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1. INTRODUCTION

This policy sets out the requirements of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) for assessment of Skilled Migration Applications.

AIQS is a professional standards body. Through its leadership, standards and Code of Conduct, it ensures that practicing members are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of professional excellence. AIQS is a national organisation with Chapters and Branches in all States and Territories. It also has a strong overseas membership and is the peak Australian body to the International Cost Engineering Council and the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors.

Successfully migrating to Australia as a Quantity Surveyor does not guarantee membership of AIQS, registration with the relevant State or Territory (where applicable), or employment in Australia as a Quantity Surveyor.

2. ABOUT SKILLED MIGRATION

If you wish to apply to migrate to Australia as a Quantity Surveyor under the General Skilled Migration Program, you will need to have your skills assessed by AIQS prior to submitting your Expression of Interest (EOI). AIQS will assess your qualifications, in combination with your skills and professional memberships skills, as either “suitable” or “not suitable” for your nominated occupation against the AIQS requirements it has established.

AIQS also provides a separate ‘Qualifications only’ assessment of Australian qualifications which have been accredited by AIQS. This option may be used for the purposes of Skilled Migration, however, the DESE requires that applications for Skilled Migration are to be based on a combination of an applicant’s qualifications and work experience.

AIQS is nominated by the Department of Home Affairs as the relevant assessing authority for the occupation of Quantity Surveying ANZSCO 233213 only. Based on the definition by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (2122-11), a Quantity Surveyor: “Estimates and monitors construction costs from the feasibility stage, through tender preparation, to the construction period and beyond. The entry requirement for this occupation is a Bachelor’s Degree or higher qualification. In some instances relevant experience is required in addition to the formal qualification.”

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/66f306f503e529a5ca25697e0017661f/0937f705ecb191e4ca25697e00184e6d?opendocument>

For the purposes of this Policy, AIQS can assess all skilled migration assessment applications for Quantity Surveyors. Quantity Surveying means the science or profession concerned with:

- building and engineering economics
- financial, resource and contractual management
- dispute resolution
- quantification of material and labour inputs
- For all types of building, construction, and industrial projects.

Quantity Surveyor(s) includes, but is not limited to, the following job titles:

- Building or Construction: Economist, Cost Consultant, Cost Manager or Arbitrator
- Cost or Budget: Analyst, Consultant, Controller, Engineer, Manager or Planner
- Estimator, Contract Administrator
- Project Manager or Planner.

and similar job titles dealing with any aspects of construction costs and cost planning.

Qualifications will be assessed by AIQS, utilising Country Education Profiles (CEP) Online, a tool maintained by the Australian Government, Australian Educational International, as well as Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

As an assessing authority, AIQS is unable to provide migration advice. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure they understand the requirements of the Department Home Affairs for the visa they wish to apply for <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au>

3. FRAUD

Information you provide to AIQS may be used for data matching with relevant Australian Government agencies.

It is an offence under Australian immigration law to provide false documents or make misleading statements in a visa application.

AIQS strictly adheres to Australian immigration laws and will immediately report suspected fraud in a skills assessment to the Department of Home Affairs. The sanctions regarding misleading applications may also include a three (3) year ban from applying for a skills assessment with AIQS.

Identity Check

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:

- a) Birth certificate
- b) Where possible, an Australian visa (supported by a foreign passport, which is needed for verification) OR ImmiCard
- c) At least one other official photo bearing document
- d) ID Card where relevant.

4. ASSESSMENT PROCESS

4.1 DOCUMENTATION REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT TIMEFRAMES

Before your application can be assessed, a documentation review is conducted to ensure that your application and supporting documents comply with the requirements of this Skilled Migration Assessment Policy. Allow up to three (3) months for this initial review to occur.

When sending your application, ensure that the supporting documents are colour copies and correctly certified. Only submit the requested documents as per the checklist found on pages six (6) to eight (8) of the Application Form. Try to keep your application to no more than 25 pages and combined into one PDF file for submission via email to skilledmigration@aiqs.com.au. If supporting documents are missing or irrelevant documents are included, your application may be deemed void.

If there are any deficiencies in your application, your assessing officer will notify you via email. If all relevant documents are not then received within two (2) months of initial review of your application, your application will be suspended.

Once you have submitted an application along with the supporting documents in strict adherence with this Policy, your application will be sent to our assessors for assessment. The processing time is calculated from the date the application is sent for assessment, and whilst AIQS endeavours to undertake all assessments within two (2) months, more complex applications may take more than two (2) months to complete.

