

## Recognition of Overseas Qualifications

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Do you hold an overseas qualification and plan to live, work, or study in New Zealand? You may have your qualification assessed by Qualifications Recognition Services (QRS) against the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF).

Read more about our [Principles and Policies \(PDF, 349KB\)](#).

## Qualifications We Can Assess

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In New Zealand all qualifications need to meet the definition of a qualification. A qualification will need to meet this minimum standard to be assessed:

For us to assess and attempt to recognise your qualification, it must:

- be a complete programme of study, and
- be awarded by a provider that is nationally recognised or accredited by a government-mandated authority in the country of award, at the time of award
- have a minimum of 400 notional learning hours (approximately 100 weeks of full-time study)
- include achievement of a set of learning outcomes through a formal assessment process

## Qualifications We Do Not Assess

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We do not assess the following kinds of awards or experience:

- academic secondary school qualifications (such as high school certificates)

- incomplete programmes of study that did not result in awarding
- programmes that do not meet the minimum requirement of the e (40 credits or 400 notional hours), or
- certificates of attendance, or
- certificates of proficiency (if they do not also include formal learning
- letters or certificates of work experience, or
- professional or specialist training certificates (such as CISCO or

## Our Services

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QRS offers three types of assessments. Read below about each assessment, how you need them, how you can use them, and how to apply.

### International Qualifications Assessment (IQA)

The IQA is an in-depth assessment that provides a Recognition Statement in the New Zealand context. It can be used for immigration, employment, and salary purposes.

[Read more about the IQA](#)

### Pre-Assessment Result (PAR)

The PAR is a preliminary assessment to help you understand the level of your qualifications comparable to on the NZQF. It is used only for immigration purposes,

[Read more about the PAR](#)

### Overseas Study Assessment (OSA)

The OSA is for people (New Zealand residents) who have completed a qualification in New Zealand and want to apply to Inland Revenue NZ (IRD) to have the tax on the qualification written off.

[Read more about the OSA](#)

[Learn more about our fees and additional services](#)

## Contact Us

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Other questions? [Contact QRS here](#) or at [QRS@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:QRS@nzqa.govt.nz) or

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