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AGENCY (TEQSA)

TOPIC: CRICOS Registration Process

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QUESTION No.: SI-58

Does TEQSA require that a separate CRICOS number be allocated to each award as defined by the AQF? (for example to an arts degree (AQF Level 7) and to an honours arts degree(AQF Level 8)). Has this been a practice previously under the state-based regulators? If there has been a change from the previous states-based regime, what is TEQSA's policy rationale for this change?

ANSWER

The Provider Registration and International Student Management System (PRISMS) which underpins CRICOS is maintained by the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE). When registering courses on CRICOS, the system requires a course level field which generally reflects the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). While each course has its own CRICOS number, PRISMS does not have a specific level selection for a Bachelor with Honours. This means that both Bachelor (AQF Level 7) and Bachelor with Honours (AQF Level 8) are recorded as Bachelor degrees on CRICOS. Future enhancements are planned by DIISRTE to include the new Bachelor with Honours (AQF level 8) to better align with the revised AQF. There has been no change from the previous state-based regime.