

Comparable prior learning - Japan

Schedule 1, in clause 13 of the [Advanced Standing and Recognition of Prior Learning Procedures](#), prescribes the credit that applies for prior learning in a discipline-related Australian qualification or occupational/voluntary experience. Below is the equivalence between Australian and Japanese learning for awarding credit at Southern Cross University.

All applicants must meet the University's [English language requirements for admission](#).

Previously complete or incomplete qualifications allow the University to formulate a selection rank to determine eligibility for a place of study at Southern Cross University. Please be guided by [Calculating the rank](#) information and the indicative entry score published for each [Southern Cross University course](#).

No.	Related Japanese qualification (formal learning)	Comparable Australian qualification and SCU selection rank	Credit awarded into related SCU Undergraduate Degrees	Credit awarded into related SCU Postgraduate Degrees
1	Successful completion of 50% of any course listed in No.2 option below.	Certificate IV	4 units (6 months) credit into a Bachelor Degree	
2	Diploma (専門士 / Senmonshi) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 years full-time • 62 credits • Awarded by a professional training college • 3 years full-time following GCE O levels <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> Associate Degree (短期大学士 / Tanki Daigakushi) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 years full-time • 62 credits • Awarded by a junior college See vocational assessment note: A <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> Title of Associate (準学士 / Jun Gakushi) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years full-time after 9 years schooling • 167 credits 	Rank 73 Diploma Rank 75	8 units (1 year) credit into a Bachelor Degree	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarded by a college of technology See vocational assessment notes: C, D			
3	Advanced Diploma (高度専門士 / Kodo Senmonshi) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 years full-time 124 credits Awarded by a professional training college 	Advanced Diploma Rank 76	12 units (1.5 years) credit into a Bachelor Degree	
4	Associate Degree (短期大学士 / Tanki Daigakushi) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 years full-time 93 credits Awarded by a junior college See vocational assessment notes: A, B	Associate Degree Rank 84	16 units (2 years) credit into a Bachelor Degree	
5	Bachelor degree (学士号 / Gakushi-go) See degree assessment notes: A, B, C	Bachelor Degree Rank 86	Up to 24 units (3 years) credit into a 4 year Bachelor Degree or Double Degree	4 units (6 months) credit into a 2 year Masters Degree
6	Graduate Diploma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more years full-time following a Bachelor Degree 	Graduate Diploma Rank 82		4 units (6 months) credit into a 1.5 year Masters Degree; or 8 units (1 year) credit into a 2 year Masters Degree
7	Master Degree (修士号 / Shushi-go) See degree assessment note B	Masters Degree Rank 88		
8	All other qualifications, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate III or below less than 1 year of full-time study; Preparatory, foundation or bridging courses; 	Assessed individually, on a case-by-case basis.		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trade qualifications; or English proficiency qualifications. 			
9	Qualifications owned/awarded by institutions from a country other than Japan.	Assessed using that country's AQF comparability.		

Assessment Notes

Section 1 - Technical and vocational education qualifications, Japan

A. Includes the Associate Degree (Professional) qualification.

B. This qualification may be compared to either an AQF Associate Degree if the program is academically oriented, or an AQF Advanced Diploma if the program is more vocationally focussed.

C. May also be translated as a Diploma of Graduation/Completion (高等専門学校業証書 / *Koto Senmon Gakko Sotsugyo Shosho*).

D. This guideline can be used for the Title of Associate in mercantile shipping which requires 5 and a half years of study, but has a credit requirement of 147.

Section 1 - Degree granting institutions, Japan

A. English translations for some bachelor degrees may be titled "Certificate of Completion" or "Certificate of Graduation". To confirm a bachelor degree has been awarded, or if unsure, check the program requirements at [Courses and qualifications in higher education](#).

B. May be awarded by NIAD-QE (see, [Courses and qualifications in higher education](#) for information about NIAD-QE).

C. Includes professional bachelor degrees awarded by professional and vocational universities.

**Search [ANZSCO](#) to identify the skill level of tasks and responsibilities in an occupation.

***View the [SCU English Language comparable test scores](#) to Academic IELTS.

View the SCU [International course options](#) to confirm course details, such as duration, minimum English language proficiency, locations, start dates and annual tuition fees. SCU typically announces tuition fees by 1 June for the following academic year, commencing in January. Applicants may increase English proficiency by adding the [SCU College English Language for Academic Purposes \(EAP\)](#) program to their SCU pathway. Students who study EAP with SCU College do not need to sit an IELTS or equivalent English language test to continue their study in another SCU degree.

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