

AQF LEVEL	AQF LEVEL 8 CRITERIA – GRADUATE DIPLOMA		PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES
PURPOSE	The Graduate Diploma 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	Graduates of a Graduate Diploma will have advanced 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	Graduates of a Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning degree will have 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.	
SKILLS	Graduates of a Graduate Diploma will have: <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 	Graduates of a Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning degree will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive skills to apply acquired theoretical knowledge to solve financial advice problems in complex contexts using social, ethical, economic, regulatory and global perspectives • Cognitive, technical and creative skills to investigate and analyse complex information, problems, concepts and theories and to apply established theories to problems and practices in the discipline of financial planning • 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 • Skills to seek and reflect on performance feedback to identify and action learning opportunities and self-improvements, and initiate this process for others. 	

**APPLICATION OF
KNOWLEDGE &
SKILLS**

Graduates of a Graduate Diploma 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 a Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning degree will:

- 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.