clause 1.15.

3.13.2. The provisions set out below in this clause 3.13.2 will come into effect 18 months after the Commencement Date at clause 1.3.1, will be accessible to eligible PASO Employees for 12 months and will cease to be operative 30 months from the Commencement Date:

3.13.2.1. Fixed-Term Employment Review  

(a) The University will review the employment history of PASO Employees engaged on Fixed-Term employment for the purpose of identifying
opportunities to offer Continuing employment as contemplated at either clause 3.8 or clause 3.9 for research/externally funded contracts. Where the PASO Employee has been engaged on successive Fixed-Term employment arrangements (performing the same or substantially similar duties) for a period in excess of five years of continuous service, this may give rise to an expectation of ongoing employment.

3.13.2.2. Request for conversion – Fixed-Term Employment

(a) On occasion where a PASO Employee has been engaged on successive Fixed-Term employment (performing the same or substantially similar duties) for a period in excess of five years without a break in service as set out at clause 3.10.6, the PASO Employee will be eligible to apply for conversion to Continuing employment on the condition that the PASO Employee:

i. will be performing the same or substantially similar duties to the preceding Fixed-Term agreement;

ii. was appointed through a merit selection process for at least one of the Fixed-Term contracts; and

iii. is not the subject of any matters arising from clauses 1.33, 1.34 and 1.35 in relation to Unsatisfactory Work Performance or misconduct.

(b) The University will assess eligible requests for conversion.

(c) Reasonable grounds to decline a request for conversion are:

i. pursuant to clause 1.15, where it is demonstrable that conversion would require significant adjustment resulting in an unreasonable or unsustainable financial effect (with exception of employer superannuation contributions) on the composition of the workforce required by the University;

ii. that it is known or reasonably foreseeable that the PASO Employee will perform work which will cease within two years from the date the conversion was requested and there is no other suitable alternative work;

iii. the individual performs duties in an area of work which the University plans to discontinue;

iv. that the PASO Employee has not performed to the expectation of the University.

(d) Where the University determines there are no grounds to refuse a request for conversion the University will provide a PASO Employee, eligible at clause 3.13.2.2, an offer of Continuing employment.

(e) If a PASO Employee declines an offer of employment they will cease to be eligible for any future requests for conversion.

3.13.3. The provision set out below in this clause 3.13.3 will come into effect 12 months after the Commencement Date at clause 1.3.1.

3.13.3.1. Casual Employment Review

(a) Prior to the commencement of the academic year, the University will review the employment history of PASO Employees regularly engaged in Casual employment for the purpose of identifying genuine
opportunities to transfer employment from Casual to Periodic employment performing the same or substantially similar duties (Conversion).

(b) The Conversion review will be conducted by each respective work area and will include a request for eligible Casual PASO Employees to submit an expression of interest for Conversion.

(c) In circumstances where the University determines that casual hours, assign to more than one Casual PASO Employee, are combined to establish a Periodic position, the eligible Casual PASO Employees affected will have opportunity to participate in selection for the position.

(d) For the purpose of this clause 3.13.3.1, Regular Casual employment refers to a Casual PASO Employee who has, for twelve months or more worked a pattern of hours of no less than 50% of the average weekly hours of a Continuing Full-Time equivalent and, without significant adjustment, the Casual PASO Employee could continue to perform the work as Non-Casual employment. Regular Casual employment for the purpose of this clause 3.13.3.1 excludes circumstances where:

i. the individual has a primary occupation other than the Casual employment;

ii. the individual’s work is ad hoc, intermittent, unpredictable or involves hours that are irregular;

iii. that the individual does not meet the essential requirements of the position;

iv. that the individual has not performed to the expectation of the University;

v. the individual is a student, or has recently been a student (with exception where the individual’s status as a student does not relate to the requirements of the Casual employment);

vi. the individual is a genuine retiree.

(e) Reasonable grounds to not offer Conversion are one or a combination of the following:

i. pursuant to clause 1.15, in circumstances where it is demonstrable that Conversion would require significant adjustment resulting in an unreasonable or unsustainable financial effect (with exception to employer superannuation contributions) on the composition of the workforce required by the University;

ii. that it is known or reasonably foreseeable that:

A. the individual’s hours of work will either be significantly varied or no longer required within the 12 months following the receipt by the University of a request for conversion (including variation to casual hours where the PASO Employee would no longer be available);

B. the individual performs duties in an area of work which the University plans to discontinue.
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(f) Where the University determines there are no grounds to refuse a request for conversion the University will determine and provide the individual, eligible at clause 3.13.3(d), with an appropriate offer of Periodic employment.

(g) With exception of any health matters, compassionate grounds or carer's responsibilities that would prevent an employee accepting an offer, if an individual declines an offer of employment or expresses a preference to remain employed on a non-permanent basis, the University will no longer be obliged to identify future opportunities for the individual to convert. This does not prevent an individual from submitting, and the University considering, an expression of interest for Conversion as contemplated at clause 3.13.3.1(b). The University reserves the right to give priority to individuals who have not previously been offered a transfer contemplated at clause 3.13.3.1(a).

(h) A PASO Employee engaged on Casual Employment at the Commencement Date and who satisfies the meaning of a Regular Casual PASO Employee at clause 3.13.3.1(d) may request conversion from Casual to Non-Casual employment prior to the effective date at clause 3.13.3 under the equivalent terms previously set out at clause 35 of the University of Melbourne Enterprise Agreement 2013.

3.13.4. The provisions set out below in this clause 3.13.4 will come into effect 18 months after the Commencement Date at clause 1.3.1.

