

## Comparable prior learning - Vietnam

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 Vietnamese 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 Vietnamese 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	<p>Junior College Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Cao dang</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular (<i>Chinh quy or chinh qui</i>) mode</li> <li>2 years *full-time</li> <li>Issued by a Junior College</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Junior College Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Cao dang</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-service (<i>Tai chuc</i>) mode</li> <li>Less than 180 credits (<i>So DVHT</i>)</li> <li>Issued by a Junior College</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Vocational Training Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Nghe or Bang Nghe</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 years *full-time</li> <li>Regular (<i>Chinh quy or chinh qui</i>) mode</li> <li>Issued by a secondary-level Technical and Vocational Institution</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Vocational Education Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Trung hoc Chuyen nghiep</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 or more years *full-time</li> </ul>	<p>Certificate IV</p> <p>Rank 73</p>	4 units (6 months) credit into a Bachelor Degree	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular (<i>Chinh quy or chinh qui</i>) mode</li> <li>• After lower secondary school</li> <li>• Issued by a secondary-level Technical and Vocational Institution</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Vocational Education Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Trung hoc Chuyen nghiep</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 or more years *full-time</li> <li>• Regular (<i>Chinh quy or chinh qui</i>) mode</li> <li>• After upper secondary school</li> <li>• Issued by a secondary-level Technical and Vocational Institution</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Technical Education Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Cong nhan Nghe</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skill rating of 3/7</li> <li>• Issued by a secondary-level Technical and Vocational Institution</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Worker Technician Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Cong nhan Ky thuat</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5 TO 2 years *full-time</li> <li>• Regular (<i>Chinh quy or chinh qui</i>) mode</li> <li>• After upper secondary school</li> <li>• Issued by a secondary-level Technical and Vocational Institution</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p>			

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	<p>Junior College Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Cao dang</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular (<i>Chinh quy or chinh qui</i>) mode</li> <li>3 or more years *full-time</li> <li>Issued by a private institution offering programs to Bachelor and Master level</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>University Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-service (<i>Tai chuc</i>) mode</li> <li>Less than 210 credits (<i>So DVHT</i>) or 3000 study hours (<i>So tiet</i>)</li> </ul>			
2	<p>Junior College Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Cao dang</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular (<i>Chinh quy or chinh qui</i>) mode</li> <li>2 years *full-time</li> <li>Issued by a Junior College</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Junior College Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Cao dang</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-service (<i>Tai chuc</i>) mode</li> <li>180 credits or more (<i>So DVHT</i>)</li> <li>Issued by a Junior College</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>University Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-service (<i>Tai chuc</i>) mode</li> <li>Less than 210 credits (<i>So DVHT</i>) or 3000 study hours (<i>So tiet</i>)</li> <li>Issued by a private institution offering programs to Bachelor and Master level</li> </ul>	<p>Diploma</p> <p>Rank 75</p>	<p>8 units (1 year) credit into a Bachelor Degree</p>	

