



## Certification

### AQF Implementation Arrangements

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. It incorporates the qualifications from each education and training sector into a single national qualifications framework

From **1 January 2012** RTOs must comply with the AQF 2011 and the National Quality Council's (NQC) "*Application of the AQF within the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector*". This is available on the TAC website.

The NQC has developed detailed information on the application of the AQF within the VET Sector, which outlines the policy requirements of the NQC to support the *AQF Qualifications Issuance Policy*. This Special Bulletin is intended to provide continuity for Registration Bodies and Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) during the transition period.

**RTOs should note that the AQF 2011 states that the AQF logo or the words "This Statement of Attainment is recognised within the Australian Qualifications Framework" cannot be used on statements of attainment.**

Other important information to note:

- testamurs and statements of attainments are required to include the RTO's seal/watermark or corporate identifier to protect against fraudulent issuance
- a record of results is to be issued with the qualification testamur

The record of results, which could also be referred to as 'transcript of results', 'academic transcript', 'record of achievement' or 'statement of results', cannot use the Nationally Recognised Training or TAC logos. Statements of Attainment should not be issued on completion of a full AQF qualification.

RTOs should review the AQF 2011 and the NQC Special Bulletin to ensure all requirements are being met.

It is important to note that the revised requirements for accreditation of courses are still being reviewed for implementation and further details will be communicated as it becomes available.