3.13.4.1. Offer of Continuing (Research Contingent) employment

(a) Where a PASO Employee, engaged on successive Fixed-Term employment arrangements (as set out at clause 3.10.1.3) for a period in excess of five years without a break in service, is offered further employment in a research funded position with the University, the PASO Employee will be employed on a Continuing (Research Contingent) employment basis on condition that the Fixed-Term employment:

i. was externally funded as set out at clause 3.9.2; and

ii. was required for performance of ancillary duties in support of an Academic engaged in or on either:

A. research active work; or

B. a research project.

(b) Where a PASO Employee is re-employed in circumstances contemplated at clause 3.13.4 above and there is a break in service not exceeding 26 weeks from expiration of the Fixed-Term contract to the commencement of Continuing (Research Contingent) employment, employment will be deemed Continuing for the purpose of section 62A(1) of the LSL Act.

3.13.4.2. Offer of Continuing Employment

With exception to circumstances set out at 3.13.4 above, where a PASO Employee engaged on successive Fixed-Term employment (performing the same or substantially similar duties) for a period in excess of five years without a break in service and is offered further employment with the University, the Academic will be offered continuing employment with exception where the PASO Employee:
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(a) will not be performing the same or substantially similar duties to the preceding Fixed-Term agreement; or
(b) prefers to accept an offer of Fixed-Term employment.

3.13.5. Nothing in this clause 3.13 prevents disputed categories of employment being referred to the Grievance and Dispute Settlement Procedure at clause 1.38.

3.14. FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT
A PASO Employee engaged in full-time employment as set out at clause 3.17.1.

3.15. PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT
3.15.1. A PASO Employee engaged in part-time employment:
   3.15.1.1. works less than 36.25 ordinary hours per week;
   3.15.1.2. has reasonably predictable hours of work; and
   3.15.1.3. receives, on a pro rata basis, terms and conditions equivalent to Full-Time positions.

3.15.2. A Part-Time PASO Employee's hours may be worked by mutual agreement as:
   3.15.2.1. fixed hours per week, on fixed days; or
   3.15.2.2. fixed hours per week flexibly arranged throughout the week.
   (together, Ordinary Hours of Work).

3.15.3. A PASO Employee will not be paid Public Holidays that occur on days where the PASO Employee's Ordinary Hours of Work do not typically require them to work.

3.16. SUPPLEMENTARY WORK
3.16.1. A PASO Employee (excluding an individual engaged in casual employment) may request and the University, at its discretion, may agree to a PASO Employee undertaking supplementary work for the University:
   3.16.1.1. at times where the PASO Employee is not required to perform the substantive duties of the PASO Employee's substantive position;
   3.16.1.2. in addition to the PASO Employee's normal hours of work; and
   3.16.1.3. the supplementary work does not reflect the duties and responsibilities set out in the classification for the PASO Employee's substantive position.

3.16.2. A PASO Employee does not accrue leave in respect of supplementary work. Hours worked on supplementary work are not additional hours for the purpose of overtime. A PASO Employee is paid ordinary time casual rates commensurate with the position for the hours worked on supplementary work.

3.16.3. Supplementary work does not create a separate employment relationship with the University.

3.16.4. Supplementary work will be permitted for an agreed period of time. Further approval by the University is required if the PASO Employee transfers or is promoted.

3.16.5. Examples of supplementary work includes where:
3.16.5.1. a PASO Employee substantively employed in a non-academic position engaged to deliver occasional Sessional Teaching to a Faculty; or

3.16.5.2. a PASO Employee engaged in a Part-Time non-academic position working separately to their primary position as an invigilator during examination periods.

The above is for illustrative purposes only and is not intended to be a complete and exhaustive list.

3.17. WORKLOAD & HOURS OF WORK

3.17.1. The ordinary hours of work for a Full-Time PASO Employee are:

3.17.1.1. 1,885 hours per annum;

3.17.1.2. 36.25 hours per week (or an average of 36.25 over the PASO Employee’s regular rostered hours of work);

3.17.1.3. 7.25 hours per day (or an average of 36.25 over the PASO Employee’s regular rostered hours of work).

3.17.2. The University may, at its discretion, direct a PASO Employee to carry out duties and responsibilities within the PASO Employee’s ordinary hours of work.

3.17.3. The University will manage a PASO Employee’s duties and responsibilities throughout the calendar year in a manner that:

3.17.3.1. does not routinely or unreasonably require the PASO Employee to carry out their duties beyond their ordinary hours of work;

3.17.3.2. requires a PASO Employee to carry out duties and responsibilities within the PASO Employee’s ordinary hours of work that are:

   (a) commensurate with the PASO Employee’s classification, skill, competence, and expertise; and

   (b) within the reasonable expectations of the position;

3.17.3.3. addresses the University’s duty of care to a PASO Employee’s health and safety; and,

3.17.3.4. is consistent with individuals achieving appropriate balance in their professional and personal lives,

(together Workload).

3.17.4. A PASO Employee and their Supervisor, as nominated by the University, will discuss both the expectations at clause 3.17.3.2(b) and the programme of work planned for the year ahead and settle an appropriate Workload which they will review throughout the year.

3.17.5. A PASO Employee may request in writing to their Supervisor a review of their Workload if they consider the Workload is inconsistent with the Workload settled at clause 3.17.4 or has transpired to be inconsistent with Workload set out at clause 3.17.3.

3.17.6. Where required, the University will conduct a review to ensure the Workload adheres to clause 3.17.3 by taking into account:

3.17.6.1. reasonable expectations of the position;

3.17.6.2. work practices;

3.17.6.3. resourcing; and
3.17.6.4. any other related matters.

3.17.7. On completion of the review, the University will provide the PASO Employee with the findings of the review and implement any necessary adjustments or remediating actions.

3.17.8. On occasion where Workload cannot be settled between the PASO Employee and Supervisor or following the review of Workload, the matter may be referred to the Grievance and Dispute Settlement Procedure at clause 1.38.

