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*DARE 2021: Change to Section B Educational Impact Statement  
(EIS): School stamp and Signature*

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As schools remain closed due to COVID-19, some applicants and their schools are experiencing difficulties in completing parts of **Section B Educational Impact Statement** of their DARE application in time for the 15 March deadline.

In order to enable applicants to complete their application, DARE will accept an electronic signature from the school principal or deputy principal and an electronic stamp on the Educational Impact Statement (EIS).

The electronic signature must be a scanned digital copy of the principal's/deputy principal's actual signature. A typed signature is not acceptable. The electronic signature and electronic stamp must be clear, legible and of good quality so it can be verified during DARE assessment.

All Educational Impact Statements will be subject to verification directly with the school where necessary.

The Educational Impact statement (Sections 1-6) can be completed digitally on the pdf. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the final completed Educational Impact Statement is posted to CAO to arrive by **15 March 2021**.

**Important Instructions**

- **When submitting the Educational Impact Statement**, the applicant and parent/guardian (if the applicant is under 18 on 1 January 2021) should have signed the form to indicate they are satisfied that the content is accurate and complete.
- The form **MUST** be signed (either digitally or physically by the school principal or deputy school principal and contain the school stamp. The school stamp can be a physical stamp or electronic version of the school stamp).
- Applicants are not permitted to alter or in any way adjust the responses on the EIS after it has been signed off by the principal/ deputy principal. During the DARE assessment process, where there is doubt over the authenticity of an EIS, DARE assessors may contact schools to verify the information submitted. Applicants found to have altered the EIS may be deemed ineligible.

***NOTE: These changes relate to applications to DARE for entry into Higher Education in 2021 ONLY. Unless specified, document requirements in the future will revert to those previously listed.***