Purpose

One of the most important features of the Australian Qualification Framework is the obligation to recognize national qualifications and Statements of Attainment issued by any other training organisations.

Under this Recognition, a registered training organisation (RTO) must accept the credentials issued by another RTO based in any State/Territory in Australia.

Statement

Recognition of Qualifications is the acceptance by one RTO of a qualification or Statement of Attainment issued to a student by a different RTO. This acceptance is usually for the purpose of entry into a qualification where another qualification or certain Statements of Attainments are a prerequisite to entry, or for part completion of a qualification based on Statements of Attainment for the units already held by the student. It is mandatory that RTO’s accept the qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by other RTO’s.

Recognition of Qualifications does not require an RTO to recognise the Qualifications/Statement of Attainments issued by another RTO for any purposes other than training with that RTO, such as licensing or employment arrangements, e.g. Industrial award classifications.

Recognition of Qualification does not have a limited lifespan. If the Qualification/Statement of Attainment is currently listed on Training. Gov. Au (TGA) and is still a component of a qualification that the student wishes to undertake, mutual recognition must be given. If the Qualification/Statement of Attainment held by the student has been superseded and is no longer on TGA or is not the version required by the qualification into which the student wished to enrol, mutual recognition does not apply. In such situations, recognition of prior learning would be the appropriate way to proceed.