3.17.9. Pursuant to clause 1.6, reference to PASO Employee in the singular includes the plural.

3.17.10. Nothing in this clause 3.17 prevents the University from requesting a PASO Employee to work:

3.17.10.1. Overtime at clause 3.20;
3.17.10.2. Shift work at clause 3.21; or
3.17.10.3. On Call Back and Standing-by arrangements at clause 3.22.

3.18. EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATION & ASSOCIATION

3.18.1. As contemplated in the Objects of the University of Melbourne Act 2009 (Vic) at section 5(e)(iii), the University serves the public interest by: "...promoting critical and free enquiry, informed intellectual discourse and public debate within the University and in the wider society". Accordingly, the University acknowledges that a PASO Employee may on occasion, where consistent with their employment obligations and position, engage in respectful and informed discourse and dialogue.

3.18.2. Pursuant to clause 3.18.1, a PASO Employee shall not be dismissed or have their employment harmed or have their position altered to their prejudice by reason of or for reasons that include:

3.18.2.1. engaging in respectful and informed discourse and dialogue consistent with their employment obligations and position that accords with:

(a) University policy;
(b) a reasonable and lawful direction of the University;
(c) confidentiality, non-disclosure or commercial-in-confidence constraints; or
(d) protecting the wellbeing, health, safety or reputation of individuals associated with the University;

3.18.2.2. their status or activities as an accredited representative of the Union;
3.18.2.3. their membership of, or participation in lawful activities of the Union; or
3.18.2.4. their participation and giving evidence in legal proceedings to which the Union or a Union member is a party.

3.19. SPREAD OF ORDINARY HOURS OF WORK

3.19.1. The ordinary hours of work for a Full-Time PASO Employee may be programmed within the spread of ordinary hours:

3.19.1.1. between 7:30 am and 7:30 pm, Monday to Friday;
3.19.1.2. between 6:30am and 6:30pm for PASO Employees engaged in the trades and services positions of carpenters, painters, builders, labourers
or trades assistants, plasterers, electricians, plumbers, mechanical/electrical technicians, electrical mechanics or gardeners or horticultural technician (Trades and Services Employees); or

3.19.1.3. between 6:30am and 10:30pm, Monday to Friday, for PASO Employees engaged in positions in the Melbourne University Sports Centre.

3.19.2. A PASO Employee will not be required to work more than five hours continuously without an unpaid meal break of at least half an hour.

3.19.3. A Full-Time PASO Employee is permitted two 10-minute paid rest breaks; one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

3.19.4. Agreed variation to the scheduling of meal and rest breaks may occur to accommodate workplace requirements. Agreement will not be unreasonably withheld.

3.20. OVERTIME

3.20.1. The University may require a full-time PASO Employee to work reasonable hours in excess of their ordinary hours of work (Overtime) and the PASO Employee will, on reasonable notice, work such Overtime as requested.

3.20.2. A PASO Employee may refuse to work Overtime in circumstances where working overtime would result in working additional hours which are unreasonable, having regard to:

3.20.2.1. any risk to the PASO Employee’s health and safety;

3.20.2.2. the PASO Employee’s personal circumstances including any family responsibilities;

3.20.2.3. the needs of the workplace;

3.20.2.4. the notice (if any) given by the University of the requirement to work Overtime;

3.20.2.5. the notice (if any) given by the PASO Employee to refuse the requirement to work Overtime; and

3.20.2.6. any other relevant matter.

3.20.3. A Full-Time PASO Employee whose position is classified at UoM Level 6 or below will be eligible to be paid for Overtime worked in accordance with clause 3.20.5.

3.20.4. PASO Employees working in positions classified at UoM 7 to UoM 10 are entitled to claim time off in lieu calculated at one and a half times the actual hours worked on occasion where they are directed by the University to work additional hours from Monday to Sunday or double the actual hours worked on a Public Holiday.

3.20.5. Overtime will be paid for all work performed in excess of the Full-Time PASO Employee’s ordinary hours of work and calculated on a daily basis at the following rates:

3.20.5.1. Week days (Trades and Services Employees) - time and a half for the first two hours and double time thereafter;

3.20.5.2. Week days (other PASO Employees) – time and a half for the first three hours and double time thereafter;

3.20.5.3. Saturdays – time and a half up to 12.00 noon (or the first three hours whichever occurs first) and double time thereafter;
3.20.5.4. Sundays – double time;
3.20.5.5. Public Holidays (Trades and Services Employees) - double time and a half;
3.20.5.6. Public Holidays (other PASO Employees) - double time.

3.20.6. Time off in lieu

By agreement with the University, a PASO Employee may be granted time off in lieu of payment calculated at the applicable Overtime rate set out at clause 3.20.5. Time off in lieu of Overtime is taken at a mutually agreed time convenient to the University. A PASO Employee who is owed time off in lieu of Overtime at termination of employment will, in their final pay, receive payment for the time owing calculated at the applicable Overtime rate set out at clause 3.20.5.

3.20.7. All additional hours approved by the University and worked by a PASO Employee engaged in Part-Time employment:

3.20.7.1. in excess of the PASO Employee’s ordinary hours of work but less than 36.25 hours per week, will be paid at ordinary time rates plus a 25% loading for the time worked in excess of the PASO Employee’s ordinary hours of work up to and including 36.25 hours;

3.20.7.2. in excess of ordinary hours of work and which exceed 36.25 hours per week, will be paid as overtime as set out in clause 3.20.5 for the time worked in excess of 36.25 hours; and

3.20.7.3. will be paid in accordance with clause 3.20.5 for time worked on Saturday, Sunday or Public Holidays.

3.20.8. All hours approved by the University and worked by a PASO Employee engaged in casual employment:

3.20.8.1. in excess of 36.25 hours per week (Monday to Friday), will be paid as overtime as set out in clause 3.20.5 calculated weekly for the time worked in excess of 36.25 hours (where “time” for the purpose of this clause 3.20.8 means ordinary time rates of pay excluding the 25% casual loading); and

3.20.8.2. will be paid in accordance with clause 3.20.5 for time worked on Saturday, Sunday or Public Holidays (excluding the 25% casual loading).

