



Australian qualification framework information sheet

to assist enrolled nurses and managers interpret the ASEN 3 AQF qualification requirement¹

What is AQF qualification?

An Australian Qualification Framework (**AQF**) qualification is the result of an accredited complete program of learning that leads to formal certification that a graduate has achieved learning outcomes as described in the AQF.

(REFERENCE: [AQF Glossary](#), January 2013)

What is an AQF qualification type?

Qualification type refers to the broad discipline-free nomenclature used in the AQF to describe each category of AQF qualification. They are:

AQF level 1 – Certificate I;

AQF level 2 – Certificate II;

AQF Level 3 – Certificate III;

AQF Level 4 – Certificate IV;

AQF Level 5 – Diploma;

AQF Level 6 – Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree;

AQF Level 7 – Bachelor Degree;

Undergraduate Certificate;

AQF Level 8 – Bachelor Honours Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma;

AQF Level 9 – Masters Degree; and

AQF level 10 – Doctoral Degree.

Diploma of Nursing is the nationally accredited qualification required for **initial registration** with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) as an Enrolled Nurse.

(REFERENCE: [AQF Qualifications](#))

What is an academic transcript?

An academic transcript or record of results are defined as - a record of all learning leading to an AQF qualification or an accredited unit in which a student is enrolled and is issued by an authorised issuing organisation. In Australia this may be called a 'transcript of results', 'academic transcript', 'record of achievement' or 'statement of results'.

(REFERENCE: [AQF Glossary](#), January 2013)

Are "Skill-Sets" an AQF qualification?

No, they are not.

Skill-sets are a cluster of units, they may be units from an AQF qualification, though not the whole AQF qualification. A skill-set may also be described as an accredited program or course, benefiting the student by providing training pathways to an AQF qualification and/or specific skills and general capabilities.

Of note – skill-sets may have an academic transcript, but this does not mean it is a qualification.

¹ [WA-Health-Enrolled-Nurses-Industrial-Agreement-2022.pdf](#)

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