

AQF LEVEL	AQF LEVEL 8 CRITERIA – GRADUATE CERTIFICATE	PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES
PURPOSE	The Graduate Certificate qualifies individuals who apply a body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake professional/highly skilled work and as a pathway for further learning.	
KNOWLEDGE	<p>Graduates of a Graduate Certificate will have specialised knowledge within a systematic and coherent body of knowledge that may include the acquisition and application of knowledge and skills in a new or existing discipline or professional area</p>	<p>Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Policy Analysis will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialised knowledge of the changing contemporary governance institutions and the political and legal context of public policy-making • Specialised knowledge of the main theories of policy analysis.
SKILLS	<p>Graduates of a Graduate Certificate will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cognitive skills to review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise knowledge and identify and provide solutions to complex problems • cognitive skills to think critically and to generate and evaluate complex ideas • specialised technical and creative skills in a field of highly skilled and/or professional practice • communication skills to demonstrate an understanding of theoretical concepts • communication skills to transfer complex knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences 	<p>Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Policy Analysis will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive skills to think critically about issues and dilemmas in policy and analysis, and effectively research, evaluate and communicate arguments • Cognitive skills to identify the forces that have challenged existing policy-making institutions and traditions and evaluate their contemporary role in shaping policy-making.

**APPLICATION OF
KNOWLEDGE &
SKILLS**

Graduates of a Graduate Certificate will demonstrate the application of knowledge and skills:

- to make high level, independent judgements in a range of technical or management functions in varied specialised contexts
- to initiate, plan, implement and evaluate broad functions within varied specialised technical and/or creative contexts
- with responsibility and accountability for personal outputs and all aspects of the work or function of others within broad parameters

Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Policy Analysis will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to apply concepts from the policy studies literature to analyse and evaluate the dynamics of individual policy sectors
- Demonstrate the ability to apply theories of implementation and service delivery in the creation of implementation plans and evaluation documents.