



## Information & Policy Guide

# Professional Qualifications Assessment for Migration

## Surveyor (ANZSCO 232212)

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**GEOSPATIAL COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA**

**Policy Document**

**Professional Qualifications Assessment for Migration Purposes**

**Surveyor (ANZSCO 232212)**

**1. Background**

The Australian Government's Skilled Migration program is implemented through a partnership between government and industry. The Department of Home Affairs works with industry, represented by professional migration assessing authorities, to ensure that policies and procedures for assessing the skills of prospective migrants are appropriate, transparent and do not pose unreasonable barriers to migration.

The Geospatial Council of Australia has been specified by the Minister for Home Affairs, in accordance with the *Migration Regulations 1994*, as the assessing authority for the occupation of Surveyor (ANZSCO 232212). The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations supports this process through its role in approving migration assessing authorities. Approval is granted to professional bodies which meet established criteria, including a commitment to support the objectives of the General Skilled Migration program and the provision of an appropriate assessment service to prospective migrants.

If you wish to apply to migrate to Australia as a Surveyor under the General Skilled Migration program, you will need to have your qualifications and skills assessed by the Geospatial Council prior to submitting your visa application. The Geospatial Council will assess your qualifications and skills as either "suitable" or "not suitable" for the occupation of Surveyor (ANZSCO 232212) and will provide you with written advice regarding the outcome of the assessment.

Your skills assessment must be included with your visa application to the Department of Home Affairs and you must be prepared to show the Department all the documentation you have relied upon when seeking a skills assessment. You should keep a certified copy of your skills assessment and all other relevant documentation for your own records.

It is a requirement of the Department of Home Affairs that the Geospatial Council provides written advice to that Department, for the purposes of the Points Test for skilled migration, addressing the following three areas:

1. An assessment as to whether the applicant's skills are suitable for a particular occupation;
2. Where the applicant's skills are assessed as suitable, advice as to whether any educational qualifications submitted can be recognised for the purposes of awarding points for the skilled migration test at the Doctorate, Masters, Bachelor, Diploma or Certificate level; and
3. Where the applicant's skills are assessed as suitable and claims of skilled work experience in the nominated or a closely related skilled occupation are made, advice as to whether the claims made equate to work at the skilled level. (Note that this advice may include a disclaimer to make clear that the Geospatial Council is providing no opinion as to the veracity of the claims being offered.)

This advice regarding qualifications and/or work experience will be a relevant consideration for delegated Department of Home Affairs officers in determining whether or not to award points for qualifications and/or work experience under the Points Test.

### **Important notes**

- Successfully migrating to Australia as a Surveyor is no guarantee of:
  - a. Membership of the Geospatial Council of Australia;
  - b. Registration with a State or Territory Surveyors Board (**refer to Annex A**); or
  - c. Employment in Australia as a Surveyor.
- The Geospatial Councils can only provide advice on applying for a skills assessment. All other questions relating to migration should be directed to the Department of Home Affairs—see [www.homeaffairs.gov.au/](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/) for further information and contact details.
- It should be noted that persons wishing to migrate to Australia under the occupational categories of Cartographer (ANZSCO 232213) and Other Spatial Scientist (ANZSCO 232214), are currently required to apply through VETASSESS for assessment of their qualifications. For further information see [www.vetassess.com.au/](http://www.vetassess.com.au/).
- Refer to **Annex D** for an explanation of the difference between the Assessment of Professional Qualifications for Migration Purposes undertaken by the Geospatial Council for the Commonwealth Government and the separate Assessment of Overseas Qualifications undertaken by the Bureau of Assessment of Overseas Qualifications for the Council of Reciprocating Surveyors Boards of Australia and New Zealand (CRSBANZ).

## 2. Introduction

The Geospatial Council is the designated assessing authority for the occupation of Surveyor (ANZSCO 232212). This policy document has been developed by the Geospatial Council to assist you in preparing a submission for assessment of your surveying qualifications for migration purposes. You should read this policy carefully before proceeding to the Application form.