3.20.9. A PASO Employee who has worked overtime will be provided with a minimum break of 10 hours between one period of work and the beginning of the next without loss of ordinary time earnings.

3.21. SHIFT WORK

3.21.1. Shift work occurs where a PASO Employee is required, on an ongoing basis, to commence or finish their ordinary hours of work outside the spread of ordinary hours set out at clause 3.19.1 or as varied by an IFA set out at clause 1.9.

3.21.2. Shift work will incur a shift loading of 15% for each hour worked. Shift loading is not paid for:

3.21.2.1. periods of absences;

3.21.2.2. the purpose of calculating Overtime;

3.21.2.3. the purpose of calculating final termination pay.
3.21.3. A PASO Employee working shift work receives 28 calendar days' written notice of the requirement to commence or cease shift work or to change start or finish times; unless otherwise mutually agreed.

3.21.4. Pursuant to clause 3.17.3, a PASO Employee will not unreasonably refuse a request to transfer to shift work.

3.21.5. By mutual agreement with the PASO Employee the University may programme ordinary hours of work on Saturday or Sunday, on the basis that the PASO Employee is not required to work more than five consecutive days in a calendar week. A PASO Employee will be paid a 25% weekend loading for ordinary hours of work on Saturday or Sunday. With the exception of a health and safety matter requiring immediate action, the University or PASO Employee may discontinue this arrangement and revert to standard spread of ordinary hours set out at clause 3.19.1 through the provision of four week's written notice to the other party. Weekend loading is not paid for:

3.21.5.1. periods of absences;
3.21.5.2. the purpose of calculating overtime;
3.21.5.3. the purpose of calculating final termination pay.

3.22. CALL BACK AND STANDING BY

3.22.1. Call back payments and standing by allowances apply to Trades and Services Employees (defined at clause 3.19.1.2) in positions classified at UoM Level 6 or below and who make themselves available and participate in the University's voluntary 24/7 roster system. The 24/7 roster system applies in relation to essential University facility services that are required to be maintained outside the ordinary hours of work.

3.22.2. A call back is paid to PASO Employees in place of Overtime set out at clause 3.20 for all work performed outside the ordinary hours of work. A call back is prescribed and calculated on a daily basis at the following rates:

3.22.2.1. week days - time and a half for the first two hours and double time thereafter;
3.22.2.2. Saturdays - time and a half up to 12.00 noon (or the first two hours whichever occurs first) and double time thereafter;
3.22.2.3. Sundays - double time;
3.22.2.4. Public Holidays - double time and a half.

3.22.3. A call back is paid for a minimum period of four hours (minimum period). If the PASO Employee completes the duties required by the University within the minimum period they are not required to remain at work for the full four hours. However, the minimum period is inclusive of any subsequent call-back within the minimum period.

3.22.4. It is not a call back and the PASO Employee is paid overtime as set out in clause 3.20 where a PASO Employee is requested to work Overtime:

3.22.4.1. with more than 12 hours' notice; or
3.22.4.2. immediately prior to or after their ordinary hours of work (where there is no break between the ordinary hours and the additional hours worked).

In these circumstances, the PASO Employee is paid overtime as set out in clause 3.20.
3.22.5. A Trade and Services Employee ready and available to be called back to work outside their ordinary hours of work receives a standing by allowance of $209.87 per calendar week (pro rata for a lesser period) while participating on the University voluntary 24/7 roster system. Standing by allowance is not paid for:

3.22.5.1. periods of absences;
3.22.5.2. the purpose of calculating Overtime; or
3.22.5.3. the purpose of calculating final termination pay.

3.23. APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES

3.23.1. The University may, at its discretion, provide opportunity for individuals completing a recognised and approved apprenticeship or traineeship to be engaged by the University either through:

3.23.1.1. Fixed-Term employment with the University; or
3.23.1.2. a group training organisation.

3.23.2. Apprentices and trainees employed by the University at clause 3.23.1.1 are paid the following minimum annual salaries:

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3.23.3. The salaries set out at clause 3.23.2 will be adjusted in accordance with clause 1.10.

3.23.4. Nothing in the Agreement prevents the University, at its discretion, from providing remuneration and benefits to apprentices or trainees in addition to the salaries set out at clause 3.23.2.

3.24. CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION AND LICENCING FEES

The University pays for licencing and registration fees where the University requires a Trades and Services Employees (defined at clause 3.19.1.2) to be certified, licenced or registered in a relevant trade.

3.25. NOTICE OF TERMINATION BY THE UNIVERSITY

3.25.1. Termination of employment will be in accordance with the Agreement and prevailing legislation.

3.25.2. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement or mutually agreed by University and the PASO Employee, the University will provide the PASO Employee on Continuing
employment with written notice of the day of termination in accordance with the following period set out below:

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<td>Over 5 years of completed service</td>
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3.25.3. PASO Employees over 45 years of age at the time of giving notice, with not less than two years' continuous service, are entitled to an additional week's notice.

3.25.4. The University may:

3.25.4.1. not require a PASO Employee to attend work during the notice period;

3.25.4.2. terminate employment within the notice period and pay the PASO Employee in lieu of the remaining notice.

3.25.5. The notice provisions set out in this clause 3.25 do not apply to:

3.25.5.1. to PASO Employees engaged in casual employment where the PASO Employee is engaged on an hourly basis;

3.25.5.2. to PASO Employees engaged in Fixed-Term employment; or,

3.25.5.3. where the University summarily dismisses a PASO Employee for serious misconduct.

