



# Microcredentials policy

## Section 1 - Preamble

- (1) This Policy is effective from 1 March 2022.
- (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 microcredentials that warrant the achievement of learning through teaching and assessment, or assessment only.

## Section 3 - Scope

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

## Section 4 - Policy

- (5) The University offers microcredentials that:
  - a. are awarded on successful completion of an assessed microunit
  - b. evidence achievement of appropriate learning outcomes and standards
  - c. may be taught and assessed, or assessed only
  - d. are based on judgements of rich evidence created in response to authentic assessment tasks
  - e. where possible are designed and conferred in partnership with industry
  - f. are conferred where the identity of the learner is appropriately verified
  - g. may be integrated into the design of a Deakin University award course
  - h. may provide credit to a Deakin University award course
  - i. bear the insignia of the University
  - j. are recorded and archived in the same way as macro-credentials or in Deakin's approved digital badging system
  - k. are conferred digitally using badging technology.
- (6) Faculty Boards approve microcredentials to be awarded on the completion of microunits. Approval also requires endorsement by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic.
- (7) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic oversees quality assurance of all microunits and microcredentials and reports annually to the Academic Board on the award of Deakin microcredentials.

## Metadata

(8) The metadata should include the following information and be defined for each microcredential:

- a. Title and brief description
- b. Issuer: Deakin and partner(s), where relevant
- c. Learning outcomes or description of achievement
- d. Mode of participation: online, face-to-face, blended
- e. Effort required, including assessment, in hours, for typical learner
- f. Complexity of main assessment task
- g. Supervision and identity verification
- h. Australian Qualifications Framework level aligned to or professional standard
- i. Credit information if microcredential is credit-bearing.

## Section 5 - Procedure

(9) The [Hallmarks policy](#) documents how to comply with this Policy.

(10) The [Deakin Professional Practice Credentials procedure](#) documents how to comply with this Policy.

## Section 6 - Definitions

(11) For the purpose of this Policy:

- a. course: means a program of study that leads to a degree, vocational education and training product or other award as defined by the [Academic Board Regulations](#).
- 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. microcredential: 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.

## Status and Details

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