

Assessment of Interstate and Overseas Educational Qualifications

Who determines equivalence of qualifications?

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) is responsible for assessing and determining the equivalent level of school education, or school qualification, in Queensland of a level of education reached, or qualification obtained, by a person at an educational institution established outside Queensland.

This responsibility derives from the
Education (Queensland Studies Authority) Act 2002.

What provisos apply for equivalence?

An equivalence of qualifications:

- does not imply that an applicant holds the target qualification
- does not give an applicant any as-of-right claim to a position or trade
- does not guarantee admission to an educational institution
- does not imply or indicate that an applicant has satisfied the requirement of 'passing' the target qualification or certain subject prerequisites
- is provided as a service for job applicants who have undertaken their primary and/or secondary education in a system other than the Queensland system of education.

Which qualifications are assessable?

Completed levels of school-based educational qualifications gained overseas or interstate and awarded by recognised educational institutions can be assessed for comparability.

Which qualifications are not assessed by the QSA?

Studies that did not result in an award. This applies irrespective of the length/extensiveness of the incomplete studies.

Awards gained from post-secondary studies at universities or higher education institutions (including certificates of adult preparation).

Awards from private institutions not recognised by an educational authority in the country of origin.

Awards or professional qualifications/membership gained on the passing of examinations of a professional body.

Individual subjects and grades are not assessed for equivalence.

Assessment of post-school qualifications

The Skills Recognition Branch of the Department of Education, Training and the Arts (DETA) provides recognition of overseas post-school qualifications, recognition of prior learning, trade recognition or credit transfer for previous study.

For further information:

- telephone 1300 369 935 or
- visit their website at www.trainandemploy.qld.gov.au/client/jobs_and_careers/skills_recognition

Assessment of qualifications for tertiary study

In Queensland, assessments for the purpose of gaining entry to a tertiary level course are the responsibility of the tertiary institutions themselves, or of the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) on behalf of the tertiary institutions.

For further information:

- telephone 07 3858 1222 or
- visit their website at www.qtac.edu.au

Applications for assessment

Assessments can be obtained by posting the relevant documentation (see below), accompanied by a completed application form. The QSA does not hold face-to-face interviews. The address for posting of applications is:

Queensland Studies Authority
PO Box 307
Spring Hill Qld 4004

A blank application form is attached to this leaflet.

Costs and processing time

Overseas qualifications

\$39.50 (allow five working days)

Interstate qualifications

\$22.50 (allow five working days)

Documentation required

Post certified copies (signed by a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner for Declarations) of all the documents listed below to the QSA office:

1. Certificate or diploma – in original language and English translation.

Note: The QSA does not provide a translation service. A translation service accredited by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) is required.

For further information:

- telephone (07) 3393 1358 or
 - visit their website at www.naati.com.au.
2. Proof of name change (if applicable).
 3. Completed application form.
 4. Identification:
 - birth certificate (original language and English translation) or
 - current driver's licence or
 - current passport.

More information

Further information or advice is available by contacting:

Queensland Studies Authority
Tel: (07) 3864 0299

Important

Assessments of qualifications cannot be provided unless all of the information requested above is supplied.

All copies must be certified by a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Declarations or similarly authorised person.

Do not send originals. QSA does not take responsibility for loss of original documentation sent by post.

Application for assessment of interstate and overseas educational qualifications

Do you want your certificate to be posted or do you want to collect it from our office?

post it to me I will collect

Your name as shown on the document/s submitted

Your name (for correspondence)

Have you attached proof of name change (if applicable)? Yes No

Your address for correspondence

Phone

Email

Fax

Please place X beside your method of payment

Cheque EFTPOS MasterCard Visa Money order Cash
(Do not send cash by mail)

Card no. _____

Expires on / . Cardholder's signature _____

Country/state of origin of qualifications

List the names of all documents you want us to assess (only certified copies will be accepted).
Write the original, official name first, and then its English translation.

Original, official name of certificate, diploma, etc.

English translation

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Signature:

Date:

day

month

year

(QSA office use only)

Signature _____ Date _____

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This information is collected so that the legislated functions of the QSA concerning interstate and overseas educational qualifications can be carried out. Personal information is not usually disclosed to anyone other than relevant QSA staff unless required or authorised by law, permitted under the Queensland Government privacy policy, or so that the legislated function can be completed.

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