3.25.6. For the purpose of this clause 3.25, "Continuous Service" means service under an unbroken contract of employment and includes any period of leave of absence that does not break service as set out in this Agreement or legislation, but does not include any period of:

3.25.6.1. unauthorised absence;

3.25.6.2. unpaid leave or unpaid authorised absence other than:

(a) a period of absence due to Community Service Leave at clause 1.25;

(b) a period of stand-down due to Periodic employment at clause 3.11.3;

(c) a period of leave of absence set out elsewhere in the Agreement that provides for continuity of service; or

(d) a period of leave or absence of a kind prescribed in legislation.

3.26. NOTICE OF TERMINATION BY THE EMPLOYEE

It is expected that a PASO Employee on Continuing employment provides the same notice of termination as that required of the University (except that there is no requirement on the PASO Employee to give additional notice based on the age of the PASO Employee) or a notice period agreed at offer of employment.

3.27. REDUNDANCY PAY

3.27.1. A PASO Employee whose employment is terminated due to redundancy shall receive the following redundancy payment in addition to standard termination entitlements:
3.27.1.1. payment equivalent to three weeks' salary for every completed year of continuous service; plus

3.27.1.2. payment proportionate to 3.27.1.1 for each completed month of service for part year of service; plus

3.27.1.3. payment equivalent to two weeks' salary where the PASO Employee is aged 45 years and over on the day that notice of redundancy is provided,

(together Redundancy Pay).

3.27.2. The minimum amount of Redundancy Pay is equivalent to 14 weeks' pay and the maximum amount of Redundancy Pay is equivalent to 52 weeks.

3.27.3. For the purpose of this clause 3.27 "salary" and "pay" means ordinary time earnings at the time the position became redundant and includes allowances but excludes payment for additional hours and superannuation.

3.27.4. Redundancy Pay is not applicable where the PASO Employee:

3.27.4.1. is offered a suitable alternative position Continuing employment with the University or an associated entity;

3.27.4.2. elects to accept an alternative position with the University or an associated entity; or

3.27.4.3. is summarily dismissed for serious misconduct.

3.28. SUPPORTED WAGE SYSTEM

3.28.1. The Supported Wage System (SWS) is a Commonwealth Government initiative that promotes the employment of people with a disability who cannot work to full capacity.

3.28.2. A PASO Employee's participation in the SWS will be in accordance with the provisions of the SWS, as determined by the Commonwealth Government.

3.28.3. A PASO Employee is eligible for the SWS if they:

3.28.3.1. are unable to perform the full range of duties in a position due to a disability;

3.28.3.2. meet the impairment criteria for receipt of the disability support pension; and

3.28.3.3. do not have an accepted workers' compensation claim against the University.

3.28.4. The productive capacity of the PASO Employee will be assessed in accordance with the SWS and documented by the University and an Approved Assessor in consultation with the PASO Employee and their nominated representative (Assessment Instrument).

3.28.5. For the purpose of this clause 3.28 an "Approved Assessor" means a person accredited by the management unit established by the Commonwealth under the SWS to perform assessments of an individual's productive capacity within the SWS.

3.28.6. An eligible PASO Employee will be paid a proportion of the salary commensurate to a classification set out at clause 3.2.2 in accordance with the following table (Adjusted Rate of Pay):

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3.28.7. The Adjusted Rate of Pay must be not less than $86 per week.

3.28.8. The Adjusted Rate of Pay will only apply to the PASO Employee’s salary. The PASO Employee will be entitled to the same terms and conditions of employment as all other PASO Employees covered by this Agreement.

3.28.9. Where assessed capacity is 10% capacity, the University will provide a high degree of assistance and support to the PASO Employee.

3.28.10. Assessments made under this clause 3.28 must be documented in an SWS Wage Assessment Agreement and retained by the University as a time and wages record in accordance with the FW Act. For the purpose of this clause 3.28, a “SWS Wage Assessment Agreement” means the document in the form required by the relevant Government department that records the PASO Employee’s productive capacity and agreed Adjusted Rate of Pay.

3.28.11. The SWS Wage Assessment Agreement under the conditions of this clause 3.28, including the appropriate percentage of the relevant minimum wage to be paid to the PASO Employee, will be lodged by the University with the FWC.

3.28.12. The SWS will be reviewed annually or more frequently by request of either party.
### 3.29. CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTORS

**Category A – UoM Level 1**  
(Previously Professional Staff Classification (PSC) Level 1)

**Category A Descriptor**

Category A positions typically focus on executing practical tasks to enable University operations. These positions generally follow instructions and defined procedures and processes. Decision making is generally not one of the critical elements of these positions.

**Key characteristics of work at this level**

Performing straightforward tasks and activities as instructed. The work is often repetitive and not complex in nature.

**Nature and scope of roles at this level**

**Knowledge and expertise required for these roles**

- Roles at the base of this level would not require formal qualifications nor work experience when joining the organisation.
- For roles at this level elementary knowledge of standardised work routines is required on the job by delivering simple, often repetitive tasks.
- The communication required for these roles is aimed at giving and receiving basic information effectively.

**Problem solving typical for these roles**

- Resolve problems where alternatives for the job holder are limited and the required action is clear or can be readily referred to higher levels.
- These roles operate within detailed rules and instructions, generally following strict routines.

**Output and impact required from these roles**

- These roles have a supporting impact on the execution of specific operational tasks led by others.
- They perform routine activities with direct instructions and close supervision.
**Category A – UoM Level 2**  
(Previously Professional Staff Classification [PSC] Level 2)

### Category A Descriptor

Category A positions typically focus on executing practical tasks to enable University operations. These positions generally follow instructions and defined procedures and processes. Decision making is generally not one of the critical elements of these positions.

### Key characteristics of work at this level

Performing a range of straightforward manual tasks and activities. The work is often repetitive and generally not complex in nature. Work at level 2 may on occasion involve slightly more complex tasks, which can be successfully delivered under close supervision and by using earlier experiences.

