



New South Wales

# Regional Relocation Grants Amendment Bill 2014

## Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Regional Relocation Grants Act 2011* (the *Principal Act*) to:

- (a) confirm the closure of the regional relocation home buyers grant on 30 September 2014 following the closure of the scheme on that date by the *Regional Relocation Grants (Closure of Scheme) Order 2014* made in accordance with section 57 of the Principal Act, and
- (b) ensure a period of continued operation of the skilled regional relocation incentive from 30 September 2014 following the closure of the scheme on that date by that Order.

## Outline of provisions

**Clause 1** sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on 30 September 2014, with the exception of Schedule 1 [1] and [9] and Schedule 2, which are to commence on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

## Schedule 1      **Amendment of Regional Relocation Grants Act 2011 No 26**

**Schedule 1 [3]** gives effect to the amendment in paragraph (a) of the Overview.

**Schedule 1 [5] and [7]** give effect to the amendment in paragraph (b) of the Overview by requiring an applicant for the skilled regional relocation incentive to have commenced

employment or self-employment before the incentive scheme closure date. **Schedule 1 [11]** provides for the incentive scheme closure date to be 31 March 2015 unless an alternative date is appointed by the Minister by order published on the NSW legislation website.

**Schedule 1 [9]** clarifies the operation of an existing requirement, which applies to applicants for a skilled regional relocation incentive, to reflect the ongoing nature of business advisory programs.

**Schedule 1 [10]** provides that an application for a regional relocation home buyers grant or a skilled regional relocation incentive cannot be made once the relevant scheme has been closed for 6 months.

**Schedule 1 [1]** changes the name of the Principal Act so that it more accurately reflects the nature of the Act's continued operation.

**Schedule 1 [2], [4], [6], [8] and [11]** make further consequential amendments.

## **Schedule 2      Amendment of other legislation**

**Schedule 2.1 and 2.2** update references to the Principal Act in an Act and regulation as a consequence of the proposed change of name of the Principal Act.



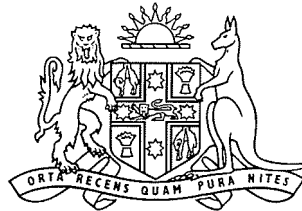
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## **A Bill for**

An Act to amend the *Regional Relocation Grants Act 2011* to confirm the closure of the regional relocation home buyers grant and ensure a period of continued operation of the skilled regional relocation incentive; and for other purposes.

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<b>The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:</b>	1
<b>1 Name of Act</b>	2
This Act is the <i>Regional Relocation Grants Amendment Act 2014</i> .	3
<b>2 Commencement</b>	4
(1) This Act is taken to have commenced on 30 September 2014, except as provided by subsection (2).	5 6
(2) Schedule 1 [1] and [9] and Schedule 2 commence on the date of assent to this Act.	7

<b>Schedule 1</b>	<b>Amendment of Regional Relocation Grants Act 2011 No 26</b>	1
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<b>[1] Section 1 Name of Act</b>		3
	Insert “( <i>Skills Incentive</i> )” after “ <i>Grants</i> ”.	4
<b>[2] Section 3 Definitions</b>		5
	Omit the definition of <i>scheme closure date</i> in section 3 (1).	6
	Insert in alphabetical order:	7
	<i>incentive scheme closure date</i> —see section 57.	8
<b>[3] Section 10 Date purchase is commenced</b>		9
	Omit “1 July 2015” from section 10 (1). Insert instead “30 September 2014”.	10
<b>[4] Section 10 (4)</b>		11
	Omit the subsection.	12
<b>[5] Section 22 Date regional job commenced</b>		13
	Omit “1 July 2015” from section 22 (1). Insert instead “the incentive scheme closure date”.	14
<b>[6] Section 22 (3)</b>		15
	Omit the subsection.	16
<b>[7] Section 22F Date applicant commences self-employment in regional small business</b>		17
	Omit “1 July 2015” from section 22F (1).	18
	Insert instead “the incentive scheme closure date”.	19
<b>[8] Section 22F (3)</b>		20
	Omit the subsection.	21
<b>[9] Section 22H Applicant must participate in approved program</b>		22
	Omit “complete”. Insert instead “participate in”.	23
<b>[10] Section 23 Making of applications</b>		24
	Omit section 23 (5) and (6). Insert instead:	25
	(5) An application for a regional relocation grant cannot be made after:	26
	(a) in the case of an application for a regional relocation home buyers grant—31 March 2015, or	27
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	(b) in the case of an application for a skilled regional relocation incentive—the date that is 6 months after the incentive scheme closure date.	29
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	(6) The Chief Commissioner must refuse an application made after the relevant date specified in subsection (5).	31
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<b>[11] Section 57</b>	1
Omit sections 57 and 58. Insert instead:	2
<b>57 Incentive scheme closure date</b>	3
(1) Subject to subsection (2), the incentive scheme closure date is 31 March 2015.	4
(2) The Minister may, by order published on the NSW legislation website, appoint an alternative date as the incentive scheme closure date.	5 6
(3) An order appointing an alternative incentive scheme closure date must be published on the NSW legislation website no less than 30 days before the alternative closure date specified in the order.	7 8 9
(4) However, the appointment of an alternative incentive scheme closure date does not affect the operation of this Act in respect of employment in a regional job or self-employment in a regional small business that is commenced on or before the alternative incentive scheme closure date.	10 11 12 13
<b>Note.</b> The incentive scheme closure date applies only to a skilled regional relocation incentive. The regional relocation home buyers grant applies only to a purchase commenced before 30 September 2014—see section 10.	14 15 16

<b>Schedule 2</b>	<b>Amendment of other legislation</b>	1
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Regional Relocation Grants Regulation 2012</b>	2
	<b>Clause 3 Definition</b>	3
	Insert “( <i>Skills Incentive</i> )” after “ <i>Grants</i> ” in the definition of <i>the Act</i> .	4
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Taxation Administration Act 1996 No 97</b>	5
	<b>Section 82 Permitted disclosures—to particular persons</b>	6
	Insert “( <i>Skills Incentive</i> )” after “ <i>Grants</i> ” in section 82 (b) (vi).	7