



Deakin Micro-credentials policy

Section 1 - Preamble

- (1) This Policy is effective from 11 December 2018.
- (2) This Policy is pursuant to the [Higher Education Courses policy](#).

Section 2 - Purpose

- (3) This Policy sets out principles for the award of Deakin micro-credentials that warrant the achievement of learning.

Section 3 - Scope

- (4) This Policy applies to micro-credentials that are offered by the University.

Section 4 - Policy

- (5) The University offers micro-credentials that:
 - a. evidence achievement of appropriate learning outcomes and standards
 - b. are based on judgements of rich evidence created in response to authentic assessment tasks
 - c. where possible are designed and conferred in partnership with industry
 - d. are conferred where the identity of the learner is appropriately verified
 - e. may provide credit or entry to a macro-credential
 - f. may be integrated into the design of a macro-credential
 - g. bear the insignia of the University
 - h. are recorded and archived in the same way as macro-credentials
 - i. are conferred digitally using badging technology.
- (6) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education oversees quality assurance of all micro-credentials and reports annually to the Academic Board on the award of Deakin micro-credentials.

Deakin Hallmarks

(7) The University awards micro-credentials called Deakin Hallmarks that recognise outstanding achievement of specific graduate capabilities particularly valued in the workplace. Course-specific Deakin Hallmarks recognise achievement of [Deakin Graduate Learning Outcomes](#). University-wide Hallmarks recognise achievement of other valued graduate capabilities approved by Academic Board.

- (8) Deakin Hallmarks:
 - a. reflect the learning of students during their enrolment at Deakin

- b. acknowledge achievement distinct from grades awarded for assessment tasks
- c. are developed at the discretion of the course director, or Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education, in partnership with relevant industry or professional groups
- d. are awarded on the basis of holistic judgements about student achievement with reference to approved criteria, standards and evidence
- e. describe the basis for granting the Hallmark and can be shared publicly
- f. are not recognised for the purposes of granting credit towards a Deakin course.

(9) Students are eligible to apply for a Deakin Hallmark if they:

- a. are currently enrolled in an associated course or within three months of completing it; and
- b. meet any other eligibility criteria associated with the Hallmark.

(10) Students who apply for and are not awarded a Deakin Hallmark can re-apply for the same Hallmark once following the original decision.

(11) Clear and accurate information about Deakin Hallmarks is available to students including:

- a. policy and procedure governing the award of Deakin Hallmarks
- b. approved criteria and standards of each Deakin Hallmark
- c. evidence required to demonstrate the achievement of each Deakin Hallmark
- d. process for evaluating student performance for each Deakin Hallmark.

(12) The [Deakin Hallmarks procedure](#) documents the processes for the approval, delivery, award and review of Deakin Hallmarks.

Deakin Professional Practice Credentials

(13) The University awards micro-credentials called Deakin Professional Practice Credentials that are aligned with [Deakin Graduate Learning Outcomes](#). They:

- a. are designed to warrant learning that is gained through significant industry experience
- b. are awarded based on assessments approved and supervised by the University
- c. are aligned with the [Australian Qualifications Framework](#) and/or internationally recognised industry skills frameworks (as appropriate)
- d. may be integrated into courses offered by the University
- e. may provide credit or entry into courses offered by the University.

Section 5 - Procedure

(14) The [Deakin Hallmarks procedure](#) documents how to comply with this Policy.

Section 6 - Definitions

(15) For the purpose of this Policy:

- a. course: a set of units or a higher degree by research program approved by the Academic Board, and which when satisfactorily completed normally qualifies a student for an award of the University.
- b. digital credential: a digital record of achievement in which metadata attached provides information about the

source and value of the award.

- c. macro-credential: an Australian Higher Education Qualification (or international qualification with equivalent learning outcomes) awarded by an accredited provider.
- d. micro-credential: an award that warrants achievement of clearly articulated learning outcomes that is not sufficient, in itself, to lead to the award of a macro-credential.

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