

Curriculum Architecture Policy - Schedule 3: Unit of study level principles

Section 1 - Purpose

This Schedule outlines the principles applied to identifying unit of study levels within the University.

Section 2 - Schedule

All units of study are identified by an alphanumeric code containing four letters followed by four numerical digits. The first digit of the numerical component is aligned to the level of study expected to be achieved at the completion of study within that unit as indicated through the unit learning outcomes as outlined in the following table:

Unit code level	Principles for unit learning outcome level setting	Indicative AQF level
0000-level	These units have learning outcomes that align with a year 12 or equivalent level of performance. They are typically designed for units within non-award programs designed to facilitate a pathway of entry to a degree.	Non-award
1000-level	These units have foundational or introductory learning outcomes. They are typically designed for units within the first year of tertiary level study where there is either no or limited prior knowledge or skills in the discipline or field.	AQF level 5
2000-level	These units have learning outcomes that build upon foundational or introductory learning outcomes to further develop knowledge and/or skills in the relevant discipline or field, and/or the application of knowledge and/or skills. These units are equivalent to the second year of a Bachelor Degree.	AQF level 6
3000-level	These units have learning outcomes that reflect application of a broad and coherent body of knowledge and/or skills in a range of contexts to undertake professional work and as a pathway for further learning, equivalent to the final year of a Bachelor Degree.	AQF level 7
4000-level or 5000-level	These units have learning outcomes that demonstrate advanced application of knowledge and skills in a specific context to undertake professional work or as a pathway for research and further learning following completion of an undergraduate degree. These units are typically equivalent to a Bachelor (Honours) Degree.	AQF level 8
6000-level	These units have learning outcomes that reflect a level of general knowledge and/or maturity for postgraduate study but do not typically require prior knowledge or skills in the discipline or field. These units reflect entry level of a Masters Degree.	AQF level 8
7000-level	These units have learning outcomes that demonstrate advanced research knowledge and/or skills, and/or the application of research knowledge and skills within the context of a specific discipline or field.	AQF level 8
8000-level	These units have learning outcomes that reflect a postgraduate level of application of knowledge and/or skills to undertake professional or highly skilled work or as a pathway for research and further learning as indicated by a postgraduate level of study.	AQF level 8 or AQF level 9