



Nationally Recognised Vocational Education and Training Accredited Courses

WACE Recognition Arrangements (Effective for Year 10 and 11 students from 2016 and Year 12 students from 2017)



GENERAL INFORMATION

An accredited course is one that is developed to meet training needs not addressed by existing training packages. Courses and modules that are not part of a nationally endorsed training package do not automatically provide students with recognition towards the WACE.

To be eligible to contribute towards the WACE, an accredited course:

1. cannot duplicate a WACE course or other Authority-developed program
2. cannot compromise the standards of the WACE by providing an unsuitable or inappropriate alternative to an existing WACE offering, mechanism for fulfilling one or more WACE requirements.

The Authority reserves the right to refuse recognition of an accredited course if it is deemed to meet one or more of the abovementioned criteria or for any other purpose where it is considered that the qualification is not suitable within the context of the WACE requirements.

Detail about the recognition status of accredited courses currently listed on the Authority's Student Information Record System (SIRS) database is available at the VET Data and Reporting page on the Authority website http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/Senior_Secondary/Vocational_Education_and_Training/VET_Info_All_Schools. This list will be updated biannually.

If schools wish to offer an accredited course that is not included on the Accredited Course Recognition Status list, schools must apply for the course to be approved if WACE recognition is required. Once the recognition status is decided by the Authority, the course will be added to the accredited course recognition status list and the list of VET qualifications and associated units of competency currently in SIRS list available on the Authority website.

ACCREDITED COURSE CLASSIFICATION SCHEME

The provision of the appropriate level of recognition for VET accredited courses is determined based on the classification of course outcomes and articulation in to post school training and employment opportunities. The classification scheme determines whether the accredited course outcomes have an industry, foundation skills or vocational focus.

Industry focus

These qualifications either have a distinct industry based vocational outcome or articulate directly into higher industry based AQF qualifications.

The completion of these accredited courses provide students with maximum credit in recognition of their clear articulation into higher level industry qualifications or employment as a post school destination.

Foundation skills focus

These qualifications describe accredited courses that provide general education and/or language, literacy and numeracy support to students. Accredited courses classified as having a foundation focus do not relate specifically to a vocational outcome, specific industry area or a nationally endorsed training package.

Foundation skills course are not provided any recognition for WACE for one or more of the following reasons:

1. More appropriate WACE offerings have been developed to meet the specific needs of student who may require the additional support offered by these accredited courses.
2. There is a significant overlap with other WACE offerings.
3. The accredited course is deemed to be an inappropriate/unsuitable alternative to current WACE offerings
4. The outcomes of the accredited course compromise the integrity of the WACE standard.



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Vocational focus

These qualifications include qualifications aimed at preparing students for work or providing career education opportunities. Like foundation skills accredited courses, these qualifications generally do not relate specifically to any nationally endorsed training package.

Vocational qualifications are recognised in the WACE for the value they offer students in preparing them for work through the allocation of unit equivalence. As these qualifications do not directly articulate into a specific industry area they cannot be used to meet the Certificate II minimum requirement.

RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT FOR ACCREDITED COURSE CATEGORIES

The allocation of credit towards the WACE for VET accredited courses is applied according to a sliding scale as illustrated in the table below.

Recognition arrangement for accredited course categories

Category	Awarded unit equivalence	Can be used to meet the Certificate II min requirement
<i>Industry</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Vocational</i>	Yes	No
<i>Foundation</i>	No	No

If an accredited course is classified as having either an industry or vocational focus, then successful completion will be awarded credit as unit equivalents towards achievement of the WACE in the same manner as nationally endorsed training package VET qualifications.

Not all accredited courses allocated unit equivalence can contribute to meeting the Certificate II minimum requirement. Recognition is based on the classification category of a particular accredited course which is detailed in the *Accredited Course Recognition Status list*. Depending on other factors the WACE recognition of an accredited course may differ slightly to the recognition arrangements identified above.

APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OR ACCREDITED COURSES NOT LISTED BY THE AUTHORITY

The *Accredited Course Recognition Status list* will be reviewed periodically and published on the VET Data and Reporting page on the Authority website. If no enrolments in an accredited course have been recorded for two consecutive years, the course will be removed from the list.

If a school wishes to enrol students in a VET accredited course that is not currently listed on the *Accredited Course Recognition Status list* they must request the course to be classified by the Authority prior to student enrolment.

Request form

The request form requires information about the accredited course and whether it is a part of a School Based Traineeship/Apprenticeship or an Aboriginal School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship.

Completed request forms should be emailed to the Principal Consultant - VET at vetinfo@scsa.wa.edu.au



Application for WACE recognition of a VET accredited course

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School Code

An accredited course is one that is developed to meet training needs not addressed by existing training packages. Courses and modules that are not part of a nationally endorsed training package do not automatically provide students with recognition towards the WACE.

This application is for schools who wish to enrol students in a VET accredited course that is not currently listed on the Accredited Course Recognition Status list which is available on the WACE Recognition of VET Accredited Courses webpage on the Authority website http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/Senior_Secondary/Vocational_Education_and_Training/WACE_recognition_of_VET_accredited_courses

The provision of the appropriate level of recognition for VET accredited courses is determined based on the classification of the course outcomes. The classification scheme determines whether the accredited course outcomes have an industry, foundation skills or vocational focus. For more information about the classification of VET accredited courses please refer to the WACE Recognition of VET Accredited Courses webpage on the Authority website (the link is provided above).

If an accredited course is approved for WACE recognition then the successful completion will be awarded credit as unit equivalents towards achievement of the WACE, in the same manner as nationally endorsed training package VET qualifications. Not all accredited courses approved for WACE recognition can contribute to meeting the Certificate II minimum requirement however.

Detailed information on the credit arrangements for VET accredited courses is available in the VET accredited Courses WACE Recognition Arrangements – Information for School document available at the VET WACE Recognition of VET Accredited Courses webpage on the Authority website (the link is provided above).

Complete the following details and email the form to VETinfo@scsa.wa.edu.au

(Please print)

Please include a summary of accredited course content and outcome information to support this application.

School Name

Contact Person

Contact person role or title

Contact details (required)

Email

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School telephone number

Accredited course national code and title (e.g. 52327 Certificate II in Building and Construction (Pathway - Para Professional))

Registered Training Organisation (RTO) code and name (through which the accredited course will be certified)

Is this accredited course a component of a School based traineeship/apprenticeship or Aboriginal School based traineeship/apprenticeship? Yes No

To be completed by the principal or school representative

I support this request for recognition of the VET accredited course outlined in this application.

Name of Principal _____

Signature of Principal _____ **Date** _____

(Office Use only) Application TRIM Reference:

Recognition classification	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation
Director approval	Signature		Date
Entered Accredited Course Recognition Status list <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Officer Name		Date entered
Recognition arrangement entered into SIRS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Officer Name		Date entered
Notification letter sent to application contact <input type="checkbox"/> Yes TRIM no:	Officer Name		Date sent