

QUALIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION POLICY

1 Purpose

This policy outlines ANZSOG's role regarding certification for students of the Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA) program in being awarded a Master level qualification accredited under the Higher Education Standards Framework.

2 Scope

This policy applies to all students graduating from the EMPA program.

3 Guiding Principles

- 3.1 ANZSOG's EMPA is an exclusive qualification designed specifically for existing and future public sector leaders.
- 3.2 The EMPA is a two year part-time postgraduate degree featuring eight core subjects and three electives. The core subjects are delivered by ANZSOG and elective subjects are delivered by our partner universities conferring the degree.
- 3.3 This policy has been prepared:
 - i. in alignment with the service agreements with partner universities conferring the EMPA
 - ii. consistent with the Australian Higher Education Standards Framework 2015 (Threshold Standards) and with reference to New Zealand's Evaluative Quality Assurance Framework (NZEQAF)
 - iii. consistent with the academic standards of the EMPA partner University, as set out in their University policies
 - iv. and made accessible to students.

4 Policy Statement

- 4.1 All students enrolled in the EMPA who successfully complete the requirements of the degree are entitled to receive a formal certification from their conferring university. As ANZSOG is not an entity registered to confer Higher Education awards, certification is conferred by the enrolling university partner, who are registered under the TEQSA Act (2015).
- 4.2 All Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) qualifications and statements of attainment issued by ANZSOG's partner universities will comply with the requirements of the AQF Qualifications Issuance Policy at the date of their issuance.
- 4.3 All New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) qualifications and statements of attainment issued by ANZSOG's New Zealand partner universities will comply with their national requirements.
- 4.4 Partners will only issue qualifications and statements of attainment for nationally recognised accredited qualifications and units of competency that are within its scope of registration.
- 4.5 The testamur issued for the EMPA program will identify the qualification as an AQF or NZQA qualification either by the words 'The qualification is recognised within the Australian Qualifications Framework' or the New Zealand Evaluative Quality Assurance Framework (NZEQAF) or use any authorised AQF or NZQA logo. Please refer to your conferring university for further details.

5 Definition of Terms

Terms	Definition
Certification	official testamur attesting to the level of achievement in the completion of the EMPA. Awarded by university partners.
EMPA qualification	awarded by the conferring university only if all the requirements of the EMPA have been fulfilled.
Statement of attainment	an alternate name for testamur.
Testamur	a certificate signifying the completion of an award and is only issued to students who have met all the requirements of the award and whose eligibility to graduate has been approved by the Governing Council.

6 Links to Related Policies and Procedures

- Enrolment
- Delivery with Other Parties

7 Version History

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1	Current Students University Partners	EMPA Academic Director	Associate Dean, UR and CEO	2020	July 2020