

AQF LEVEL	AQF LEVEL 9 CRITERIA – MASTERS DEGREE (COURSEWORK)		PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES
<b>PURPOSE</b>	The Masters Degree (Coursework) qualifies individuals who apply an advanced body of knowledge in a range of contexts for professional practice or scholarship and as a pathway for further learning.		
<b>KNOWLEDGE</b>	Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ a body of knowledge that includes the understanding of recent developments in a discipline and/or area of professional practice</li> <li>▪ knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to a field of work and or learning</li> </ul>	Graduates of the Master of Financial Planning will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced theoretical and technical financial planning knowledge in the areas such as financial markets, investments, taxation, risk management, retirement and estate planning and behavioural finance</li> <li>• Understanding of the principles and methods that underpin research within the financial planning field</li> <li>• Sound understanding of ethical principles, standards and practices in the financial planning profession.</li> </ul>	
<b>SKILLS</b>	Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ cognitive skills to demonstrate mastery of theoretical knowledge and to reflect critically on theory and professional practice or scholarship</li> <li>▪ cognitive, technical and creative skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts and theories and to apply established theories to different bodies of knowledge or practice</li> <li>▪ cognitive, technical and creative skills to generate and evaluate complex ideas and concepts at an abstract level</li> </ul>	Graduates of a Master of Financial Planning will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cognitive skills to apply acquired theoretical knowledge to solve financial advice problems in complex contexts using social, ethical, economic, regulatory and global perspectives</li> <li>• Cognitive, technical and creative skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts and theories and to apply established theories to problems and practices in the discipline of financial planning</li> <li>• Skills to communicate financial advice and ideas in complex collaborative contexts involving both peers (finance and investment professionals and non-finance or non-investment professionals) and clients</li> <li>• Research skills to generate and evaluate complex ideas and concepts in financial advice at an abstract level</li> <li>• Skills to seek and reflect on performance feedback to identify and action learning opportunities and self-improvements, and initiate this process for others.</li> </ul>	

**APPLICATION OF  
KNOWLEDGE &  
SKILLS**

- communication and technical research skills to justify and interpret theoretical propositions, methodologies, conclusions and professional decisions to specialist and non-specialist audiences
- technical and communication skills to design, evaluate, implement, analyse and theorise about developments that contribute to professional practice or scholarship

Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will demonstrate the application of knowledge & skills:

- with creativity and initiative to new situations in professional practice and/or for further learning
- with high level personal autonomy and accountability
- to plan and execute a substantial research-based project, capstone experience and/or piece of scholarship

Graduates of a Master of Financial Planning will have:

- Demonstrate the ability to exercise judgement under minimal supervision and to critically apply advanced theoretical and technical financial planning knowledge and skills to solve emerging and/or advanced investment and finance problems in complex contexts using social, ethical, economic, regulatory and global perspectives
- Demonstrate the ability to integrate and apply advanced theoretical and technical financial planning knowledge in the areas such as financial markets, investments, taxation, risk management, retirement and estate planning and behavioural finance
- Demonstrate the ability to autonomously plan and conduct financial planning knowledge and skills to complex financial advice scenarios.