

Overseas Qualification Unit

General academic assessment

Assessment of overseas qualifications

The Overseas Qualification Unit (OQU) provides free general academic assessments of higher education and some higher level technical and vocational qualifications for Queensland residents.

The assessment is provided using national guidelines published by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The assessment broadly compares overseas qualifications to Australian qualifications under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

Can all qualifications be assessed?

Not all qualifications from all countries can be assessed under the assessment guidelines.

The OQU is unable to assess the following:

- incomplete qualifications
- trade qualifications
- secondary school qualifications
- study that took less than one year full-time to complete.

What can I do with my assessment?

Assessments may assist:

- employers to understand your level of education in Australian terms
- when applying to undertake further study in Australia
- when applying to be paid as a graduate or qualified person.

Acceptance for employment or admission to study is up to the employer or education provider. OQU assessments cannot be used for migration purposes.

How do I apply for an assessment?

To apply for an assessment, applicants must complete and sign the application form and provide **certified copies** of the following documents:

- Evidence of Australian residency status: current visa grant notice; or New Zealand passport; or Australian Citizenship Certificate; or Australian birth certificate.
- Proof of Queensland residency (must show current residential address) for example a Queensland driver licence; or utilities bill; or lease agreement; or official government correspondence.
- Awarded qualification (degree, diploma etc.) in original language and an official English translation.
- Full academic transcript or mark sheets in the original language and official English translation which shows the number of years studied, subjects and results obtained.
- Evidence of secondary school/senior secondary school graduation in original language and official English translations.
- If applicable, proof of name change (e.g. marriage certificate or name change certificate).

Applicants should scan the completed application form and certified documents in PDF format and email to oqu@desbt.qld.gov.au.

If you do not have access to scanning facilities, you can post your application to:

Overseas Qualification Unit
Department of Employment, Small
Business and Training
PO Box 15483
CITY EAST QLD 4002

More information

Visit the [DESBT website](http://desbt.qld.gov.au).
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