## 3. Purpose

The Geospatial Council assessment process examines the documentary evidence provided by applicants to determine their suitability for migration to Australia as a surveyor. You will be found to be either "suitable" or "not suitable" for migration depending on:

- Your educational qualifications in surveying;
- Your English language competency;
- Your professional experience as a surveyor;
- Your contributions to the surveying profession; and
- Your record of undertaking Continuing Professional Development (CPD) to maintain your professional skills and knowledge.

## 4. Educational Qualification Requirements

If you are applying for a migration assessment you will need to follow one of three pathways offered by the Geospatial Council for migration assessment and provide satisfactory documentary evidence in a number of important areas to support your application.

You should note that approved educational programs in surveying in Australia consist of four or more years of full-time university study. **Annex B** provides links to Australian university programs in surveying and gives information regarding their content.

### Pathway A—Applicants who have studied in Australia

Applicants who have studied in Australia must have successfully completed an approved program in surveying of at least four years full-time study at an Australian university.

### Pathway B—Applicants who have studied overseas

Applicants who have studied overseas must hold educational qualifications that are assessed as equivalent to an approved program in surveying of at least four years full-time study at an Australian university.

### Pathway C – Applicants holding hydrography related qualifications and skills

Applicants who have hydrography related qualifications are required to have these assessed by the Australasian Hydrographic Surveyors Certification Panel (AHSCP) to assess suitability for certification as Certified Professional Hydrographic Surveyor Level 1 (CPHS1). Application documentation for AHSCP certification can be downloaded from the Hydrography section of the Geospatial Council website: [Apply for hydrographic certification](#)

## 5. Fraud

The Geospatial Council adheres to Australian immigration laws and will always report suspected fraud to the Department of Home Affairs. It is an offence under Australian immigration law to provide false documents or make misleading statements in a visa application. In order to obtain a level of identity assurance aligning with that of Home Affairs, we require a certified colour copy of the bio page of your passport, in addition to certified colour copies of at least two of the following documents:

- Birth certificate;
- Where possible, an Australian visa (supported by a foreign passport, which is needed for verification) OR ImmiCard;
- At least one other official photo bearing document (e.g. IELTS/PTE Test Report Form);
- ID Card where relevant.

## 6. English Language Requirements (revised August 2022)

All applicants are required to provide evidence of their English language competency. The Department of Home Affairs provides the following information with regard to the English language tests it currently accepts and the required scores – see: [English Level Visa Requirements](#)

To prove you have competent English, provide evidence:

- That you are a citizen of and hold a valid passport issued by the United Kingdom\*, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland, with your application. (\*British National (Overseas) passports are not acceptable as evidence of competent English); or
- That you have a valid English language test result meeting one of the following requirements:

### Specified test results

Test	Required score
<a href="#">International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic or General Training)</a>	At least 6 for each of the 4 components
<a href="#">Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT)</a>	At least 12 for listening, 13 for reading, 21 for writing and 18 for speaking
<a href="#">Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)</a>	At least 50 for each of the 4 components
<a href="#">Occupational English Test (OET)</a>	At least B for each of the 4 components
<a href="#">Cambridge C1 Advanced test</a>	At least 169 in each of the 4 components

Please note that you must arrange for an original English Language test report to be sent to the Geospatial Council directly from the test centre (if applicable), or be made available to the Geospatial Council online (include a copy of your test report with your application); or advise the Geospatial Council of the procedure for online confirmation of your test report.

Use the Geospatial Council address shown on the application form.

The following applicants may be exempted from the requirement to provide an English language test report form:

- Applicants who are native English speakers;
- Applicants who have completed an Australian undergraduate qualification regardless of whether or not it is in surveying;
- Applicants who have completed an Australian postgraduate qualification regardless of whether or not it is in surveying.

Please note that the above exemptions are determined on a case by case basis and the Geospatial Council reserves the right to require an English language test report form if it is considered necessary.

