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Dear Mr Glenfield

**Draft Relevant Providers Degrees, Qualifications and Courses Standard (Amendment No. 1)  
Legislative Instrument**

The Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback in response to the Financial Adviser Standards and Ethics Authority's (FASEA) proposed Relevant Providers Degrees, Qualifications and Courses Standard (Amendment No. 1) Legislative Instrument.

The FPA welcomes the recognition of its 5-unit Certified Financial Planner designation. Certified Financial Planners have completed specialised training and are recognised around the world as the highest designation for financial planners.

The FPA notes that it has also applied for FASEA to recognise past iterations of the Certified Financial Planner coursework and looks forward to these being included in future legislative instruments. The FPA also notes that there remain some pathways in the FPS0001 Education Pathways Policy Statement that are not reflected in the legislative instrument and these should be included in the next amendment.

As FASEA continues to assess applications to recognise professional designations and courses, there remains some anxiety among financial planners who are yet to know if their qualifications and designations will be recognised. FASEA might wish to consider publishing a status list of applications that it has received and its progress against assessing them to ensure planners are aware of ongoing work and to reduce uncertainty.

If you have any questions, please contact FPA's Head of Policy, Ben Marshan ([ben.marshan@fpa.com.au](mailto:ben.marshan@fpa.com.au)) or myself ([dante.degori@fpa.com.au](mailto:dante.degori@fpa.com.au)) on 02 9220 4500.

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