Q. My employer asked me to get an equivalency of my subjects and grades. Why did you not provide this?

A. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) cannot provide equivalency of the subjects you studied or the grades you achieved. It is not possible for us to compare how subjects (e.g. Mathematics or English or Science) are taught and graded in the different education systems around the world. The QCAA can only assess the general comparability of completed academic school qualifications from interstate or overseas to completed year levels of Queensland schooling.

Q. Why did I not get an Overall Position (OP) or Tertiary Selection Rank included with my equivalency?

A. Unless you have met the requirements for obtaining an OP in the Queensland system of education, you are not eligible for an OP. The QCAA can only assess the general comparability of completed academic school qualifications from interstate or overseas to completed year levels of Queensland schooling. The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) is responsible for calculating Tertiary Selection Ranks and has responsibility for entrance to tertiary study in Queensland: www.qtac.edu.au.

Q. I have finished Year 12 in my country. Why are my 12 years of schooling considered comparable only to Year 11 in Queensland?

A. The QCAA can only assess the general comparability of completed academic school qualifications from interstate or overseas to completed year levels of Queensland schooling. We do this based on the final certificate or diploma that we receive from you. Attending school for 12 years does not automatically mean that your final qualification is comparable to Year 12 or the end of senior secondary schooling in Queensland. Studying for 13 years does not automatically mean that your final qualification is beyond the completion of senior secondary study in Queensland. It is this comparability that we are providing assessment on. Our decisions are based on our own education knowledge and that gained from Australian http://aei.gov.au/AEI/QualificationsRecognition/Information/CEP.htm and international http://www.naric.org.uk/index.asp?page=35 education resources.

Q. Can the QCAA assess my Queensland qualifications?

A. No, the QCAA does not assess Queensland qualifications as these are already recognised qualifications in Queensland. The QCAA can only assess the general comparability of completed academic school qualifications from interstate or overseas to completed year levels of Queensland schooling.

Q. I would like to enrol in a university course in Queensland. Do I need to have my school qualifications assessed by the QCAA?

A. No, the QCAA provides assessment of school qualifications for employment and recruitment purposes only. Our assessment has no bearing on your enrolment in tertiary study in Queensland. For university entry, contact the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) www.qtac.edu.au or speak directly with the enrolments area of your chosen university.
Q. Can the QCAA assess my university degree qualifications for employment?
A. No, the QCAA is not legislated to assess qualifications beyond a secondary-school level. For assessment of your university degree qualifications, contact the Skills Recognition Unit at the Department of Education and Training: www.training.qld.gov.au/information/skills-recognition/index.html.

Q. Can the QCAA assess my trade qualifications so that I can gain employment in my trade field in Queensland?
A. No, the QCAA is not legislated to assess trade qualifications. For assessment of your trade qualifications, contact the Skills Recognition Unit at the Department of Education and Training: www.training.qld.gov.au/information/skills-recognition/index.html.

Q. Can the QCAA assess my paraprofessional/technical qualifications for employment?
A. No, the QCAA is not legislated to assess paraprofessional/technical qualifications. For assessment of your paraprofessional/technical qualifications, contact the Skills Recognition Unit at the Department of Education and Training: www.training.qld.gov.au/information/skills-recognition/index.html.

Q. Can the QCAA assess my qualifications for immigration into Australia?
A. No, the QCAA is not legislated to assess qualifications for immigration. For assessment of your qualifications for immigration, read the Australian Skills Recognition Information (ASRI) on the Department of Immigration and Citizenship’s website: www.immi.gov.au/asri.

Q. Can the QCAA assess my teaching qualifications for teacher registration in Queensland?
A. No, the QCAA is not legislated to assess teaching qualifications. For assessment of your teaching qualifications for teacher registration, contact the Queensland College of Teachers: www.qct.edu.au.

Q. Can the QCAA assess my nursing qualifications for nursing registration in Queensland?
A. No, the QCAA is not legislated to assess nursing qualifications for nursing registration. For assessment of your nursing qualifications for nursing registration, contact the Queensland Nursing Council: www.qnc.qld.gov.au.

Q. Can I email or fax my documents to the QCAA?
A. No, the QCAA cannot accept any electronic documents as we have no way of knowing whether such documents are genuine copies of the original paper document. In lieu of seeing your original documents, we require an original certified copy. This is a photocopy that a Justice of a Peace (JP) or Commissioner for Declarations (C.dec) has stamped and certified as a true and correct copy of your original documents. We require that their registration number and full name be included, and legible. You can find your nearest Queensland JP or C.dec by calling 1300 301 147 or by visiting www.justice.qld.gov.au/justice-services. You can also find them at shopping centres, police stations, court houses, banks and post offices. If you are outside Queensland when lodging your application, please contact us about other options for certifying your documents.