### **7. Professional experience, contributions to the surveying profession and CPD**

The assessment panel may rely on evidence of your professional experience in one or more of the core surveying areas such as topographic, land, cadastral, geodetic, engineering, mining, photogrammetric or hydrographic surveying, your contributions to the surveying profession, and your active participation in continuing professional development in order to assess the currency of your knowledge and skills. Additionally, for applicants who claim skilled work experience, the Geospatial Council is required to provide advice to the Department of Home Affairs as to whether the claims made equate to work at the skilled level.

All work experience claims must be supported by evidence. For each position claimed, the preferred evidence is an Employer reference that:

- Includes the employer's letterhead;
- States the start and end dates for employment;
- States the position title;
- States whether the position was full-time or part-time;
- In the case of part-time, states the average weekly hours of employment over relevant periods; and
- Is signed and dated by a suitable representative of the employer organisation.

If employer references are not available, or if an applicant has been self-employed, then suitable alternative evidence of the following must be included in the application:

- The period of work (start and end date)
- The position title and the scope and complexity of the work undertaken
- Whether the work was full-time or part-time and, in the case of part-time, evidence of the average hours of employment over relevant periods.

Failure to provide evidence to substantiate work experience claims will result in claims not being recognised by the Committee.

All applicants are therefore required to provide:

- A detailed summary of your professional experience;
- A tabular summary of your professional experience with the following column headings:

Date From dd/mm/yyyy	Date To dd/mm/yyyy	Your Position Title	Your Employer's Name and Address	Was Your Employment Full-time or Part-Time?	Have you Attached an Employer's Reference Confirming this information?

- A summary of any contributions you have made to the surveying profession (refer to **Annex C** for further information)
- A summary of the Continuing Professional Experience you have undertaken during the past two years (refer to **Annex C** for further information).

## 8. Applications

All applications for assessment of professional qualifications must include:

- A completed Application Form;
- Documentary evidence of your education qualifications;
- Certified copies of Birth Certificate, Passport and at least one other official photo bearing document;
- Advice to the Geospatial Council that an English Language Test report is being sent directly to the Geospatial Council from the testing authority, or advice to the Geospatial Council regarding the procedure to be used for online confirmation of your test results;
- A summary of your professional work experience, with detailed descriptions of experience in any one or more of the core surveying areas such as topographic, land, cadastral, geodetic, mining, photogrammetric or engineering surveying;
- A tabular summary of your professional work experience;
- A summary of your contributions to the profession and documentary evidence of your Continuing Professional Development activities during the past two years;
- At least two written references from employers, members of the profession, or if you are self-employed, from two professional colleagues – plus all referee contact details;
- Documentary evidence of any licenses or registration held in surveying;
- Documentary evidence of any professional society membership;
- The required fee.

In any particular case, not all of this information may be relevant. The Geospatial Council may also request additional information and applicants are encouraged to submit any further information that they believe supports their application.



Irrespective of the pathway under which the application is made, the Geospatial Council reserves the right to request certified copies of documents provided.

### **Assessment**

When your application is received, a receipt/acknowledgement of receipt will be emailed to you within seven working days. For each application, two independent assessors will be chosen from a panel of assessors who are all experienced, senior academics engaged in surveying education in Australian universities. Assessment may take up to one month from the date of receipt. Please refrain from making contact with the Geospatial Council during the processing period as this may cause delays in processing. After one month you can email enquiries to: [migration@geospatialcouncil.org.au](mailto:migration@geospatialcouncil.org.au)

**(Note:** Assessment of applicants holding hydrography related qualifications and skills will be carried out by the Australasian Hydrographic Surveyors Certification Panel (AHSCP) - refer to 'Pathway C' outlined in item 4 above (Educational Qualification Requirements). Applications must include "Appendix G Applicant Qualification Mapping Tool" to enable the panel to assess education against the IHO S5A Syllabus, unless the applicant has undertaken an IHO Category A accredited course. The assessment period varies, depending on the timing of AHSCP meetings.)

You will be notified by email if there are any deficiencies in your application.

If your application is successful, you will receive a letter sent by post stating that you are "suitable" for migration to Australia under the occupation Surveyor. This assessment is valid for a period of two years from the date of the letter.

