1. The Occupational Licensing National Law (Queensland) Bill 2010 (the Bill) applies the schedule to the *Occupational National Licensing Law (Victoria) 2010* which was hosted and passed by the Victoria Parliament.
2. The Bill provides for the following matters -

* To apply as a law of Queensland the Occupational Licensing National Law (the Law);
* The Law provides for a national licensing system and is the result of the COAG *Intergovernmental Agreement for a National Licensing System for Specified Occupations* (IGA).
* The purpose of the national licensing system is to remove overlapping and inconsistent regulations between jurisdictions for the licensing of specified occupational areas.
* By so doing, it aims to improve business efficiency and the competitiveness of the national economy, reduce red tape, improve labour mobility and enhance productivity.
* This will enhance consumer confidence and protection without imposing unnecessary costs on consumers and business.
* The IGA provides that the national licensing system will initially apply to the following occupational areas -

1. air conditioning and refrigeration
2. electrical,
3. plumbing and gasfitting
4. property-related
5. building and building-related
6. land transport (passenger vehicle drivers and dangerous goods only)
7. maritime.

* The first phase of occupations that will be covered by the national licensing system are the occupations listed from (1)-(4). As some of the occupations proposed to be covered by the national licensing system are the subject of separate and related COAG activity, and consequently may be subject to other national reform initiatives, only the first phase occupations are listed in the Law.
* The Law also provides for the establishment of a statutory authority, the National Occupational Licensing Authority, which will have its own Board. The functions and operations of the Authority and Board will be overseen by a COAG Ministerial Council, which has a Ministerial representative from the Commonwealth and each State and Territory.

1. Cabinet approved the Occupational Licensing National Law (Queensland) Bill 2010 to be introduced into the Legislative Assembly.
2. *Attachments*

* [Occupational Licensing National Law (Queensland) Bill 2010](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)