

RECOGNITION OF CIOB QUALIFICATIONS IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

1. Academic Recognition in Australia

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (www.deewr.gov.au) has confirmed that the Australian government does not recognise Professional Qualifications (including those offered by local bodies) neither there is a plan to recognise professional qualifications in the near future. There is not currently a system in place in Australia which allows competence based qualifications to be assessed and evaluated for comparison or equivalence in the country.

The Department of Education only recognises foreign academic qualifications (degrees, diplomas, NVQs etc). Academic Qualifications are assessed by the Qualification Assessment authority (Vetasses). www.vetassess.com.au, or www.skillassess.com

2. Professional Recognition for assessment of application for migration purposes under the Australian point system.

Corporate Members of the Chartered Institute of Building immigrating to Australia must obtain a Visa under the skills migration scheme. There are a number of Visa types and different criteria for skilled workers immigrating to Australia which can be obtained from the immigration department (www.immi.gov.au). Corporate Membership of the CIOB does not provide additional points under the skill migration point test (currently the pass mark is 120 points), but applications for Visas from corporate members of the CIOB will be considered under the entry point system when obtained through a recognised academic path (degree, HND, diploma etc) recognised by the Australian Qualification and Assessment authority (AQF). These qualifications are subject to assessment by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (see paragraph 3 – academic titles recognition and assessment).

3. Builders Licence Registration in Australia

Building and construction professionals must register to obtain a builders licence to be able to operate in each of the states in Australia. The Builders Licence can be obtained via the relevant competent authority in each state a list of which can be found on:

<http://www.licencerecognition.gov.au/authorities.aspx>

At present CIOB's qualifications are not recognised by the competent authority in each state for the purpose of obtaining a builders licence. Members must apply in each state generally except for Western Australia where CIOB members can obtain a Builders Licence through following three routes: A) an individual assessment B) Demonstration of experience in construction industry in one of the states C) if they are corporate member of the Australian Institute of Building. The CIOB is in the process of renegotiating the agreement of dual membership recognition with the AIB.

Builders Registration Board Western Australia: www.builders.wa.gov.au

4. Mutual recognition of Builders Licence:

Holders of Builders licence in Australia or New Zealand can apply for mutual recognition in another state under the mutual recognition scheme: <http://www.bla.net.au/default.asp>

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6. Academic recognition:

The Head of International and CIOB Australasia's Regional Manager visited the New Zealand Qualification authority in March 2009 which provisionally confirmed that academic recognition can be achieved through demonstration of the CIOB's membership admission process and quality assurance system. The necessary paperwork has already been presented to the New Zealand Qualification authority who will present the case internally in April 2009.

7. Professional Recognition

Professional qualifications are not recognised in New Zealand at present, but the the Head of International is currently working with the RICS on achieving academic recognition and professional recognition through the department of immigration and the New Zealand Qualification authority.

8. Builders Licence

A builder's licence is not required to operate in New Zealand but the situation may change to mirror the Australian system.

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