4.2 ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

Assessments under Pathways One (1), Two (2), Three (3), or Four (4) consists of two consecutive parts. The primary component is an assessment of your qualifications (a minimum Bachelor's degree equivalent to AQF Level 7 or higher). Subsequent to this, an assessment of your work experience will be carried out. Should your qualifications not be deemed 'suitable' then the final outcome of your entire assessment will not be considered 'suitable'. If the minimum amount of post-graduate work experience is not found suitable, then the final outcome of your entire assessment will not be 'suitable.'

4.3 ASSESSMENT PROCESSING FEES

New Assessment Fee: All applications for assessment must include credit card details for payment of the relevant fee. Applications can be withdrawn at any stage prior to being sent to the assessors. Your request to withdraw your application must be via email to skilledmigration@aigs.com.au. If you also request a refund, note that an administration fee of AUD110 is charged in all cases. Once the application has been submitted to the assessors, a refund cannot be issued.

Appeal Fee: AIQS provides an appeal mechanism for consideration of any applicants who object to the finding of an overall “not suitable” result of their skilled migration assessment. Appeals must be submitted in writing within three (3) calendar months of the date of the initial assessment outcome letter. Applicants making an appeal must pay the appeal fee. Any additional costs incurred by the applicant as a result of the appeal process are the responsibility of the applicant.

Re-assessment Fee: If you have previously been assessed as “suitable” by AIQS and wish to have further assessments made within two (2) years of your initial assessment, you will need to complete a new application form; resubmit all documents with up-to-date information and re-certified as per your original submission; as well as the outcome letter and pay the re-assessment fee. Eligibility for the re-assessment fee is contingent on the receipt of the full and completed application complying with all requirements of this Policy within the two (2) year timeframe. Should your application be deemed to be compliant after two (2) years of your initial assessment, it will be treated as a new application and a full assessment fee will be charged.

Applicants may submit differing information from the initial application. However, all requirements must be satisfied accordingly. Where an employment period was deemed unsuitable and an alternative reference letter is supplied, justification must be provided to fully support the new referrer (this may include org charts, qualifications, etc).

Please note that any applications received from individuals who have previously been deemed “not-suitable” will be required to re-submit their application form and pay the full assessment fee.

The current fees are found on our website here: <https://www.aigs.com.au/skilled-migration-overview>

Note: All fees must be paid in AUD only.

4.4 QUALIFICATIONS ONLY ASSESSMENTS

AIQS will assess your Qualification Only application as either suitable or not suitable. AIQS will only provide assessments via the following (your submission should include information as set out below):

Qualifications Only Assessment (Australian Accredited Qualification Awarded by an Australian Tertiary Institution)

- Completed application form
- Payment of assessment fee in Australian Dollars
- Certified colour copy of minimum Bachelor’s Degree equivalent to AQF Level 7 or higher
- Certified colour copy of transcripts relating to Bachelor’s degree or higher
- Certified colour copy of a clear passport size photo taken within the last four (4) weeks with confirmation in the form of a [declaration](#) that it is a true likeness of applicant and the date of this confirmation
- Certified colour copy of the bio page of your current 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
 - ID Card where relevant.

4.5 QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLED EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for Assessment

AIQS, as an approved assessment authority, will assess your qualification(s), professional membership(s), where relevant, and your skilled employment, deeming applications as either suitable or not suitable.

AIQS will only provide assessments via the following Pathways (your submission should include information as set out below):

Pathway 1 – Australian Accredited Qualification (Awarded by an Australian Tertiary Institution) with Minimum One Year of Employment

- Completed application form
- Payment of assessment fee in Australian Dollars
- Certified colour copy of minimum Bachelor's Degree equivalent to AQF Level 7 or higher
- Certified colour copy of transcripts relating to Bachelor's degree or higher
- Colour copies of employment references for each position held (on corporate letterhead) from a supervisor (quantity surveyor) to include an outline of your role and the main duties performed, specified dates of your role with the organisation and referrer's qualifications and contact details
- Colour copies of each supervisor's qualifications
- Certified colour copy of a clear passport size photo taken within the last four (4) weeks with confirmation in the form of a [declaration](#) that it is a true likeness of applicant and the date of this confirmation
- Certified colour copy of the bio page of your current 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
 - ID Card where relevant.