If your application is unsuccessful, you will be provided with the reasons for the assessors' decision and you will also be provided with advice regarding how this can be remedied.

### **9. Certification of Documents**

You must provide certified true copies of your original educational degree/diploma testamur (certificate) and any other subsequent surveying qualifications together with their associated academic transcripts (list of subjects studied and results obtained). Do not send the course syllabus.

Where qualifications are not in the English Language, you must provide certified copies of both the original language document and an English translation carried out by an authorised translator. The signature, name, status and contact details of the translator must be provided on the English language version. If your current name is not the same as that on your degree documents, you must provide certified evidence of your change of name.

### **10. Unsuccessful Decisions: Internal Reviews and External Appeals**

Applicants who disagree with an unsuccessful skills assessment decision can apply for an Internal Review of the decision. This process involves an independent re-examination of the decision by a senior Geospatial Council skills assessment panel member who was not involved in the original assessment.

If the Internal Review decision upholds the original unsuccessful skills assessment decision, applicants can appeal the Internal Review decision. The External Appeal process involves a



re-examination of both the original decision and the Internal Review decision by an independent expert who is not a skills assessment panel member.

### **10.1 Internal Review Applications**

Internal Review applications:

- Must be submitted to the Geospatial Council using the [Geospatial Council Skills Assessment Internal Review Application](#) which can be downloaded from: [Migration Skills Assessment](#)
- Should clearly state the grounds on which the Internal Review is sought, including any additional background information or evidence to support the applicant's claims;
- Applicants do not need to re-submit the documents provided in their original application, as that information will be included in the document package provided to the Internal Reviewer;
- Must be accompanied by the Internal Review application fee of AUD 250;
- Must be submitted to the Geospatial Council within three months from the issue date of the original assessment decision.

If the review identifies that an error has been made in the original assessment that affects the original unsuccessful skills assessment decision, the applicant will be issued with a revised skills assessment outcome letter and their Internal Review application fee will be refunded. However, where an applicant for an Internal Review submits new evidence (not supplied in the original application) that causes the original decision to be overturned, the Geospatial Council has the discretion whether or not to refund the Internal Review application fee.

A written notice of an Internal Review decision will be given to the applicant and include the following information:

- The reasons for the decision;
- Advice about how to appeal the decision; and
- Feedback to unsuccessful applicants on how their skills assessment outcome was determined and what options are now open to them.

Internal reviews can take up to one month to complete.

### **10.2 External Appeal Applications**

External Appeal applications:

- Must be submitted to the Geospatial Council using the form: [Skills Assessment External Appeal Application](#)
- Must not include any additional information to support the applicant's claims;
- Must be accompanied by the External Appeal application fee of AUD 750;
- Must be submitted within one month from the issue date of the review assessment decision.

The independent External Appeal assessor will have expertise in the occupation of surveying, for example through being a practitioner, academic or regulatory/professional body representative, whose primary role is not with the Geospatial Council.

If the unsuccessful Internal Review decision is overturned on External Appeal, then the External Appeal fee will be refunded and will be issued with a revised skills assessment outcome. A written notice of an External Appeal decision will be given to the applicant and include the reasons for the decision. The appeal decision is final and there is no opportunity to re-appeal.

External appeals can take up to two months to complete.

## CHECKLIST

**You must include the following documents with your completed application form:**

(Certified copies of the original documents plus English translations if necessary)

- A **certified** copy of your educational qualification papers (such as degrees, diplomas, certificates etc.)
- A **certified** copy of educational courses completed, showing subjects, credit hours, examination results and where applicable, details of practical education.
- **Certified copies** of Birth Certificate, Passport and at least one other official photo bearing document
- Advice to the Geospatial Council that an English Language Test report is being sent directly to the Geospatial Council from the testing authority, or advice to the Geospatial Council regarding the procedure to be used for online confirmation of your test results. Also include a copy of your Test Report with your application.
- At least two original, signed written references from employers, members of the profession or, if you are self-employed, from two professional colleagues – plus all referee contact details;
- A detailed summary of your professional work experience.
- A tabular summary of your professional work experience.
- A typed summary of any contributions to the profession and CPD undertaken during the past two years (include documentary evidence of each CPD activity, the date (and duration of hours) of each activity, name of the provider, location and description of the activity.
- Documentary evidence of any professional society membership.
- Official certified copies, where applicable, of original and current surveying registration or licensing
- Change of Name information
- **Application Fee of AUD \$750.00**

