



STUDY IN AUSTRALIA

Live. Learn. Grow.



Australia. One country. One qualification system.

All Australian education qualifications are included under one national system. If you do change jobs, in Australia or anywhere in the world, the value of your Degree or other qualification will remain the same.

Whether you're starting a new career or furthering an existing one, the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) makes planning your path to success easy.

The AQF links 15 school, vocational and university education qualifications into one national system. It allows for choice and flexibility in career planning. All qualifications in the AQF help you prepare for both further study and life in the workforce.

If you're studying an AQF qualification, you can be sure that your institution is Government-authorized and nationally accredited, and that your Degree or other AQF qualification will be genuine.

The AQF makes it easy for overseas governments to recognise your qualification. When international employers see it, they'll know what it stands for: a world-class education in a modern, democratic, and technologically advanced society.

Recognition of prior learning.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) is an important part of the AQF. In simple terms, it means that if you have the skills or knowledge required for entry to, or credit towards, a qualification, but no papers as proof, you can undertake a personal assessment.

The university or institution you're applying to will offer the assessment as part of the enrolment process. If your assessment is favourable, you'll be granted credit toward your qualification. Australian higher education institutions also allow 'credit transfers'. A credit transfer is different from RPL. To be eligible for a credit transfer, you need a previous qualification. You cannot undertake a personal assessment.

While all individual institutions recognise the AQF, each has its own policy regarding RPL learning and credit transfers.

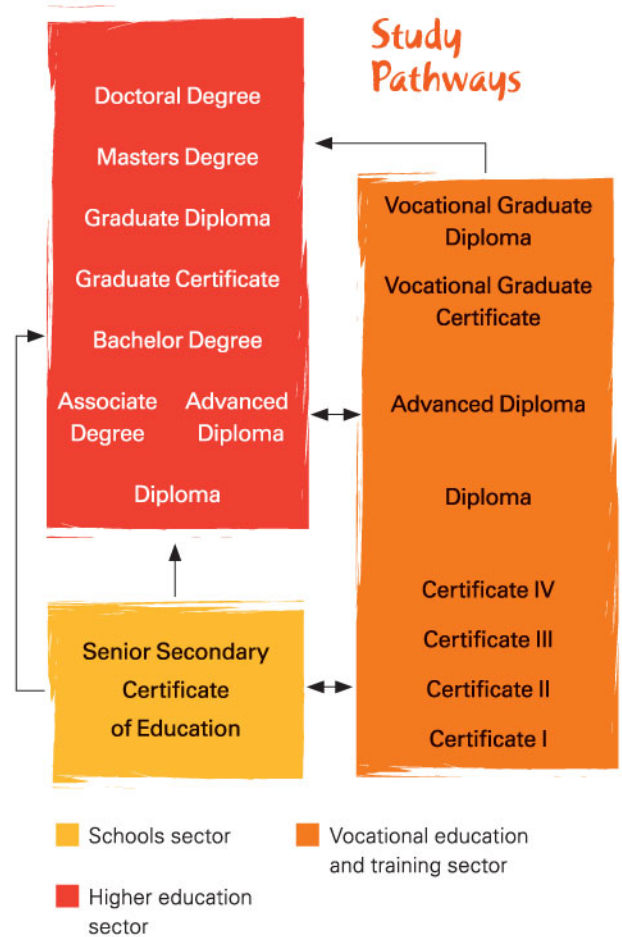
Pathways.

Most Australian qualifications are linked to one another. Initial qualifications, such as Certificates, lead to Diplomas, which in turn lead to Degrees.

The most efficient linkages are achieved through continued study of a specific field. For example, a Diploma of Design will lead directly to a Bachelor of Design, possibly with full credit transfer. A Diploma of Design, however, will not lead to a Bachelor of Accounting. Some subjects may be given credit.

The following diagram illustrates the structure of the AQF and the pathways available.

Find out more at www.aqf.edu.au, or www.studyinaustralia.gov.au.



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