

Professional Accreditation Schedule



1 Purpose

To establish the list of professional association or accreditation bodies from which documentation will be accepted for use in the Academic Program Accreditation process at the University.

2 Scope

This schedule must be read in conjunction with the Program Accreditation Procedure and is subordinate to it.

3 Schedule

Programs subject to Professional Accreditation may be reviewed using the documentation of the Accreditation body, providing the requirements of the University's program Accreditation process are addressed in line with the Australian Qualifications Framework and the Higher Education Standards Framework.

The following professional associations have been approved for this process:

- Australian Computer Society (ACS)
- Australian Counselling Association (ACA)
- Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI)
- Australian Marketing Institute (AMI)
- Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC)
- Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)
- Certified Practising Accountants (CPA) Australia
- Council of Australian Law Deans (CALD)
- Engineers Australia (EA)
- Public Relations Institute of Australia (PRIA)

- Queensland College of Teachers (QCT)

The Academic Transformation Portfolio will, in consultation with the relevant Program Director and other key stakeholders, undertake a gap analysis to compare the requirements (including documentation) of the professional association to the University Accreditation process. Any additional University requirements will be met via supplementary documentation, which may vary according to an Academic Program. The recommendations of the gap analysis will be approved by the Chair, Academic Program Committee.

This list of approved professional associations will be reviewed annually by the Academic Program Committee.

For all other professional association Accreditations, the University concept brief and program proposal templates must be used, as accessed via the Online Accreditation Portal.

Where new standards of practice are released by a professional accrediting body, the relevant school or college will evaluate the type of change required within the program to satisfy the professional accrediting body's requirements.

If practicable, the timing of internal and external Accreditation should be aligned.

An application can be made to the Chair, Academic Program Committee to approve additional professional associations. Each written request should outline:

- the reason for requesting inclusion; and
- the consequences if the professional association is not included.

4 References

Nil.

5 Schedule Information

Accountable Officer	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Responsible Officer	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Policy Type	University Procedure
Policy Suite	Academic Programs and Courses Quality Policy
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Review Date	29/7/2022
Relevant Legislation	Australian Qualifications Framework Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021
Related Policies	Admissions Policy Quality Management Framework Risk Management Policy and Procedure
Related Procedures	Admissions Procedure Assessment Procedure Program Accreditation Procedure
Related forms, publications and websites	Assessment and Grades - Roles and Responsibilities Schedule Australian Computer Society (ACS) Australian Counselling Association (ACA) Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI) Australian Marketing Institute (AMI) Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) Certified Practising Accountants (CPA) Australia Council of Australian Law Deans (CALD) Engineers Australia (EA) Public Relations Institute of Australia (PRIA) Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) Online Accreditation Portal
Definitions	Terms defined in the Definitions Dictionary Academic Program

An approved Higher Education Award of the University, consisting of a combination of Courses the successful completion of an offering of which, together with any credit transfers and Exemptions in accordance with the relevant requirements, will fulfil the prescribed requirements for that particular Award.

[Council](#)

Council means the governing body, the University of Southern Queensland Council.

[University](#)

The term 'University' or 'USQ' means the University of Southern Queensland.

Definitions that relate to this schedule only

Keywords

Program management

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