

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY (TEQSA)

TOPIC: Accreditation

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QUESTION No.: SI-59

For an AQF Level 7 qualification (the Bachelor Degree), the AQF Qualification Issuance Policy requires the title to be "Bachelor (Field of study/discipline)". For an AQF Level 8 qualification (the Bachelor Degree with Honours), AQF requires the title to be "Bachelor (Field of study/discipline) (Honours)". Does TEQSA refuse to accredit Level 8 awards that do not contain word "(Honours)"? If yes, can a Level 7 award be accredited that would contain two titles, e.g. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Law"?

ANSWER

To accredit a higher education course of study, TEQSA requires the course title to be consistent with the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Issuance Policy appropriate to the AQF level. An AQF Level 8 Bachelor Honours degree must contain the word "Honours" to be accredited. However, AQF Level 8 awards such as Graduate Certificates and Diplomas that do not contain the word "Honours" can also be accredited.

An AQF Level 7 award that contains two titles, such as Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws, can be accredited.