



Overseas qualification assessment services

The [Overseas Qualifications Unit](#) (OQU) assesses eligible qualifications gained overseas to determine their comparability with Australian qualifications.

The OQU uses [country education profiles](#) to compare studies completed overseas against the [Australian Qualifications Framework](#).

The assessments determine your level of education by Australian standards and do not compare qualifications by subject, study area or competency standards. For example, we do not assess whether your Diploma of Hospitality awarded overseas is the equivalent of an Australian Diploma of Hospitality, only that it is comparable to an Australian Certificate or Diploma level qualification.

Assessments are for general purposes and may help you with your applications for further studies and/or employment.

Types of qualifications that can be assessed

The OQU **can assess** the following completed qualifications:

- formal higher education qualifications;
- post-secondary qualifications;
- formal technical qualifications; and
- vocational qualifications (Certificate IV and above).

Types of qualifications that cannot be assessed

The OQU **cannot assess** the following qualifications:

- Australian qualifications;
- incomplete qualifications;
- short courses (less than one year) and single subject certificates;
- trade qualifications;
- professional registration or membership; or
- secondary school qualifications (see the [School Curriculum and Standards Authority website](#) for information about secondary school qualifications).

How to apply for an overseas qualification assessment

1. Determine whether you are eligible for an assessment

To apply for an assessment you must:

- live in Western Australia and be one of the following:
 - an Australian citizen;
 - a New Zealand citizen;
 - a permanent resident of Australia; or
 - a temporary resident with permission to work or study in Western Australia.
- have completed a formal tertiary or technical qualification such as a Diploma, Bachelor or Masters degree; and
- have completed your qualification in an [eligible country](#).

2. Prepare your supporting documents

Prepare clear and legible scanned copies (PDF format) of the following documents to attach to your [online application \(please note: all documentation must be certified\)](#):

- diploma, degree or qualification certificate*;
- academic transcripts – this is a report from the awarding institution with information about courses completed, credits and grades/scores for the program of study*;
- translations of all documents;
- proof of name change (if required) such as a marriage or deed poll certificate; and
- the following residency documents, saved as one PDF document:
 - Australian passport or Australian citizenship certificate (photo and signature page); or
 - overseas passport; and
 - evidence of your Australian travel documents, electronic visa, visa label in a passport or visa grant notification from the Department of Home Affairs.

*If you are unable to provide your award certificate / academic transcripts you will need to provide a *signed statutory declaration*, and include the following information.

- The qualification awarded
- Year awarded
- The number of years of study
- Whether the study was taken full-time or part-time
- Why you are unable to provide the original document

[Download a statutory declaration form](#)

For more information about preparing your supporting documentation, visit [How to apply for an overseas qualification assessment](#) on the Migration WA website.

3. Submit your online application

Complete the [online application form available from the Migration Services website](#) and attach your supporting documents.

4. Receive your assessment outcome

Your application will be processed within 20 working days from a decision-ready application (decision-ready means that you have provided all of the documentation required for Migration Services to complete an assessment of your application). You will receive the outcome of your assessment by email.

How much does an assessment cost?

This is a free service.

Further information

Telephone: 13 64 64

Website: jobsandskills.wa.gov.au

Online enquiry form: jobsandskills.wa.gov.au/enquiry

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