37. Functions of a college

(1) The functions of a college are —

   (a) to provide vocational education and training consistent with a College Training Profile referred to in section 42 (2) (a);

   (b) to provide to an employer, a group of employers or any other persons or authorities such fee-for-service training programmes as are authorized by the Minister;

   (c) to undertake research and development related to vocational education and training which has a direct practical application to industry, commerce and the community;

   (d) to promote equality of opportunity in the undertaking of vocational education and training;

   (e) to provide or arrange for the provision of services to students;

   (f) to participate in initiatives involving the whole of the State training system and to collaborate with other colleges and educational institutions to ensure the greatest effectiveness and economy in expenditure and the most beneficial relationship between the college and other colleges and educational institutions throughout the State;

   (g) to contribute to the general development of the community in the region of the college through such activities, including the provision of adult and community education, as may be authorized by the Minister;

   (h) subject to subsection (2), to provide on behalf of another educational authority such post-secondary education as is approved by the Minister; and

   (i) to perform any other function conferred on it by this Act or by the Minister under subsection (4).

(2) A college is not to use funds referred to in section 48 (a) in performing a function referred to in subsection (1) (h).

(3) A college is not to hold land or any estate or interest in land, but this subsection does not apply to the holding of land or an estate or interest in land that is part of a business arrangement under section 43 (2) (f).

(4) The Minister may, from time to time, by order published in the *Gazette*, confer on colleges other functions not inconsistent with this Act.