

Foreign Qualification – DET Approved Provider Guidance

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DET Approved Provider Guidance

Executive Summary

Prior to applying to the Standards Body for approval of their foreign qualification, the individual is required to have their foreign qualification assessed by a Department of Education and Training (DET) approved body. The assessment compares an overseas qualification to an Australian qualification, using the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). Any fees payable to the DET approved body are the responsibility of the individual.

FASEA will accept assessments from the following DET approved bodies for the purposes of assessing foreign:

1. Department of Education and Training (DET)
2. National Office for Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR)
3. Australian state or territory government Overseas Qualifications Unit (OQU)
4. Vocational education and training skills assessment (VETASSESS)
5. Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand (CAANZ)
6. Certified Practising Accountant (CPA)

FASEA requires a certified copy of the assessment from any of the abovementioned DET approved body.

Australian State of Government Overseas Qualifications Unit (OQU)s

State	Contact
Queensland	Phone: 1300 369 935 Email: oqu@det.qld.gov.au
New South Wales	No available OQU service, options: 1. DET in Canberra 2. VETASSESS
Victoria	OQU outsourced to VETASSESS
South Australia	Phone: 08 8303 2420
Western Australia	Phone: (08) 9224 6540
Northern Territory	Phone: (08) 8999 3891 Email: multiculturalaffairs.dcm@nt.gov.au
Tasmania	Phone: (03) 6165 6000

Service Timeframes

OQU service varies by State, may take on average 3 months for an assessment of the foreign qualification dependent of volumes.

Fees

Fees are subject to the approach by individual State Government, in some state there is no cost to the applicant.

VETASSESS

VETASSESS is a leading independent skills assessment authority in Australia and a trusted partner for Australian Governments. Since 1999, VETASSESS have been gazetted by the Australian Department of Home Affairs to conduct skills assessments in a large number of general occupations for individuals intending to migrate to Australia.

For new entrants migrating to Australia, information can be found on the Department of Home Affairs website, link as follows: [Department of Home Affairs Skilled Migration Program](#).

VETASSESS is recommended for new entrants and existing advisers in NSW and VIC and is available as an Australia wide service to use as an alternative assessment service choice to the state based OQU service.

Application Process

All applicants are required to email their applications/queries to migrate@vetassess.com.au, specifying that they are submitting an application for comparison of their qualification(s) to the AQF for purposes of FASEA foreign qualification approval.

Required Documents

VETASSESS requires the following documents for this service:

Item	Documents
Identity documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passport page showing name, photo and date of birth• Evidence of name change (if applicable)• One recent passport size photograph
Qualification documents	For each qualification that is provided for assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualification award certificate in the original language• Full academic transcript showing subjects studied and marks/grades awarded, in the original language

VETASSESS does not currently require that documents submitted for assessment be certified.

Applicants should submit high quality colour scans of original documents. If documents are not originally in English they should be accompanied by an English translation conducted by a registered translation service.

To support VETASSESS's integrity checking and comparison processes, additional requirements would normally apply as detailed below for qualifications obtained from the following regions/countries: Europe, Pakistan, Nigeria, Philippines, and the People's Republic of China:

Europe

Applicants with European qualifications should supply Diploma Supplements if available. Generally, these are only issued by educational institutions from countries participating in the Bologna Process.

Nigeria

A verified copy of the award certificate and full academic transcript sent in a sealed envelope from the awarding body directly to VETASSESS

Pakistan

A copy of the award certificate and full academic transcript attested by Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan

Philippines

Evidence of passing the Professional Regulation Commission's Licensure Examinations if applicable

Lebanon

Most qualifications awarded by University Colleges and Institutes in Lebanon require evidence of approval by the Equivalence Committee of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education

People's Republic of China

Qualifications that have been awarded by educational institutions in China must be verified by the Qualification Verification service at VETASSESS. Additional fees are payable for this service. More information about the Chinese Qualifications Verification process is available here:

<http://www.vetassess.com.au/skills-assessment-for-migration/chinese-qualifications-verification>.

Service Timeframe

The approximate timeframe is anticipated to be a maximum of 4 to 6 weeks once VETASSESS have received all documents required for the service. The timeframes can be quicker at times depending on the volumes. Applicants would need to allow an additional 8 to 10 weeks if they need to apply for verification of their Chinese qualifications through VETASSESS.

Fees

VETASSESS charges the following fees for qualification comparisons to the AQF:

Service	Fee
Comparison of qualification to AQF – applicant inside Australia	AUD \$275.00
Comparison of qualification to AQF – applicant outside Australia	AUD \$255.00



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