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In accordance with the *Surveying and Spatial Information Regulation 2017*, (the Regulation) Part 3, Division 2, Clause 77(1)(c), the Board of Surveying and Spatial Information (BOSSI, the Board) makes the following determination recognising a qualification for the purposes of the definition of recognised qualification in Clause 5(1).

Variations or exemption applications may be considered on application in writing to the Board.

Recognised Qualifications Determination

This formal Board determination defines a 'recognised qualification' as a four-year university degree in surveying for a land surveyor and a three-year degree in surveying for a mining surveyor. Alternate qualifications may be considered on application to the Board.

For the purpose of a 'recognised qualification' such a degree program must be approved by BOSSI.

The following current Australian and New Zealand qualifications are recognised by the Board for registration as a surveyor in NSW:

- Curtin University – Bachelor of Science (Mine and Engineering Surveying) – recognised for mining surveying registration only
- Curtin University – Bachelor of Surveying
- RMIT University – Bachelor of Applied Science (Surveying) (Honours)
- University of Melbourne – Master of Engineering (Spatial) meeting the subject and prerequisite requirements as noted on the Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria [website](#).
- University of Newcastle – Bachelor of Surveying (Honours)
- University of NSW – Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Surveying
- University of Otago – Bachelor of Surveying
- University of South Australia – Bachelor of Geospatial Science – recognised for mining surveying registration only, for land surveying registration you must also complete the Master of Surveying
- University of Southern Queensland – Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology (Surveying) – recognised for mining surveying registration only
- University of Southern Queensland – Bachelor of Spatial Science (Honours) (Surveying)
- University of Tasmania – Bachelor of Surveying and Spatial Sciences – recognised for mining surveying registration only, for land surveying registration you must also complete the Graduate Diploma in Land Surveying

If a person holds a qualification not stated in the above list, it must be assessed to confirm whether it is equivalent to the above degree programs and meets the requirements as set out in [Attributes of Surveying Degrees: Australia and New Zealand](#) before that person is accepted as a candidate towards registration. Applications, along with required documentation and payment of the applicable fee, must be made via the [BOSSI portal](#) on the Service NSW website.

Assessment of qualifications and approval by the Board

The independent assessment of qualifications is undertaken by the Bureau for Assessment of Overseas Qualifications. The Bureau operates under the direction of the Council of Reciprocating Surveyors Boards of Australia and New Zealand (CRSBANZ) and makes recommendations to the Board on the equivalence of qualifications.

If the qualifications are accepted as being equivalent to a three year (mining) or four year (land) surveying degree they will be submitted to the Board for approval. The BOSSI Secretariat will place all received recommendations from the Bureau on the agenda for the next Board meeting for approval.

The Board may decide to accept the Bureau's recommendations or make their own determination regarding the acceptance of the qualification.

The applicant will be informed in writing of the decision made by the Board after its meeting.

If the qualification is accepted, the applicant may then make application to the Board to enrol as a candidate towards registration.