

Why an AQF qualification is so important.

Across Australia, a common set of standards for the teaching of many trades and professions have been developed. This means that if you receive a qualification in one state, it will be recognised in another. So the key reason for having an Australian Quality Framework (AQF) qualification is to ensure national recognition and consistency, as well as common understanding across Australia of what defines each qualification.



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Qualifications that are included in the AQF have been developed using the AQF guidelines. This ensures standards are maintained in describing educational outcomes and in allocating titles to the qualifications and there is no misunderstanding!

Without this common agreement, any qualifications may not be recognised outside of the state or country where they were gained. You might also be required to do more study to meet the local criteria. And that can be a costly and time-consuming exercise.

But, across Australia, not all qualifications described as a 'Diploma' meet the AQF guidelines. In other words, not all 'Diplomas' are equal!

Happily, both the Certificate IV's and Diplomas in Aeroskills from QIAE, do meet AQF guidelines, so your choice is safe.

So, in a nutshell, AQF qualifications:

- Are easily understood and are compared within Australia, by students, employers and education and training providers
- May be benchmarked against qualifications from other countries
- Can be used to access further learning
- Are part of a single national framework of qualifications

Just remember...

Not all training providers offer AQF qualifications, so be careful in your choices! When researching Aeroskills courses, not all 'Diplomas' offered can deliver what you'll need. Make sure you research this before you make your final choice. At QIAE your training outcome is a full AQF qualification.

Skilled Worker Program

In Australia, the Aircraft Maintenance Engineers are currently noted on the **Australian Skilled Occupation List (SOL)** for:

- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Avionics)
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Mechanical)
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (Structures)

The SOL outlines occupations and specialisations identified by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) that are in short supply in this country. If you would like to know more about the Skilled Worker Program, please visit 'Trades Recognition Australia' on the DEEWR website: www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/Programs/SkillsAssess/TRA

Useful Links

www.aqf.edu.au

www.immi.gov.au/skilled/general-skilled-migration

www.immi.gov.au/asri/a-z.htm