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3	<p>Junior College Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Cao dang</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular (<i>Chinh quy or chinh qui</i>) mode</li> <li>• 3 or more years *full-time</li> <li>• Issued by a University offering programs to Doctoral level (<i>Bang Tien si</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>University Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-service (<i>Tai chuc</i>) mode</li> <li>• Less than 210 credits or 3000 study hours (<i>So tiet</i>)</li> <li>• Issued by a University offering programs to Doctoral level (<i>Bang Tien si</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>University Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular (<i>Chinh quy or chinh qui</i>) mode</li> <li>• 4 or 4.5 -years *full-time</li> <li>• Issued by a private institution offering programs to Bachelor and Master level</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>University Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-service (<i>Tai chuc</i>) mode</li> <li>• 210 or more credits (<i>So DVHT</i>) or 3000 or more study hours (<i>So tiet</i>)</li> <li>• Issued by a private institution offering programs to Bachelor and Master level</li> </ul> <p>University Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc</i>)</p>	<p>Associate Degree</p> <p>Rank 84</p>	<p>16 units (2 years) credit into a Bachelor Degree</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrading (<i>Chuyen tu</i>) mode</li> <li>After a 3-year Junior College Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Cao dang</i>) in the same field of study</li> <li>Issued by a private institution offering programs to Bachelor and Master level</li> </ul> <p>University Graduation Diploma (Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrading (<i>Chuyen tu</i>) mode</li> <li>2 or more years full-time</li> <li>After a 2 or 2.5-year Junior College Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang tot nghiep cao dang</i>)</li> <li>Issued by a private institution offering programs to Bachelor and Master level</li> </ul>			
4	<p>University Graduation Diploma (Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular (<i>Chinh quy or chinh qui</i>) mode</li> <li>4 or more years *full-time</li> <li>Any number of credits or study hours</li> <li>Issued by a University offering programs to Doctoral level (<i>Bang Tien si</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>University Graduation Diploma (Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-service (<i>Tai chuc</i>) mode</li> <li>210 or more credits (<i>So DVHT</i>) or 3000 or more study hours (<i>So tiet</i>)</li> <li>Issued by a University offering programs to Doctoral level (<i>Bang Tien si</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>University Graduation Diploma (Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrading (<i>Chuyen tu</i>) mode</li> <li>1 or more years *full-time</li> <li>After a 3 or 3.5-year Junior College Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang tot nghiep cao dang</i>) in the same field of study</li> </ul>	<p>Bachelor Degree</p> <p>Rank 86</p>	<p>Up to 24 units (3 years) credit into a 4 year Bachelor Degree or Double Degree</p>	<p>4 units (6 months) credit into a 2 year Masters Degree</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issued by a University offering programs to Doctoral level (<i>Bang Tien si</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>University Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrading (<i>Chuyen tu</i>) mode</li> <li>2 or more years *full-time</li> <li>After a 2 or 2.5-year Junior College Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang tot nghiep cao dang</i>)</li> <li>Issued by a University offering programs to Doctoral level (<i>Bang Tien si</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>University Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular (<i>Chinh quy or chinh qui</i>) mode</li> <li>5 or more years full-time</li> <li>Issued by a private institution offering programs to Bachelor and Master level</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Master Degree (Bang Thac si)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 years *full-time</li> <li>After a University Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc</i>)</li> <li>Issued by a private institution offering programs to Bachelor and Master level</li> </ul>			
5	<p>Master Degree (Bang Thac si)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 years *full-time</li> <li>After a University Graduation Diploma (<i>Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc</i>)</li> <li>Issued by a University offering programs to Doctoral level (<i>Bang Tien si</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Doctoral Degree (<i>Bang Tien si</i>)</p>	<p>Masters Degree</p> <p>Rank 88</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 years *full-time</li> <li>After a Masters Degree (<i>Bang Thac si</i>)</li> <li>Issued by a private institution offering programs to Bachelor and Master level</li> </ul>			
6	<p>All other qualifications, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate III or below</li> <li>less than 1 year of full-time study;</li> <li>Preparatory, foundation or bridging courses;</li> <li>Trade qualifications; or</li> <li>English proficiency qualifications.</li> </ul>	Assessed individually, on a case-by-case basis.		
7	Qualifications owned/awarded by institutions from a country other than Vietnam.	Assessed using that country's AQF comparability.		

The guidelines for a University Graduation Diploma (*Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc*) also applies to qualifications awarded in bilingual format with the following titles: *Bang cu nhan*, *Bang kien truc su*, *Bang ky su*, *Bang duoc si* and *Bang bac si*. View [Appendix 1](#) – Understanding qualification documents, Vietnam for more information.

\*Regular full-time study may also be called *dai han* or *tap trung*

\*\*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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### Award documents

#### State format

Award documents in Vietnam are issued by the Government, usually through the Ministry of Education and Training. All certificates are in the same format (landscape) and look the same. Documents include blank fields where information is entered relevant to the candidate's name, name of institution, date of the award, field of study, etc. Often these fields are filled in by hand.

The name of the qualification is on the right-hand side of the document and is written in block capitals, e.g., BANG TOT NGHIEP DAI HOC. This is followed by information such as the mode of study, ranking and year of graduation. The name of the institution is on the dotted line above the qualification name.

The names and signatures of the institution's Rector and Dean and normally a photo of the candidate is included on the left above a unique Degree Number and Registration Number.

#### Bilingual format

From the mid-2000s some institutions started issuing bilingual degree certificates. There were no regulations regarding the format of these documents until 2011. Awards are in booklet format of 4 pages, although graduates often only provide the inside pages in landscape format, with English on the left and Vietnamese on the right. Like the state format documents, the bilingual documents include blank fields where information about the qualification and graduate are entered. The cover and back of the booklet have a red background. The national emblem is on the cover. The inside pages are yellow. Page 2 has a watermark of a kettledrum and page 3 has a watermark of the national emblem.

The name of the qualification (e.g. BANG TOT NGHIEP DAI HOC) is on the cover (page 1) of the booklet, which may not be provided by the applicant. You should request full copies of the original documents, including the cover. The type of degree is on the inside of the booklet but this is usually different to the qualification on the cover. For the *Bang Tot nghiep Dai Hoc* (University Graduation Diploma) permitted degree types are:

- ▶ Architecture - BANG KIEN TRUC SU
- ▶ Economics, Education, Law, Science - BANG CU NHAN
- ▶ Engineering, technology - BANG KY SU
- ▶ Pharmacy - BANG DUOC SI or BANG CU NHAN
- ▶ Medicine - BANG BAC SI or BANG CU NHAN
- ▶ Other specialities - BANG TOT NGHIEP DAI HOC

### Transcripts

Transcripts are usually in portrait format and also include common information such as the students name, date of birth, grades, mode of study and credits or study hours. Commonly the transcript will also include the name and signature of the Rector or Vice Rector and the date.