

# Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education



## What is the Global Convention?

The UNESCO *Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education 2019* is the world's first international treaty in higher education with global scope. It supports two-way mobility through best principles and practices for the recognition of foreign qualifications. It commits countries to provide individuals with a fair and transparent assessment of their qualifications to access higher education in another country and achieves this through a sustainable framework for global cooperation.

## What does the Global Convention say?



Individuals have the right to a fair, transparent, non-discriminatory, timely, and affordable assessment of their qualifications.



Countries should seek to recognise qualifications as fully and as widely as possible.



Quality assured 'non-traditional' qualifications and studies (i.e. online or blended learning) must be fairly assessed.



The Convention fully respects all domestic laws and regulations, and recognition decision makers' autonomy.

## Why has Australia ratified the Global Convention?

### Benefits for students of Australia's education and training system



Entitles individuals to an assessment of their qualification for the purpose of accessing higher education.

Assures students that their studies and qualifications will be fairly and consistently assessed in Australia and overseas, no matter where or how they studied.

Enhances access to and recognition of higher education studies and qualifications, including via diverse delivery modes (i.e. online or blended learning, joint degrees, microcredentials).



### Benefits for Australian education providers

Minimises barriers to the recognition of Australian qualifications through the adoption of international best principles and practices.

Enhances understanding of overseas education and training systems, helping recognition authorities to make informed decisions about overseas qualifications.

Supports education providers to expand their offerings internationally through improved recognition of new and diverse forms of learning, including transnational education.



### More information

To learn more about the Global Convention, please click on the link to watch a 4-minute video from UNESCO.



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