

## Appendix 17 – List of Qualifications Exempt from Assessment (from 29 September 2023)

**Note:** Appendix 17 does not apply to people who made a Skilled Migrant Category residence application under SM instructions or a work visa application under WI instructions. The List of Qualifications Exempt from Assessment contained in Appendix 3 applies to people who made a Skilled Migrant Category residence application under SM instructions or a work visa application under WI instructions.

The qualifications in this list do not require assessment by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). Qualifications will qualify for points on the basis of their assessed position on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) (see SR3.25.5 of the Skilled Migrant Category) and subject to any additional requirements being met as specified in the List of Qualifications Exempt from Assessment.

The List of Qualifications Exempt from Assessment only provides the level and type that an overseas qualification occupies on the NZQF. A qualification being named on the List of Qualifications Exempt from Assessment does not mean that it is comparable to a similarly named New Zealand qualification. It only advises the NZQF level and type that the overseas qualification can be compared to.

The List of Qualifications Exempt from Assessment is for immigration purposes only. The inclusion of a qualification on this list does not have bearing on the status of the qualification for professional registration, further study, salary or employment purposes.

All teaching qualifications and degrees in Education need to be assessed by the NZQA for teacher registration and salary purposes, should an applicant wish to enter the teaching profession within New Zealand.

## Washington Accord and Sydney Accord accredited degrees (engineering and engineering technology)

The Washington Accord is an international accreditation agreement for professional engineering academic degrees, between the bodies responsible for accreditation in its signatory countries. The Sydney Accord is an international mutual recognition agreement for qualifications in the fields of engineering technology.

- a. Washington Accord or Sydney Accord accredited degrees are assessed as occupying level 7 on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) and qualify for 3 points under Skilled Migrant Category (SR instructions). A qualification is a Washington or Sydney Accord accredited degree if:
  - i. it was gained in a country that has signed the accord; and
  - ii. it was accredited as a Washington or Sydney Accord accredited programme by the body representing that country; and
  - iii. it was awarded from or after the date the country became a signatory; and
  - iv. there is no additional information on the relevant country's accredited qualifications list to indicate that the qualification is not automatically accepted as accredited under the Washington Accord or Sydney Accord.
- b. In any case, an immigration officer may require an applicant to provide written confirmation from Engineering New Zealand (formerly IPENZ) that the qualification is a Washington or Sydney Accord accredited degree, if they are not satisfied that the qualification meets the requirements of a) above, or it is unclear as to whether the requirements of a) above have been met. In these cases, the qualification can be accepted as a Washington or Sydney Accord accredited degree if Engineering New Zealand confirms it as such.

**Note 1:** If an applicant believes their qualification may be higher than level 7, then they should apply to NZQA for an International Qualifications Assessment

**Note 2:** A list of signatories to the Accords can be found on the International Engineering Alliance website:  
<http://www.ieagrements.org/accords/washington/signatories/>  
<http://www.ieagrements.org/accords/Sydney/signatories/>

### Example 1:

South Africa, represented by the Engineering Council of South Africa, became a signatory to the Washington Accord in 1999. A Baccalareus in Ingenieurswese (Siviel Ingenieurswese) (Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering), awarded by the Universiteit van Pretoria (University of Pretoria) (in South Africa) in 2003 would meet the requirements of a) i-iv above, because:

- South Africa is a signatory to the Washington Accord; and
- A Baccalareus in Ingenieurswese (Siviel Ingenieurswese) (Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering) awarded by the Universiteit van Pretoria (University of Pretoria) is accredited by the Engineering Council of South Africa (the body representing South Africa) as a Washington Accord accredited programme; and
- it was awarded in 2003, after South Africa became a signatory; and
- there is no additional information on the Engineering Council of South Africa's accredited qualifications list to indicate that the qualification is not accredited under the Washington Accord.

### Example 2:

Ireland, represented by the Engineers Ireland, became a signatory to the Washington Accord in 1989. A Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Electrical/Electronic Engineering awarded by Dublin Institute of Technology in 2013 would not meet the requirements of a) i-iv above, because:

- Ireland is a signatory to the Washington Accord; and
- A Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Electrical/Electronic Engineering awarded by Dublin Institute of Technology is accredited by Engineers Ireland (the body representing Ireland) as a Washington Accord accredited programme from 2005 - 2017; and
- it was awarded in 2013, after Ireland became a signatory; however
- there is additional information on the Engineers Ireland accredited qualifications list to indicate that the qualification is not accredited under the Washington Accord:

A Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Electrical/Electronic Engineering if awarded by Dublin Institute of Technology in 2013 would not qualify automatically as a Washington Accord accredited programme, because there is a note on the list which states: "For graduates after 1/1/2013 further learning is required to meet the education standard for Chartered Engineer".