### Nature and scope of roles at this level

**Knowledge and expertise required for these roles**

- For roles at this level proficient knowledge of standardised work routines is required. This is typically acquired through technical training or work experience.
- The communication required for these roles is aimed at giving and receiving basic information effectively and demonstrating appropriate awareness of the activities they do.
- Level 2 duties typically require a skill level which assumes and requires:
  - knowledge, training or experience relevant to the duties to be performed or;
  - completion of year 12 without work experience or;
  - completion of Certificates I or II with work related experience or;
  - or an equivalent combination of experience and training.

**Problem solving typical for these roles**

- These roles solve relatively simple problems with reference to established techniques and practices. Will sometimes choose between a range of straightforward alternatives.
- These roles operate within detailed rules and instructions, generally following strict routines. There might be possible exceptional situations. Within those situations however there are defined and limited solutions to choose from.

**Output and impact required from these roles**

- These roles have a supporting impact on the execution of specific operational tasks.
- They perform routine activities with direct instructions and close supervision.
Category A - UoM Level 3

(Previously Professional Staff Classification [PSC] Level 3)

**Category A Descriptor**

Category A positions typically focus on executing practical tasks to enable University operations. These positions generally follow instructions and defined procedures and processes. Decision making is generally not one of the critical elements of these positions.

**Key characteristics of work at this level**

Performing a range of operational tasks and assignments which require knowledge of the processes in the own work area and understanding of how they interact with other related areas and processes. The work is generally aimed at facilitating the work of others, and/or delivering parts of more complex tasks which are under the accountability of others.

**Nature and scope of roles at this level**

**Knowledge and expertise required for these roles**

- These roles require knowledge for application of practical methods and techniques, work procedures and processes in the use of materials, equipment and tools.
- This knowledge is typically acquired through training in combination with work experience.
- Ordinary courtesy and effective communication in dealing with others is required. The communication aims at giving and receiving information and maintaining a favourable working relationship.
- Level 3 duties typically require a skill level which assumes and requires knowledge or training in clerical/administrative, trades or technical functions equivalent to:
  - completion of a trades certificate or Certificate III or;
  - completion of Year 12 or a Certificate II, with some relevant work experience or;
  - an equivalent combination of relevant experience and education/training.

**Problem solving typical for these roles**

- These roles operate within detailed standard practices with available assistance when variations need to be considered.
- They are generally confronted with similar situations requiring solution by making the right choice between known alternatives.
- These roles may be required to exercise judgement on practical work methods and task sequence within specified timelines and standard practices and procedures.

**Output and impact required from these roles**

- These roles have a supporting impact on a specific part of the University's infrastructure and/or a specific work group within university operations.
- By consistently and effectively applying practices and procedures, these roles enable others within University to be successful in their roles.
## Category A Descriptors

### Category A - UoM Level 4

*(Previously Professional Staff Classification (PSC) Level 4)*

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### Key characteristics of work at this level

Performing tasks and/or assignments which require a technical proficiency as well as a good understanding of the relevant work area's rules, regulations, processes and techniques, and how they interact with other related functions.

This is the level where work starts to be delivered under routine supervision and general direction, including possible liaison with staff at higher levels. In some cases, the work also can include providing task instructions to colleagues operating at a lower level.

### Nature and scope of roles at this level

#### Knowledge and expertise required for these roles

- These roles require knowledge for application of practical methods and techniques, work procedures and processes in the specialised use of materials, equipment and tools.
- This knowledge is typically acquired through specialised training in combination with significant work experience.
- Ordinary courtesy and effective communication in dealing with others is required. The communication aims at giving and receiving information and maintaining a favourable working relationship.
- Level 4 duties typically require a skill level which assumes and requires knowledge or training equivalent to:
  - completion of a diploma level qualification with relevant work related experience, or;
  - completion of a Certificate IV with relevant work experience; or,
  - completion of a post-trades certificate and extensive training; or,
  - relevant experience and on the job training; or,
  - completion of a Certificate III with extensive relevant work experience, or;
  - an equivalent combination of relevant experience and/or education/training.

#### Problem solving typical for these roles

- These roles operate within well-defined procedures with somewhat diversified precedents
- They are generally confronted with situations in which the problem is clear but they are required to interpret standard and custom precedents to make the right selection of available choices

#### Output and impact required from these roles

- These roles have a supporting impact on a specific part of the University's infrastructure and/or a specific work group within university operations
- By consistently and effectively applying practices and procedures, these roles enable others within university to be successful in their roles
Category A – UoM Level 5
(Previously Professional Staff Classification [PSC] Level 5)

**Category A Descriptor**

Category A positions typically focus on executing practical tasks to enable University operations. These positions generally follow instructions and defined procedures and processes. Decision making is generally not one of the critical elements of these positions.

**Key characteristics of work at this level**

Performing tasks and or assignments which typically require experience and functional proficiency in the work area's rules, regulations, policies, procedures, systems, processes and techniques and how they interact with other related functions. The work can involve assisting and advising others in support of the achievement of their objectives.

In some cases - and on the basis of having significant work experience - the work also can include providing instructions to colleagues operating at a lower level.

**Nature and scope of roles at this level**

Knowledge and expertise required for these roles

- These roles require knowledge of specialised methods, techniques and processes, which is typically acquired through part professional qualification and/or specialised training in combination with significant work experience.
- These roles need incumbents who can be authoritative on methods, systems and procedures used.
- Ordinary courtesy and effective communication in dealing with others is required. The communication aims at giving and receiving information and maintaining a favourable working relationship. More sophistication is required in technical conversations compared to the levels below.
- Level 5 duties typically require a skill level which assumes and requires knowledge or training equivalent to:
  - completion of a degree without subsequent relevant work experience; or,
  - completion of an advanced diploma qualification and at least 1 year's subsequent relevant work experience; or,
  - completion of a diploma qualification and at least 2 years' subsequent relevant work experience, or,
  - completion of a Certificate IV and extensive relevant work experience; or,
  - completion of a post-trades certificate and extensive (typically more than 2 years) relevant experience as a technician; or
  - an equivalent combination of relevant experience and/or education/training.

