

Block Credit Decision Matrix

STEP	BEFORE DECIDING IF A BLOCK IS APPROPRIATE ANSWER QUESTIONS IN STEPS 1 TO 3				
1	Is the applicant from an institution with an existing agreement for the course they have studied? If yes, follow the agreement. If no, go to question 2.				Unsure check the register
2	Has the candidate completed a full qualification at, or the equivalent to, an AQF level? If so is it AQF level 5 UG Cert, level 5 Dip, 6, 7 or 8 (nothing below AQF 5 attracts block credit in to an HE program of study)				Unsure? Seek academic advice
3	Identify if the completed qualification, or equivalent, is in a cognate, or non-cognate discipline to the program applied for e.g. hospitality to hospitality = cognate (for more information see Table 3)				Unsure? Seek academic advice
PROCEED WITH ASSESSMENT					
Clarify the level of program that the student has applied for (PG, UG Bachelor, UG Associate Degree, UG Diploma or UG Certificate) and work within that section.					
Cognate (C)			Non-cognate (NC)		
Postgraduate applicant - C			Postgraduate applicant - NC		
From Cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #	From Non-cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #
AQF lvl 8 Grad Certificate	4 subject Cognate PG block	CPG1	AQF lvl 8 Grad Certificate	2 subject Non-Cognate PG block	NCPG1
AQF lvl 8 Grad Diploma	8 subject Cognate PG block	CPG2	AQF lvl 8 Grad Diploma	6 subject Non-Cognate PG block	NCPG2
AQF lvl 9 Masters	Advise toward higher level studies or a different discipline (see non-cognate blocks)		AQF lvl 9 Masters	8 subject Non-Cognate PG block	NCPG3
UG – Bachelor applicant - C			UG – Bachelor applicant - NC		
From Cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #	From Non-cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #
AQF lvl 5 Cert	4 subject Cognate UG block	CUGB1	AQF lvl 5 Certificate	2 subject Non-Cognate UG block	NCUGB1
AQF lvl 5 Dip	8 subject Cognate UG block	CUGB2	AQF lvl 5 Diploma	4 subject Non-Cognate UG block	NCUGB2
AQF lvl 6	16 subject Cognate UG block	CUGB3	AQF lvl 6	8 subject Non-Cognate UG block	NCUGB3
AQF lvl 7	Advise towards a non-cognate Bach or PG with no credit		AQF lvl 7	12 subject Non-Cognate UG block	NCUGB4
			ICMS Students only: AQF lvl 7	16 subject ICMS Non-Cognate UG block	Special second degree block for ICMS students NCUGB5
UG – Associate Degree applicant - C			UG – Associate Degree applicant - NC		
From Cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #	From Non-cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #
AQF lvl 5 UG Cert	4 subject Cognate block	CUGB1	AQF lvl 5 Certificate	2 subject Non-Cognate block	NCUGB1
AQF lvl 5 Dip	8 subject Cognate block	CUGB2	AQF lvl 5 Diploma	4 subject Non-Cognate block	NCUGB2
AQF lvl 6	Advise towards a non-cognate Ass Deg or Bach with 16 subject block		AQF lvl 6	8 subject Non-Cognate block	NCUGB3
UG – Diploma applicant - C			UG – Diploma applicant - NC		
From Cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #	From Non-cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #
AQF lvl 5 UG Certificate	4 subject Cognate block	CUGB1	AQF lvl 5 Certificate	2 subject Non-Cognate block	NCUGB1
AQF lvl 5 Diploma	Advise towards AQF lvl 6 or higher				
UG – Certificate applicant - C			UG – Certificate applicant - NC		
From Cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #	From Non-cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #
AQF lvl 5 UG Certificate	Advise towards UG Diploma entry		AQF lvl 5 Cert	1 subject Non-Cognate block or advise towards UG Diploma entry	

Table 2 – Summary of Block Credit Arrangements

Cognate			
Postgraduate			
1	CPG1	4 subject cognate block	
2	CPG2	8 subject cognate block	
Undergraduate			
3	CUGB1	4 subject cognate UG block	
4	CUGB2	8 subject cognate UG block	
5	CUGB3	16 subject cognate UG block	
Non-Cognate			
Postgraduate			
6	NCPG1	2 subject non-cognate block	
7	NCPG2	6 subject non-cognate block	
8	NCPG3	8 subject non-cognate block	
Undergraduate			
9	NCUGB1	2 subject non-cognate UG block	
10	NCUGB2	4 subject non-cognate UG block	
11	NCUGB3	8 subject non-cognate UG block	
12	NCUGB4	12 subject non-cognate UG block	
13	NCUGB5	16 subject ICMS Non-Cognate UG block	ICMS students only. Requires different block as they have already completed 1 ICMS Bachelor with all core units

Table 3 – What does ICMS deem as “Cognate” for the purposes of awarding Block Credit?

ICMS Specialisation Applied for	Previous study at required AQF level, as per testamur, is Cognate if:
Hospitality Tourism Events	Course title contains hospitality, tourism or events as either a “Name” or a “Major”. Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Business	Course title is generic in business or related discipline, such as Commerce. Business Management will be accepted as cognate, however Management alone will not.
Property	Course title contains Property, or a Property context, such as Property Economics, as either a “Name” or a “Major”. Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Entrepreneurship	Course title contains Entrepreneurship, as either a “Name” or a “Major”. Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Marketing	Course title contains Marketing as either a “Name” or a “Major”. Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Accounting	Course title contains Accounting as either a “Name” or a “Major”. The Cognate course, if Australian, should have CPA or CAA recognition. Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Fashion and Global Brand Management	Course title contains Fashion in a Management context, as either a “Name” or a “Major”. Fashion Design or any Fashion Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Sport	Course title contains Sport in a Management context, as either a “Name” or a “Major”. Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Sport High Performance	Course title contains Sport in a Management context, as either a “Name” or a “Major”. Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Management	Course title contains Management as either a “Name” or a “Major”. Minor studies will not be considered cognate.