



Information for employers – Assessment of overseas qualifications

What is an overseas qualification assessment?

An overseas qualification assessment compares qualifications gained overseas with Australian qualification levels in accordance with the [Australian Qualifications Framework](#). Qualifications assessed are those which are comparable to Certificate IV level or above, and have duration of at least one year. Overseas qualification assessments for high school qualifications are conducted by the [School Curriculum and Standards Authority](#).

How are assessments conducted?

Assessments for overseas qualifications are conducted by the Overseas Qualifications Unit (OQU). Applicants are required to provide certified copies of overseas transcripts and award certificates for qualifications gained overseas. Documents in a language other than English must be translated by an accredited translator. The assessment process refers to the Commonwealth Government’s Country Education Profiles which provide information about tertiary education institutions in 127 countries.

The assessment outcome issued to applicants provides information about the level of education attained in comparison to Australian standards. It does not compare qualifications by subject, study area or competency standards. For example, a Diploma of Hospitality gained overseas may be assessed as comparable to an Australian diploma level qualification.

What is the purpose of an overseas qualification assessment?

An overseas qualification assessment can assist Western Australians to gain access to training, education or employment opportunities by allowing education providers and employers to better understand a person’s overseas qualifications in comparison to Australian standards.

What does an overseas qualification assessment mean for employers?

Employers can be confident that an overseas qualification assessment confirms a person’s qualification by Australian standards and that the education provided by their university or vocational college is recognised by the Australian Government. With the applicant’s permission, employers can confirm the validity of the overseas qualification assessment with Overseas Qualifications Unit. [A Consent to release information form can be downloaded from our website.](#)

A guide to the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The AQF levels define the relative complexity and depth of achievement and/or autonomy required to demonstrate achievement. Further information about the AQF is available on [aqf.edu.au](#).

The qualification levels assessed by the Overseas Qualifications Unit are:

| Level | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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| Qualification achieved | Certificate IV | Diploma | Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree | Bachelor Degree | Bachelor Degree (Honours) or Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma | Master’s Degree | Doctoral Degree |