

Program Nomenclature Schedule

1 Purpose

To provide guidance in the naming of University programs.

2 Scope

This schedule must be read in conjunction with the Program Accreditation Procedure and is subordinate to it.

3 Schedule

AQF Level	Qualification Type	Qualification Title	Abbreviated Qualification Title
5	Diploma	Diploma of (Field of study/discipline)	Dip (Field of study/discipline, usually abbreviated)
5 - 7	Undergraduate Certificate	Undergraduate Certificate of (Field of study/discipline)	UG Cert (Field of study/discipline, usually abbreviated)
6	Advanced Diploma	Advanced Diploma of (Field of study/discipline)	Adv Dip (Field of study/discipline, usually abbreviated)
6	Associate Degree	Associate Degree of (Field of study/discipline)	Assoc Deg (Field of study/discipline, usually abbreviated)
7	Bachelor Degree	Bachelor of (Field of study/discipline)	B (Field of study/discipline, usually abbreviated)
8	Bachelor Honours Degree	Bachelor of (Field of study/discipline) (Honours)	B (Field of study/discipline, usually abbreviated) (Hons)
8	Graduate Certificate	Graduate Certificate of (Field of study/discipline)	Grad Cert (Field of study/discipline, usually abbreviated)
8	Graduate Diploma	Graduate Diploma of (Field of study/discipline)	Grad Dip (Field of study/discipline, usually abbreviated)

9	Master Degree (Coursework)	Master of (Field of study/discipline)	M (Field of study/discipline, usually abbreviated)
9	Master Degree (Research)	Master of (Field of study/discipline)	M (Field of study/discipline, usually abbreviated)
9	Master Degree (Extended)	Master of (Field of study/discipline) <i>For exceptions that may be used, see below*</i>	M (Field of study/discipline, usually abbreviated)
10	Professional Doctoral Degree	Doctor of (Field of study/discipline)	D (Field of study/discipline, usually abbreviated)
10	Higher Doctoral Degree	Doctor of Philosophy	PhD

* Exceptions:

1. The use of the title 'Juris Doctor' is permitted for a Master Degree (Extended) for legal practice

2. The use of the title 'Doctor of ...' is permitted for a Master Degree (Extended) for five professions: medical practice; physiotherapy; dentistry; optometry and veterinary practice.

4 References

Nil.

5 Schedule Information

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Related Procedures	Higher Degree by Research Program Design and Review Procedure Program Accreditation Procedure
Related forms, publications and websites	
Definitions	Terms defined in the Definitions Dictionary
	Coursework A method of teaching and learning that leads to the acquisition of skills and knowledge and does not include a major research component.
	University The term 'University' or 'UniSQ' means the University of Southern Queensland.
	Definitions that relate to this schedule only
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