### **Note:**

(Applicants applying for assessment through 'Pathway C' outlined in item 4 above (Educational Qualification Requirements) must include the documentation as outlined in the Applicant Checklist which can be downloaded from the [Hydrography section](#) of the Geospatial Council website.

## INFORMATION ON ASSESSMENT OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN SURVEYING

### NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

Please read the 'The Geospatial Council of Australia Professional Qualification Assessment for Migration Policy' carefully before completing the application form.

### COMPLETION/LODGEMENT

All applicants must complete the form by providing the information requested and signing the Applicant Declaration. Your completed application and all required supporting information must be scanned and emailed to [migration@geospatialcouncil.org.au](mailto:migration@geospatialcouncil.org.au). You will receive a confirmation receipt once all information has been received.

Any issues regarding submitting your application contact [migration@geospatialcouncil.org.au](mailto:migration@geospatialcouncil.org.au)

### AUTHENTICATION OF FORMAL DOCUMENTS

Where documents are required by the Geospatial Council, they must be certified true copies of the original document. The person certifying the photocopy must declare that it is 'A Certified True Copy'. Persons certifying documents must also add their name and address. Any documents not in English must be translated by an official translator and certified.

### APPLICABLE FEES

There is an AUD 750.00 assessment fee. This fee is exclusive of any bank charges that may be levied by the bank or financial institution preparing the draft or forwarding the money. No refund will be given for unsuccessful applications. There is an AUD 250.00 fee for re-submissions/appeals.

Payments must be made in Australian dollars, on a bank draft drawn on an Australian Bank, by money order or by credit card. Bank drafts/money orders **MUST** be made payable to the Geospatial Council.

Payments can be made by direct electronic transfer. For account details, refer to page 4 of the application form.

**CONTACTS DETAILS FOR THE RECOGNISED SURVEYING REGISTRATION  
AND LICENSING AUTHORITIES IN AUSTRALIA**

Note: Further information relating to surveying registration and licensing in Australia is provided in **ANNEX D**.

**Australian Capital Territory (ACT) – Chief Surveyor, ACT**

GPO Box 1908  
Canberra ACT 2601, Australia  
Telephone: (02) 6207 1925  
Fax: (02) 6207 1615  
Web: [ACT](#)

**New South Wales (NSW) – Board of Surveying and Spatial Information of New South Wales**

PO Box 143  
Bathurst NSW 2795, Australia  
Telephone: (02) 6332 8238  
Fax: (02) 6332 8240  
Web: [BOSSI](#)

**Northern Territory (NT) – Surveyors Board**

GPO Box 1680  
Darwin NT 0801, Australia  
Telephone: (08) 8999 1826  
Fax: (08) 8999 1888  
Web: [Surveyors Board of NT](#)

**Queensland (QLD) Surveyors Board of Queensland**

PO Box 656  
Spring Hill QLD 4004, Australia  
Telephone: (07) 3839 7744  
Web: [Surveyors Board of QLD](#)

**South Australia (SA) – Surveyors Board of South Australia**

GPO Box 1349  
Adelaide SA 5001, Australia  
Telephone: (08) 8212 0343  
Fax: (08) 8212 0445  
Web: [Surveyors Board of SA](#)

**Tasmania (TAS) – Tasmanian Land Surveyors Accreditation Board**

PO Box 664  
North Hobart TAS 7002, Australia  
Telephone: (03) 6272 2034  
Web: [Tasmanian Surveyors Board](#)