Problem solving typical for these roles

- These roles operate within well-defined procedures with somewhat diversified precedents.
- These roles require analysis and interpretation of differing situations and need to identify, search and select solutions through experience and the application of acquired knowledge.

Output and impact required from these roles

- These roles have a supporting impact on a specific part of the University's infrastructure and/or a specific work group within university operations.
- By consistently and effectively applying practices and procedures, these roles enable others within university to be successful in their roles and/or carry partial responsibility for their outcomes.
### Category B - UoM Level 6
(Previously Professional Staff Classification [PSC] Level 6)

#### Category B Descriptor

Category B positions focus on executing complex tasks and operational problem solving to enable university operations. These positions generally operate within broad procedures, they apply occupational knowledge and experience to solve problems at their level.

#### Key characteristics of work at this level

Performing assignments through the application of depth or breadth of functional and/or technical expertise. The work on these assignments is guided by policy, precedent, professional standards and managerial or technical expertise.

This work can have the nature of first hand delivering assignments with functional and/or technical complexity and/or supervision of multiple activities by others.

#### Nature and scope of the role

**Knowledge and expertise required for these roles**

- These roles require specialised skills that are learned through a combination of directly relevant technical training and job experience
- This involves specialised knowledge of methods, techniques and processes with some knowledge of the theoretical background
- Interaction with other people is aimed at understanding, supporting and/or influencing them. Professional reasoning is required, more than inspiring and motivating
- Level 6 typically requires a skill level which assumes and requires knowledge or training equivalent to:
  - a degree with subsequent relevant experience; or,
  - extensive experience and specialist expertise or broad knowledge in technical or administrative fields; or,
  - an equivalent combination of relevant experience and/or education/training.

**Problem solving typical for these roles**

- These roles operate within diversified procedures
- They are generally confronted with different situations requiring identification of issues, the application of judgement and selection of solutions within their area of expertise and acquired knowledge

**Output and impact required from these roles**

- These roles have an impact by supervising a specific work group and/or the provision of specific services within a department or comparable unit within the University
- By operating within standardised practices, these roles enable others/other teams within university to be successful.
### Category B Descriptor

Category B positions focus on executing complex tasks and operational problem solving to enable university operations. These positions generally operate within broad procedures, they apply occupational knowledge and experience to solve problems at their level.

#### Key characteristics of work at this level

Performing complex assignments through the application of depth or breadth of functional and/or technical expertise. The work on these assignments is guided by policy, precedent, professional standards and managerial or technical expertise.

This work can have the nature of first hand delivering assignments with significant functional and/or technical complexity and/or direction and supervision of multiple activities by others. It can also include mentoring of colleagues through applying expertise and/or experience.

#### Nature and scope of the role

**Knowledge and expertise required for these roles**

- These roles require specialised skills that are learned through a combination of directly relevant professional qualification and job experience
- This involves knowledge of methods, systems and processes with enough understanding of the theoretical background to be able to suggest changes and improvements to them
- Interaction with other people is aimed at understanding, supporting and/or influencing them. Professional reasoning is required, more than inspiring and motivating
- Training level or qualifications: Level 7 duties typically require a skill level which assumes and requires knowledge or training equivalent to:
  - Training level or qualifications: Level 7 duties typically require a skill level which assumes and requires knowledge or training equivalent to:
    - a degree with at least 4 years' subsequent relevant experience;
    - or extensive experience and management expertise in technical or administrative fields;
    - or an equivalent combination of relevant experience and/or education/training.

**Problem solving typical for these roles**

- These roles are required to interpret procedures in order to resolve problems within established frameworks.
- They are generally confronted with different situations requiring identification of issues, the application of judgement and selection of solutions within their area of expertise and acquired knowledge, which may include the combination of parts of earlier solutions which together meet the needs of a specific situation

**Output and impact required from these roles**

- These roles have an impact by supervising a specific larger work group and/or the provision of specific services within a significant department or comparable unit within the University
- By operating within existing practices and making effective choices about policy application, these roles enable others/other teams within University to be successful

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## Category C - UoM Level 8
(Previously Professional Staff Classification [PSC] Level 8)

### Category C Descriptor

Category C positions typically focus on advising senior decision makers and/or manage elements of a function in order to enable and improve university operations. These roles generally apply advanced decision making and discretionary judgement.

### Key characteristics of work at this level

Work at this level generally transcends specific assignments, requiring the integration of a range of university policies and external requirements towards achieving objectives. This can include program development and implementation, and/or strategic support and advice operating within complex organisation structures.

This work can have the nature of highly specialised delivery requiring a high degree of knowledge and sensitivity, and/or management and leadership of a small and/or specialised unit.

### Nature and scope of the role

#### Knowledge and expertise required for these roles

- These roles usually require an understanding and application of a theoretical or scientific discipline including the underlying principles involved, reflection senior subject matter expertise
- Highly developed skills in persuading, inspiring, developing and motivating are required in order to interact effectively with other people in these roles.
- Level 8 typically requires a skill level which assumes and requires knowledge or training equivalent to:
  - postgraduate qualifications or progress towards graduate qualifications and extensive relevant experience;
  - or, extensive experience and management expertise;
  - or, an equivalent combination of relevant experience and/or education/training

#### Problem solving typical for these roles

- These roles are confronted with a variety and diversity of problems which need to be analysed before it is possible to select the appropriate solution or combination of solutions, working within a broad range of policies and procedures.
- They solve problems by applying judgement, based on their professional expertise and acquired knowledge
- They are required to be able to navigate a wide range of procedures, identifying specific solutions with a varying degrees of complexity

#### Output and impact required from these roles

- These roles have an impact by managing a team of specialists and/or the provision of highly specialised services within a department or comparable unit in the University
- By operating within well-defined policies and under post facto supervisory review of outcomes, these roles enable other senior managers and their teams to be successful
### Category C Descr iptor

Category C positions typically focus on advising senior decision makers and/or manage elements of a function in order to enable and improve university operations. These roles generally apply advanced decision making and discretionary judgement.

