

AQF qualification type learning outcomes descriptors

Volume of Learning

Qualification type	Certificate I	Certificate II	Certificate III
Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Volume of learning	The volume of learning of a Certificate I is typically 0.5 – 1 year	The volume of learning of a Certificate II is typically 0.5 – 1 year	The volume of learning of a Certificate III is typically 1 – 2 years. Up to 4 years may be required to achieve the learning outcomes through a program of indentured training/employment

Qualification type	Certificate IV	Diploma	Advanced Diploma
Level	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
Volume of learning	The volume of learning of a Certificate IV is typically 0.5 – 2 years. There may be variations between short duration specialist qualifications that build on knowledge and skills already acquired and longer duration qualifications that are designed as entry level requirements for work	The volume of learning of a Diploma is typically 1 – 2 years	The volume of learning of an Advanced Diploma is typically 1.5 – 2 years

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