**Victoria (VIC) – Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria**

Level 11, 2 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia  
Telephone: (03) 9194 0258  
Web: [Surveyors Board of Vic](#)

**Western Australia (WA) – Land Surveyors Licensing Board of Western Australia**

PO Box 2222

Midland WA 6936, Australia

Telephone: (08) 9273 7104

Mobile: 0437 106 463

Web: [WA LSLB](#)

## A GUIDE TO AUSTRALIAN EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN SURVEYING

The assessment panel will determine on a case-by-case basis whether an overseas qualification is deemed equivalent in content and standards to an Australian surveying qualification. As a guide, a course or programme will require a minimum of four years of full time study, and include the following elements, with the percentages denoting proportions of the total or four-year learning experience:

- Underpinning sciences including mathematics, physics, data analysis, statistics, information technology and computer programming. This element should not be less than 20% of the total program content.
- Discipline specific studies in surveying and spatial information, including units in basic and advanced surveying, spatial data transformations and map projections, adjustment of surveying observations, cadastral surveying, land law, land administration, land development, geodesy, satellite surveying, GIS, remote sensing and photogrammetry. This element should not be less than 40% of total program content.
- Broadening studies such as environmental studies, political science and geography.
- Professional practice studies, such as project management, communication skills, business practice and professional ethics.
- There may also be a requirement for work experience and a final year research project.

The courses or programmes listed below are approved Australian educational qualifications in Surveying, and meet the requirements of the various State or jurisdictional Surveyors Boards responsible for the training and examining of Land Surveyors.

Institution	Course Name
Curtin University	Bachelor of Surveying
<a href="http://courses.curtin.edu.au/course_overview/undergraduate/surveying">http://courses.curtin.edu.au/course_overview/undergraduate/surveying</a>	
University of Melbourne	Master of Engineering (Spatial)
<a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-spatial-engineering/">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-spatial-engineering/</a>	
<p>Note: For the purpose of skilled migration to Australia under the occupational category of "Surveyor" (ANZSCO 232212), the following University of Melbourne degrees are Recognized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2-year Master of Engineering (Spatial) degree with the Bachelor of Design (Spatial Systems) or the Bachelor of Science degree as a prerequisite; or</li> <li>• The 3-year Master of Engineering (Spatial) program with a degree other than the Bachelor of Design (Spatial Systems) or the Bachelor of Science as a prerequisite.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, it is mandatory that students study all the core subjects listed in the Bachelor of Design (Spatial Systems) / Bachelor of Science and Master of Engineering (Spatial) degrees, plus the following Master of Engineering (Spatial) elective subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GEOM90041 Cadastral Surveying</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GEOM90045 Residential Land Development</li> <li>• ABPL90041 Property Law</li> </ul>	
University of New South Wales	Bachelor of Engineering (Surveying)
<a href="https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/undergraduate/bachelor-of-engineering-honours-surveying?studentType=Domestic">https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/undergraduate/bachelor-of-engineering-honours-surveying?studentType=Domestic</a>	
University of Newcastle	Bachelor of Engineering (Surveying)
<a href="http://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-engineering-honours-surveying/handbook">http://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-engineering-honours-surveying/handbook</a>	
University of South Australia	Master of Surveying
<a href="http://study.unisa.edu.au/degrees/master-of-surveying">http://study.unisa.edu.au/degrees/master-of-surveying</a>	
University of South Australia	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Surveying)
<a href="https://study.unisa.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-engineering-honours-surveying">https://study.unisa.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-engineering-honours-surveying</a>	
University of Southern Queensland	Bachelor of Spatial Science (Surveying)
<a href="http://www.usq.edu.au/study/degrees/bachelor-of-spatial-science-honours/surveying">http://www.usq.edu.au/study/degrees/bachelor-of-spatial-science-honours/surveying</a>	
RMIT University	Bachelor of Applied Science (Surveying)
<a href="http://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/levels-of-study/undergraduate-study/honours-degrees/bh116/#pagelId=overview">http://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/levels-of-study/undergraduate-study/honours-degrees/bh116/#pagelId=overview</a>	
University of Tasmania	Bachelor of Surveying and Spatial Sciences Graduate Diploma in Land Surveying
<a href="http://www.utas.edu.au/courses/set/courses/73g-bachelor-of-surveying-and-spatial-sciences">http://www.utas.edu.au/courses/set/courses/73g-bachelor-of-surveying-and-spatial-sciences</a>	
<a href="http://www.utas.edu.au/courses/set/courses/k6j-graduate-diploma-of-land-surveying">http://www.utas.edu.au/courses/set/courses/k6j-graduate-diploma-of-land-surveying</a>	



