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Education and Skills Ministers (formerly the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Education and Skills Councils) have endorsed the following updates to the *AQF Issuance Policy* and the *AQF Glossary* as an addendum to the AQF Second Edition 2013. These amendments will support the introduction of the Vocational Degree specifications (Addendum No. 7 [Part A]).

AQF Issuance Policy

The following AQF qualifications titles listing replaces the current titles under *section 2.3 AQF qualifications titles* (page 72) of the *AQF Issuance Policy*.

Note: the only change to the qualifications titles list is the addition of the Vocational Degree.

AQF level	Qualification Type	Qualification Title
	Senior Secondary Certificate of Education	Titles will vary across jurisdictions; the use of the titles will be accompanied by the statement: '(Certificate Title) is a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education within the Australian Qualifications Framework.'
1	Certificate I	Certificate I (Field of study/discipline)
2	Certificate II	Certificate II (Field of study/discipline)
3	Certificate III	Certificate III (Field of study/discipline)
4	Certificate IV	Certificate IV (Field of study/discipline)
5	Diploma	Diploma (Field of study/discipline)
6	Advanced Diploma	Advanced Diploma (Field of study/discipline)
6	Associate Degree	Associate Degree (Field of study/discipline)
7	Vocational Degree	Vocational Degree (Field of study/discipline)
7	Bachelor Degree	Bachelor (Field of study/discipline)
5, 6 or 7	Undergraduate Certificate	Undergraduate Certificate (Field of study/discipline)*
8	Bachelor Honours Degree	Bachelor (Field of study/discipline) (Honours)
8	Graduate Certificate	Graduate Certificate (Field of study/discipline)
8	Graduate Diploma	Graduate Diploma (Field of study/discipline)
9	Masters Degree (Research)	Master (Field of study/discipline)
9	Masters Degree (Coursework)	Master (Field of study/discipline)
9	Masters Degree (Extended)	Master (Field of study/discipline) For exceptions that may be used, see below**
10	Doctoral Degree	Doctor (Field of study/discipline)
10	Higher Doctoral Degree	Doctor (Field of study/discipline)

*Undergraduate Certificate

The Undergraduate Certificate is not allocated to a single AQF level but recognises completion of a short course equivalent to 0.5 Effective Full Time Study Load (EFTSL) toward an existing qualification at AQF levels 5-7.

**Exceptions⁶:

- I. The use of the qualification title 'Juris Doctor' is permitted for a Masters Degree (Extended) for legal practice.
- II. The use of the qualification title 'Doctor of ...' is permitted for a Masters Degree (Extended) for six professions: medical practice; physiotherapy; dentistry; optometry; veterinary practice; and pharmacy.
- III. The use of the qualification title 'Doctor of ...' is permitted for a Masters Degree (Extended) for qualifications: Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, Doctor of Clinical Podiatry.
- IV. Further exceptions may be permitted in accordance with the AQF Qualification Type Addition and Removal Policy.

⁶ Ministerial Council for Tertiary Education and Employment (MCTEE), 19 November 2010; Ministerial approval December 2014; Education Ministers 15 November 2024

AQF Glossary

The following two definitions have been added to the *AQF Glossary*. Both definitions have been sourced and/or adapted from the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) Glossary of VET¹.

Contract of training is to be added to page 93 of the *AQF Glossary*.

Term	AQF Definition
Contract of training	A legal agreement between an employer and an apprentice or trainee which defines the rights and responsibilities of each party. These include the employer guaranteeing to train the apprentice or trainee in the agreed occupation or training area and to allow time off work to attend any required off-the-job training; and the apprentice or trainee agreeing to learn all aspects of the occupation or training area and to work for the employer for a specified period. It supersedes the indenture system <i>Source: NCVER Glossary of VET</i>

Work-based learning is to be added to page 101 of the *AQF Glossary*.

Term	AQF Definition
Work-based learning	Learning that occurs in a work, or work simulated, environment, through participation in work practice and process <i>Source: Adapted from NCVER Glossary of VET</i>

¹ Definitions sourced from the *VET Knowledge Bank - Glossary of VET* located on the *VOCEDplus* website at voced.edu.au/vet-knowledge-bank-glossary-vet.

Implementation arrangements

The implementation arrangements for this addendum are as per the Australian Qualifications Framework Second Edition January 2013 and Addendum No. 7 (Part A) Vocational Degree qualification.

Transition arrangements

Issuing organisations that are compliant with the Australian Qualifications Framework Second Edition January 2013 are deemed compliant with this addendum.

A set of frequently asked questions regarding the Vocational Degree specifications and these minor amendments to the AQF Issuance Policy and AQF Glossary can be found on the AQF website www.aqf.edu.au.