Pathway 2 – Non-Accredited Australian Qualification with Minimum Two Years of Employment

- Completed application form
- Payment of assessment fee in Australian Dollars
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- Certified colour copy of minimum Bachelor's Degree equivalent to AQF Level 7 or higher
- Certified colour copy of transcripts relating to Bachelor's degree or higher
- Colour copies of employment references for each position held (on corporate letterhead) from a supervisor (quantity surveyor) to include an outline of your role and the main duties performed, specified dates of your role with the organisation and referrer's qualifications and contact details
- Colour copies of each supervisor's qualifications
- Certified colour copy of a clear passport photo taken within the last four (4) weeks with confirmation in the form of a [declaration](#) that it is a true likeness of applicant and the date of this confirmation
- Certified colour copy of the bio page of your current 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
 - ID Card where relevant.

Note we do not provide assessments for Non-Accredited Australian Qualifications with only one year of employment.

Pathway 3 – Overseas Qualified Applicants with Minimum Two Years of Employment

- Completed application form

- Payment of assessment fee in Australian Dollars
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- Certified colour copy of minimum Bachelor’s Degree equivalent to AQF Level 7 or higher
- Certified colour copy of transcripts relating to Bachelor’s degree or higher
- Colour copies of employment references for each position held (on corporate letterhead) from a supervisor (quantity surveyor) to include an outline of your role and the main duties performed, specified dates of your role with the organisation and referrer’s qualifications and contact details
- Colour copies of each supervisor’s qualifications
- Certified colour copy of an English Language Test Report at minimum “competent” proficiency level (exclusions may apply)
- Certified colour copy of a clear passport size photo taken within the last 4 weeks with confirmation in the form of a [declaration](#) that it is a true likeness of applicant and the date of this confirmation
- Certified colour copy of the bio page of your current 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
 - ID Card where relevant.

Note we do not provide assessments for Non-Accredited Overseas Qualifications with only one year of employment.

Pathway 4 – Current financial Voting member of AIQS or Recognised Association with Minimum One Year of Employment

- Completed application form
- Payment of assessment fee in Australian Dollars
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae
- A colour copy of the AIQS or Recognised Association membership certificate with a current letter on letterhead stating that you are a financial Voting member with no outstanding complaints against you
- Proof of CPD compliance as indicated by AIQS
- Certified colour copy of minimum Bachelor’s Degree equivalent to AQF Level 7 or higher
- Certified colour copy of transcripts relating to Bachelor’s degree or higher
- Colour copies of employment references for each position held (on corporate letterhead) from a supervisor (quantity surveyor) to include an outline of your role and the main duties performed, specified dates of your role with the organisation and referee’s qualifications and contact details
- Colour copies of each supervisor’s qualifications
- Certified colour copy of an English Language Test Report at minimum “competent” proficiency level (exclusions may apply)
- Certified colour copy of a clear passport size photo taken within the last 4 weeks with confirmation in the form of a [declaration](#) that it is a true likeness of applicant and the date of this confirmation
- Certified colour copy of the bio page of your current 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
 - ID Card where relevant.

4.6 CERTIFIED COPIES

A certified copy is a copy of an original document which is certified as a true copy by an authorised person. Authorised persons include Justices of the Peace (JPs), legal practitioners and Police Officers. Documents must be certified as per the standards listed on the Department of Home Affairs certification page.

For the certification standards and a full list of professionals who can certify and endorse documents please refer to Department of Home Affairs website listed below:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Citi/Appl/What-documents-do-you-need/Designated-list-of-occupations-and-professions>

If your application/qualifications are not in English, you must provide certified colour copies of both the original language document and an English translation carried out by an authorised translator <https://www.naati.com.au/>.

Ensure that your certified documents are dated no older than 12 months from the date of submission.

4.7 ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

An academic transcript is a document issued to you, in your name, by your educational institution outlining the subjects studied in your qualification course, years studied and often your results in each subject. Assessment of qualifications includes an assessment of your course content so please provide transcripts for each year of the course.

In regard to Transcripts or Statements of Marks, the documents provided need to meet the following criteria:

- Be on University letterhead
- Clearly state subjects studied
- Clearly state semester each subject was studied
- Clearly state the course in which the subjects were studied
- Clearly state the assessment grade of each subject
- Include any prior learning which directly contributed to the successful completion of the degree.

4.8 RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (PATHWAYS 1-4 ASSESSMENTS ONLY)

If you have received credit/recognition of prior learning for prior studies towards your qualifications, you will also need to provide your original academic documents, including transcripts, from the tertiary institutions where those subjects were originally completed.

