RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS IN MALAYSIA

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Quality Assurance Body in Malaysia

Accreditation Body

Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) carry out the accreditation process for professional and non-professional programs. For the accreditation of professional programs conducted jointly by the MQA with professional bodies through the establishment of a Joint Technical Committee. Among the professional bodies involved are as follow:

- Board of Architects Malaysia
- Board of Quantity Surveyor Malaysia
- Board of Engineers Malaysia
- Land Surveyors Board
- The Malaysian Medical Council
- Malaysian Dental Council
- Pharmacy Board of Malaysia
- Malaysian Optical Council
- Legal Profession Qualifying Board
- Malaysian Institute of Accountants
- etc.

❖ Recognition must be based on the quality premis.
Bilateral and Multilateral Recognition Agreements

Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA)

- The main objective of the Agreement is to promote cooperation in higher education and to facilitate student mobility between both countries.
- Application of this recognition is also subject to the existing regulatory undertakings and requirements of the HEIs, professional bodies, government agencies and non-governmental organizations in Malaysia.

Statement of Confidence (SOC)

- MQA also signed the SOC with the following agencies:
  1. New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), New Zealand
  2. Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan (HEEACT), Taiwan
- Comparability of bachelor qualification.
## Recognition of Foreign Qualifications for Admission

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Until February 2014, the MQA has listed the total of 133 abroad academic qualifications and comparison with academic qualifications in Malaysia. For more information, please refer to Equivalency List: [www.mqa.gov.my](http://www.mqa.gov.my)
The number of international students in Malaysia from 2013 until June 2014 = 57,933
Quality Assurance System in Malaysia

Malaysian Qualifications Framework

Quality Assurance Process

- Program Accreditation
  - Provisional Accreditation
  - Full Accreditation

- Institutional Audit
  - Self Accreditation
  - Academic Performance Audit

Malaysian Qualifications Register

UNESCO Portal to Recognized Higher Education Institutions
Ratification of the 2011 Revised Convention

The principle, we have a system for the recognition of qualifications and international good practices.

However, the ratification of the 2011 Revised Convention are subject to a decision by the government.

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