### Key characteristics of work at this level

Work at this level transcends specific assignments, requiring the integration of a range of university policies and external requirements towards achieving tactical and strategic objectives. This can include program development and implementation, and/or strategic support and advice operating within complex organisation structures.

This work can have the nature of highly specialised delivery requiring a high degree of knowledge and sensitivity, and/or management and leadership of a larger (sometimes highly specialised) unit.

### Nature and scope of the role

#### Knowledge and expertise required for these roles

- These roles require professional knowledge about theoretical concepts within a specialised field, which they apply in combination with a significant amount of practical knowledge in their conceptual work.
- They are required to perform and/or supervise multiple activities which are univocal as to objective and content.
- Highly developed skills in persuading, inspiring, developing and motivating are required in order to interact effectively with other people in these roles.
- Level 9 duties typically require a skill level which assumes and requires knowledge or training equivalent to:
  - postgraduate qualifications and extensive relevant experience;
  - or, extensive management experience and proven management expertise;
  - or, an equivalent combination of relevant experience and/or education/training.

#### Problem solving typical for these roles

- These roles are confronted with a variety and diversity of complex problems which need to be analysed before it is possible to select the appropriate solution or combination of solutions, working within a broad range of policies.
- They solve problems by applying judgement, based on their significant professional expertise and acquired knowledge, making decisions about how policies can be best applied to resolve a specific problem within a part of the university.
- They are required to be able to operate within an extensive policy framework and use this as a set of guidelines rather than specific rules to follow.

#### Output and impact required from these roles

- These roles have an impact by managing a team of specialists and/or the provision of specialised services within a department or comparable unit in the University.
- By interpreting policies and under post facto supervisory review of outcomes, these roles enable other senior managers, their teams and specific parts of the university to be successful.
### Proposed Level 10
(Formerly Professional Staff Classification [PSC] Level 10)

#### Category C Descriptor
Roles focused on advising senior decision makers and/or managing elements of support functions to enable and improve university operations. These roles generally apply professional decision making within a broader policy framework.

#### Key characteristics of work
Work at this category transcends specific assignments, requiring the integration of a range of university policies and external requirements towards achieving tactical and strategic objectives. This can include program development and implementation, and/or strategic support and advice operating within complex organisation structures. This work can involve specialised delivery requiring a high degree of knowledge and sensitivity, and/or management and leadership of a larger (sometimes highly specialised) unit.

#### Nature and scope of the role

##### Knowledge and expertise required for these roles
- Elements of the work will require broad and/or deep knowledge in a field of expertise requiring a command of diverse practices and precedents and/or sophisticated concepts and principles
- They are required to perform and/or supervise multiple activities which are clear as to objective and content, with some liaison with associated functions
- Highly developed skills in persuading, inspiring, developing and motivating other people are required to perform effectively in these roles
- Level 10 duties typically require knowledge, training and skills acquired through very deep and/or broad experience typically combined with an academic/professional qualification

##### Problem solving typical for these roles
- These roles generally think within clearly defined policies, principles and specific objectives
- They solve problems in differing situations requiring the identification of issues, the application of judgement, and the selection of solutions within the area of expertise and acquired knowledge

##### Output and impact required from these roles
- These roles contribute by managing a team of specialists and/or the provision of highly specialised services within a department or comparable unit in the University to provide interpretive, advisory or facilitating services
- They operate within practices and procedures covered by precedents or well-defined policies and review of end results.
SIGNATURES

Signed on behalf of the University of Melbourne by:

[Signature]

Name of the authorised officer (print)

[Position title]

[In the presence of]

[Address]

Signed on behalf of the National Tertiary Education Industry Union by:

[Signature]

Matthew McGowan

Name of the authorised officer (print)

General Secretary

[Position title]

[In the presence of]

[Address]

Signed by Dr James Phyland, a nominated bargaining representative:

[Signature]

Position title

[In the presence of]
IN THE FAIR WORK COMMISSION

FWC Matter No.:
AG2018/6272

Applicant:
The University of Melbourne

Undertaking — section 190

I, Seán Hogan, Director of Workplace Relations at The University of Melbourne (University), give the following undertakings with respect to the University of Melbourne Enterprise Agreement 2018 (Agreement):

1. I have the authority given to me by the University to provide this undertaking in relation to this application before the Fair Work Commission.

2. The University undertakes that, in respect of the clauses in the Agreement that deal with casual employment, it will apply those clauses consistently with the National Employment Standards (NES) and any applicable case law which applies from time to time.

3. The University undertakes that clause 1.43 of the Agreement (which deals with abandonment of employment) will operate subject to the NES and any applicable case law which applies from time to time. In particular, employment will be terminated following the period of notice (or payment in lieu of the notice) prescribed at section 117(3) of the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth) in circumstances where:
   a. the conditions set out at clause 1.43.1 of the Agreement are satisfied; and
   b. the prevailing employment law deems termination on abandonment as being an employer-initiated termination.

4. The University undertakes that, to the extent it engages any Apprentices during the life of the Agreement, it will pay any:
   a. Apprentice Level 1 at least at the rate of pay specified for Level 1, Increment 3 in clause 3.23.2; and
   b. Apprentice Level 2 at least at the rate of pay specified for Level 2, Increment 3 in clause 3.23.2.

Employer name:
The University of Melbourne

Authority to sign:
Director Workplace Relations

Signature:

Date: 15 March 2019