

# Awards Regulations - Statement of Attainment Procedure

## Section 1 - Purpose / Objectives

(1) The issuance of a Statement of Attainment recognises that a TAFE student does not always complete a whole Award course. Students may choose to complete accredited unit/s from an Award or Non Award course or a nationally accredited short course.

(2) By January 1, 2015 a Statement of Attainment will be issued to all TAFE students who partially complete an award course or fully complete a non-award course in which units of competency have been successfully completed.

## Section 2 - Scope / Application

(3) This procedure applies to all TAFE students who have partially completed an award course or fully completed a non-award course in which units of competency have been successfully completed.

## Section 3 - Definitions

(4) Nil

## Section 4 - Policy/Regulation

(5) Refer to [Awards Regulations 2018](#).

## Section 5 - Procedures

### Part A - Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
Assessments and Completions	a. Issues Statements of Attainment according the specifications provided in this procedure. b. Maintains the Register of Statements of Attainment for the required period.
Delivery Director	Recommends revocation of Statement of Attainment if necessary and justified.
Managers	a. Confirms details for Statements of Attainment. b. Confirms eligibility for replacement Statements if required.
Student	Provides evidence of loss, damage or other reason for required replacement if a new Statement is sought.

## Part B - Procedures

### Approving a Statement of Attainment

(6) A VU Statement of Attainment will be issued to vocational and further education students after any of the following events:

- a. Partial completion of a VU Award course.
- b. Successful completion of a group of accredited units studied as a VU non-Award course or skill set that relates to licensing requirements. For example Responsible Service of Alcohol, First Aid.
- c. Successful completion of a nationally accredited 'Course in '.

(7) A Statement of Attainment can only be issued to a student who:

- a. has been verified by the Manager as having completed a course of study as described above; and
- b. is enrolled on the student management system; and
- c. has no outstanding fees; and
- d. has final results recorded on the student management system.

### Producing a Statement of Attainment

(8) AQF certification documentation related to vocational education qualifications will be issued within 30 calendar days of all requirements being met, providing all fees that the learner owes to VU have been paid.

(9) Statements of Attainment are issued free of charge.

(10) All Statements of Attainment are printed on official A4 VU stationery with a unique security foil embedded in the paper. This ensures that they cannot be reproduced or fraudulently misused.

(11) Statements of Attainment for Externally Registered Award courses must be produced with the following compulsory information (as per ASQA requirements - Sample AQF documentation Factsheet updated 1 April 2015):

- a. the Victoria University logo (contains legal name as published national register);
- b. Victoria University's Registered Training Organisation code: "RTO Code 3113";
- c. "This is a statement that [Insert Student's Full Name] has attained";
- d. the date, month and year the Statement of Attainment issued;
- e. list the code and full title of competency / modules as identified on the national register;
- f. authorised person — Full Name, Position Title and Signatory;
- g. the Nationally Recognised Training (NRT) logo;
- h. the State/Territory Training Authority logo (only where the use of the logo is directed by State/Territory Training Authorities);
- i. the words; 'A Statement of Attainment is issued by a Registered Training Organisation when an individual has completed one or more accredited units';
- j. Authenticity Measure (Blue Embossed VU Diamond with a gloss overlay and plain black text).

(12) The following words or statements must also be used to describe the course outcome:

- a. "These competencies form part of [Code and Title of Qualification(s) / Course(s)]" (if applicable);
- b. "These competencies were attained in completion of [code] course in [full title]" (if applicable);
- c. Title of the skill set and statement as described in the training package that indicates whether the skills set

- meets a licensing or regulatory requirement (if applicable);
- d. For a skill set identified by VU as meeting enterprise needs: additional brief information reflecting its identified purpose (if applicable);
- e. Where applicable, a statement that the program was taught in a language other than English - "These units / modules have been delivered and assessed in [Insert Language]" followed by a listing of the relevant units/modules.

## **Issuing a Statement of Attainment**

(13) Statements of Attainment are issued only by the Assessments and Completions Unit.

(14) All Statements of Attainment are produced in accordance with clauses (9)-(13) above.

(15) All staff members who are responsible for issuing a Statement of Attainment must add record the issuance on the central VU Statement of Attainment Register, which is managed by the graduations unit. This register includes details of:

- a. Student name in preferred name order;
- b. Student number;
- c. Course code and title; and
- d. Unit of study code and title.

(16) The central VU Statement of Attainment Register will be retained for the required period as specified in the [University's Retention and Disposal Authority](#) .

## **Replacing a Statement of Attainment**

(17) A Statement of Attainment will be replaced if the original has been damaged, destroyed, stolen, lost, or as a result of a name change due to marriage, divorce or deed poll.

(18) If the Statement of Attainment is to be replaced:

- a. due to damage, the original Statement of Attainment must be returned to the University; OR
- b. as it has been destroyed, stolen or lost, the request must be supported by evidence detailing the theft or loss eg. a copy of the police or fire report. If an official report is not available a Statutory Declaration can be submitted as evidence; OR
- c. due to a name change, the original Statement of Attainment must be returned to the University. The request must be accompanied by an original, or a certified copy, of supporting evidence eg. Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate, Notice of Dissolution of Marriage or Change of Name Certificate.

(19) The replacement Statement of Attainment will:

- a. include a statement at the bottom of the document that indicates that it is a replacement Statement of Attainment;
- b. have the date on which the replacement was issued; and
- c. be produced and printed to the current University Statement of Attainment format.

(20) The cost of a replacement Statement of Attainment is listed in the student services and amenities fees and information can be downloaded from the student portal.

## **Revoking a Statement of Attainment**

(21) A Statement of Attainment must be formally revoked under the authority of the delivery Director. This will be revoked following an investigation that the Statement of Attainment has been incorrectly issued to the recipient:

- a. for which that recipient was not qualified; or
- b. because of fraud or dishonesty; or
- c. as a result of administrative error.

(22) A memo outlining the reason for the revocation is forwarded to Assessments and Completions unit. The student is advised to return the Statement of Attainment. The details of the revocation are noted on the VU Statement of Attainment Register and student record.

## **Section 6 - Guidelines**

(23) Nil

## Status and Details

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