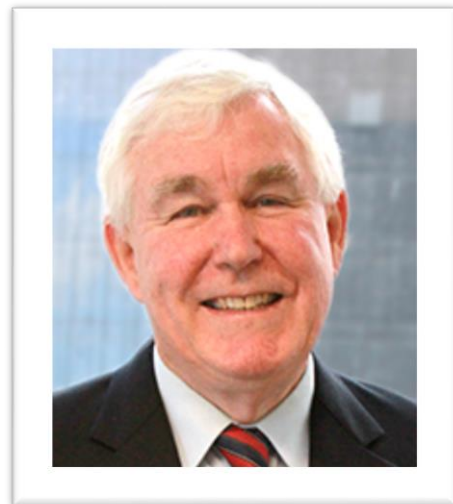


## Biography

### Professor Nicholas Saunders

Professor Saunders is the Chief Commissioner of TEQSA.

Professor Saunders was previously Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Bond University, having taken up this position after retiring as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Newcastle, Australia. His other senior academic roles include: Dean of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University (1998-2003); Head of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Dean of Medicine, Flinders University (1993-1998); Professor of Medicine at the University of Newcastle (1983-1993); and positions at McMaster University, Canada and Harvard University, USA.



Professor Saunders holds a medical degree with first class honours from the University of Sydney and has been influential in the advancement of medical education and research through his extensive contribution to and participation on many higher education, research and health care national committees, councils and State Government bodies.

During his career, Professor Saunders has been Chair of the National Health and Medical Research Council; a member of the Higher Education Council, the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council, the Australian Research Council and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Council; Chair of the Committee of Deans of Australian Medical Schools; Chair of the Postgraduate Medical Council of NSW; member of the Board of Universities Australia and Lead Vice-Chancellor for research and international activities; and member of the Victorian Premier's Council for Knowledge, Innovation, Science and Engineering, and the 2011 Ministerial Review of Health and Medical Research in NSW.

Professor Saunders was a member of the Council of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and Chair of the College's Board of Continuing Education. He currently holds the part-time position of Chair of the Repatriation Medical Authority of Australia. In 2012, he was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia in recognition of his contribution and distinguished service to medicine and higher education.