



## Advanced Standing Procedure

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### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Procedure is to outline the protocols associated with the **Advanced Standing Policy**, the intent of which is to provide a framework for the formal recognition of prior learning, skills and experience that is consistent with the Australian Qualifications Framework ('AQF'), and maintains academic integrity and standards.

### 2. Scope

This Procedure applies to all students at the Australian Institute for Higher Education Pty Ltd ('the Institute') and those seeking admission. This Procedure also applies to all staff involved in the assessment and recording of advanced standing.

### 3. Definitions

See the **AIH Glossary of Terms** for definitions.

### 4. Actions and Responsibilities

#### 4.1 Application procedure

Students must submit the relevant application form and certified or original supporting documentation such as unit outlines, transcript or other evidence to demonstrate equivalencies to the requested subject outcomes. If the documentation is not in English, certified translations must be supplied.

Students must demonstrate a minimum result of a pass grade to receive credit. The Australian Institute of Higher Education ('the Institute') does not guarantee transferability of credits from other education providers, nor does it guarantee that students who successfully receive exemption(s) will be assured academic success in future subjects.

The latest time an application for Advanced Standing can normally be made is **two weeks prior to the first census date after commencement of the course** unless approved by the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate). All applications should be accompanied by verified documentary evidence and a completed Advanced Standing Application Form.

An assessment will be undertaken by the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate). Admissions will advise the applicant formally in writing of the result of their application within 10 working days of the application being received, and will ensure that the decision is recorded in the student's file.

If the student is dissatisfied with the Chief Executive Officer's (or delegate's) decision, the student can appeal the decision in accordance with the ***Student Complaint and Appeal Policy*** and associated Procedure.

The student is required to confirm, by email or in writing, acceptance of any advanced standing granted.

Students granted Conditional Advanced Standing must supply their final verified supporting documentation **two weeks prior to the first census date after commencement of the course** or the Conditional Advanced Standing will be revoked.

It is the intention of the associated Policy that students be given an indication of the amount of credit that will be applied toward their course at the time they accept a place in the course if certified supporting documentation cannot be supplied. However, this form of advice is only an indication. The amount of Advanced Standing given will only be formalised and appear in a student's transcript when all verified documentation is received, and when the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) completes processing the student's completed ***Advanced Standing Application Form***.

## 4.2 Evidence Required

Certified or original supporting documentation such as unit outlines, official transcript or other evidence to demonstrate equivalencies to the requested subject outcomes may be required. Applicants should refer to the ***Advanced Standing Application Form*** for further information on documentation required.

## 4.3 Complaints and Appeals

Enrolled students who are not satisfied with the outcome of their advanced standing application can make a complaint as per the ***Complaints and Appeals Policy and associated procedure***.

## 4.4 International Students

If the applicant is an international student, the following applies:

- Where credit is granted *before* the issue of a visa, and if this varies the actual course duration, the electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) issued to the student will show the reduced course duration.
- Where credit is granted *after* the issue of a visa, and if this varies the actual course duration, the Institute will report the change of course duration via PRISMS in accordance with section 19 of the Education Services of Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000.

## 4.5 Types of Credits

As per the **AQF Qualifications Pathways Policy**, credit can be given to students in the form of block, specified or unspecified credit. The AQF defines the different types of credit as follows:

- **Specified credit:** Specified credit is credit granted towards particular or specific components of a qualification or program of learning.
- **Unspecified credit:** Unspecified credit is credit granted towards elective components of a qualification or program of learning.
- **Block credit:** Block credit is credit granted towards whole stages or components of a program of learning leading to a qualification.

## 4.6 Recording Credits

The grade recorded for specified, unspecified or block credit on the basis of learning completed is "Advanced Standing" represented by the code "AS". Refer to the **Student Assessment Policy** for further information on grades.

All approvals of advanced standing and credit transfer must be reported to the Head of Admissions (or delegate).

The Head of Admissions (or delegate) nominee will maintain a register of Advanced Standing granted and will record the Advanced Standing against the student's record.

## 4.7 Records Management

The Institute will maintain records of all applications for (including any accompanying evidence), the assessment of and decisions regarding advanced standing for at least two years after the student ceases to be a student of the Institute, in accordance with the **Records Management Policy** and associated Procedure.

## 4.8 Further Information

All queries should be directed as follows:

**New students:**

Admissions Office

[admissions@aih.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admissions@aih.nsw.edu.au)

**Continuing students:**

Student Services

[studentservices@aih.nsw.edu.au](mailto:studentservices@aih.nsw.edu.au)

## 5. Version Control

This Procedure has been endorsed by the Australia Institute of Higher Education Board of Directors as at April 2020 and is reviewed every 3 years. The Procedure is published and available on the Australian Institute of Higher Education website <http://www.aih.nsw.edu.au/> under 'Policies and Procedures'.

Change and Version Control				
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