**EXAMPLES OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSION AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) ACTIVITIES**

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<b>CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSION</b>
Attending conferences and seminars	Holding office in professional societies or special interest groups
Attending professional association or industry training courses	Committee membership in professional societies or special interest groups
Undertaking training leading to registration or authorisation to practise	Planning or organising training courses
Undertaking relevant formal further education	Delivering training courses/workshops
Attending meetings of professional societies or special interest groups	Presenting at conferences and seminars
Presenting or teaching at a workshop or conference	Conference poster display/presentation
Undertaking research and publishing results	Writing and publishing journal and conference papers, magazine articles
	Editing journal, conference proceedings, magazines and newsletters
<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applicants <b>must</b> provide appropriate evidence of participation for all claimed CPD activities.</li> <li>2. The Assessment Panel will normally expect to see evidence of at least 20 hours of appropriate CPD over the 2-year period immediately prior to the Application for Assessment being lodged. <u>Applicants without sufficient CPD are advised to complete suitable CPD prior to lodging an Application for Assessment.</u></li> <li>3. Professional work experience is <b>not</b> an acceptable form of CPD, particularly if that work experience is also claimed as evidence of work at the level of a qualified Surveyor (ANZCSO 232212).</li> <li>4. It is <b>not</b> an acceptable form of CPD for applicants to state that a list of surveying-related websites, textbooks, magazines, or similar has been studied.</li> <li>5. The Skills Assessment Panel reserves the right to refuse to accept any CPD activity listed by an applicant.</li> </ol>	Supervising research
	Mentoring young professionals
	Being an expert witness
	Promotion of surveying to students as a career
	Promotion of surveying within the community
	Guest lecturing to students
	Conference convenor/chairperson
	Conference committee member
	Recipient of professional awards
	Training of a Surveyor leading to her/his registration or authorisation
	Membership of a professional registration Board
	Examiner for a professional registration Board
Volunteer Missions	
Volunteer Work	

## **ANNEX D**

For people applying to migrate to Australia as a Surveyor under the General Skilled Migration Program, the Australian Government has delegated the qualifications assessment process to the Geospatial Council of Australia. The Geospatial Council assesses educational qualifications in terms of their equivalence to a recognised 4-year, full-time Australian degree in Surveying and provides advice to the Australian Government. As part of that assessment, the Geospatial Council also provides advice to the Government regarding the professional work experience of applicants, specifically whether that work experience is at the level of a graduate surveyor. Note that an applicant's work experience does not contribute to the Geospatial Council's assessment of educational qualifications.

In Australia, people with overseas qualifications who apply for registration as candidates with an Australian (State or Territory) Board of Surveyors, for the purpose of training and examination leading to registration or licensing under State or Territory legislation as a cadastral or mining surveyor, may have their application referred by the Board of Surveyors to the Bureau of Assessment of Overseas Qualifications. The Bureau operates on behalf of the Council of Reciprocating Surveyors of Australia and New Zealand, and provides advice to State and Territory Boards of Surveyors. The Board considers both formal educational qualifications and professional workplace training and experience when making its determination for suitability as a cadastral or mining surveyor.

All applicants for a Geospatial Council assessment for the purposes of immigration should note that the Geospatial Council and the Bureau of Assessment of Overseas Qualifications undertake assessments for different purposes and using potentially different assessment criteria. Consequently, the outcome of the Geospatial Council and Bureau assessments may differ.