An applicant with this qualification would need to consider requesting confirmation from Engineers New Zealand (formerly IPENZ), as set out in b) above, if they believe their qualification is a Washington or Sydney accord accredited degree.

## Philippines

A qualification is exempt from assessment and qualifies for the indicated points if:

- the qualification and the awarding institution is listed; and
- the qualification was awarded from or within the year listed in the 'effective from' column of the list; and
- The qualification was not completed outside of the country, including any overseas campuses of the listed awarding institution; and
- the qualification is not excluded by the notes listed in the notes section.

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Effective from</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>NZQF qualification type and level</b>	<b>SMC points</b>
Adamson University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Adventist University of the Philippines	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
AMA University	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Angeles University Foundation	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Asia Pacific College	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Asian Institute of Management	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Assumption College	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Ateneo de Davao University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Ateneo de Manila University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Ateneo de Naga University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Ateneo de Zamboanga University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Baliuag University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Capitol University	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Cebu Doctors' University	Effective from 2012 to 2017	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Cebu Institute of Technology University	Effective from 2016 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Central Philippine University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3

Centro Escolar University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Centro Escolar University, Malolos	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Colegio de Dagupan	Effective from 2012 to 2019	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Colegio de San Juan de Letran-Calamba	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
De La Salle- College of Saint Benilde	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute Cavite	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
De La Salle University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
De La Salle University - Dasmariñas	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Emilio Aguinaldo College	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Far Eastern University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Filamer Christian University	Effective from 2016 to 2019	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Holy Angel University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Holy Name University	Effective from 2012 to 2019	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
John B. Lacson Colleges Foundation-Bacolod	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University (MOLO), Inc.	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Jose Rizal University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
La Consolacion University Philippines	Effective from 2016 to 2019	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Liceo de Cagayan University	Effective from 2012 to 2019	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3

Lyceum Northwestern University	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Lyceum of the Philippines - Laguna	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Lyceum of the Philippines University - Batangas	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Lyceum of the Philippines University-Manila	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Malayan Colleges of Laguna	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation	Effective from 2016 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Mapua Institute of Technology	Effective from 2012 to 2017	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Mapua Institute of Technology - Makati	Effective from 2012 to 2017	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Mapua University	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Mapua University - Makati	Effective from 2018 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Miriam College Foundation	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Misamis University	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
National University	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Notre Dame of Dadiangas University	Effective from 2012 to 2019	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Notre Dame of Marbel University	Effective from 2016 to 2019	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Our Lady of Fatima University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Our Lady of Fatima University-Quezon City	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Philippine Christian University	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Saint Louis University, Baguio City	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3

Saint Mary's University	Effective from 2016 to 2019	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Saint Michael's College of Laguna	Effective from 2016 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Silliman University	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Southville International School and Colleges	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
St. Paul University Dumaguete	Effective from 2016 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
St. Paul University Manila	Effective from 2016 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
St. Paul University Philippines	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
St. Paul University Quezon City	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Technological Institute of the Philippines - Manila	Effective from 2016 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Technological Institute of the Philippines - Quezon City	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
The Philippine Women's University	Effective from 2012 to 2017	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Trinity University of Asia	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of Asia and the Pacific	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of Baguio	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of Batangas	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of Cebu	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of Luzon	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of Mindanao	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of Mindanao Digos College	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3

University of Negros Occidental - Recoletos	Effective from 2012 to 2019	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of Perpetual Help System DALTA	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of Perpetual Help System Laguna	Effective from 2016 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of Saint Louis	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of San Carlos	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of San Jose-Recoletos	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of Santo Tomas	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of St. La Salle	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of the City of Manila (Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Manila)	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of the Cordilleras	Effective from 2016 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of the East, Caloocan Campus	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of the East, Manila Campus	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of the Immaculate Conception	Effective from 2019 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of the Philippines (all eight constituent universities)	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
University of the Visayas	Effective from 2012 to 2019	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Wesleyan University-Philippines	Effective from 2012 to 2023	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3
Xavier University, Ateneo de Cagayan	Effective from 2012 to 2019	Bachelor's degree	Level 7 Bachelor's degree	3

**Note:** This list applies to a bachelor's degree with at least 4 years of full-time study following a semestral system or at least 3 years of full-time study under a trimestral system. If the standard full-time duration cannot be determined based on the academic transcript, the qualification must be evaluated by NZQA.