4.9 REFERENCE LETTERS

Reference letters must meet the following requirements:

- Must be written by a Quantity Surveyor who has directly supervised your work
- Must be on company letterhead (if the Supervisor writing your reference has moved to another organisation, they may use the letterhead of the company they now work for and state the name of the company where they worked with you)
- Must be dated (include the date the letter was signed)
- Must outline your role and the main duties performed in this role
- Must include specified commencement and end dates of your role with the organisation
- Must include contact details of the referrer
- Must include the **qualifications** and **postnominals** of the person signing the reference letter (ie: BSc QS if has a Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying and MRICS if a chartered member of RICS etc.)
- Must include a colour copy of all referrer's qualifications
- Where multiple reference letters are provided, each letter should be uniquely written by your supervisor and must not contain in whole or part copied sections or paragraphs from other reference letters.

An appropriate supervisor (not a professional or HR Manager) must meet one of the following criteria:

- A direct supervisor that is practicing and qualified as a Quantity Surveyor who has studied and graduated from a minimum Bachelor's degree equivalent to AQF level 7 or higher in quantity surveying;
- A direct supervisor who is a practising Quantity Surveyor recognised as a current Voting member of AIQS or is a member equivalent to a financial Voting member of a body formally recognised by AIQS.

4.10 EVIDENCE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Evidence of Employment should illustrate the required level of professional competence covering the broad range of expertise provided by the Quantity Surveyor and extend beyond some of the more traditional quantity surveying services. You are expected to demonstrate skills and abilities across at least two of the three core competencies and one specialist competency as detailed in the *AIQS Competency Standards for Quantity Surveyors Construction Economists and Cost Engineers* document freely available for download via the [AIQS website](#).

5. QUALIFICATIONS ONLY ASSESSMENT

5.1 AUSTRALIAN ACCREDITED QUALIFICATION

Applicants for the Qualifications Only Assessment must hold an AIQS accredited Bachelor's or Post-Graduate Degree from one of the Australian tertiary institutions as set out in the AIQS Accredited Course Guide (<https://www.aiqs.com.au/resources/aiqs-accredited-course-guide>). The accredited Bachelor's degree or Post-Graduate Degree must have been obtained in Australia.

Please note that we do not offer Qualifications Only Assessments for applicants who hold non-accredited Australian Qualifications or any overseas qualifications. They must apply in accordance with Pathways 2, 3, or 4 requirements, holding a qualification plus the required minimum number of years of demonstrated work experience.

6. PATHWAY ONE – AUSTRALIAN ACCREDITED QUALIFICATION WITH MINIMUM ONE YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT

6.1 AUSTRALIAN ACCREDITED QUALIFICATION

Applicants must hold an accredited Bachelor's or Post-Graduate Degree from one of the Australian tertiary institutions as set out in the AIQS Accredited Course Guide (see www.aiqs.com.au/resources/aiqs-accredited-course-guide).

Only graduates who hold an Australian qualification that is accredited by AIQS are eligible for assessment under Pathway 1. The accredited Bachelor's degree or Post-Graduate Degree must have been obtained in Australia in order to apply through Pathway 1.

6.2 SKILLED EMPLOYMENT

Applicants must demonstrate at least one (1) year full time experience in quantity surveying since receiving their accredited Bachelor's or Post-Graduate Degree and must be able to provide evidence of this. Evidence of skilled employment must be demonstrated via a written reference letter as per Section 4.9 of this Policy. Experience gained more than ten years prior to the date of application will not be assessed.

Any employment prior to receiving your accredited Bachelor's or Post-Graduate Degree is not to be included as part of the assessment.

An appropriate supervisor (not a professional or HR Manager) must meet one of the following criteria:

- A direct supervisor that is practicing and qualified as a Quantity Surveyor who has studied and graduated from a minimum Bachelor's degree equivalent to AQF level 7 or higher in quantity surveying
- A direct supervisor who is a practising Quantity Surveyor recognised as a financial Voting member of AIQS or is a member equivalent to a current Voting member of a body formally recognised by AIQS.

7. PATHWAY TWO – NON-ACCREDITED AUSTRALIAN QUALIFICATION WITH MINIMUM TWO YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT

7.1 AUSTRALIAN QUALIFICATION

Applicants must hold a Bachelor's or Post-Graduate Degree in the quantity surveying profession, obtained in Australia, in a course recognised by the CRICOS. <https://cricos.education.gov.au/>

7.2 SKILLED EMPLOYMENT

Applicants must demonstrate a minimum two (2) years full-time experience in quantity surveying since achieving their approved qualification (minimum equivalent to AQF Level 7). Evidence of skilled employment must be demonstrated via a written reference letter as per Section 4.9 of this Policy. Experience gained more than ten years prior to the date of application will not be assessed.

Any employment prior to receiving your approved Degree is not to be included as part of the assessment.

An appropriate supervisor (not a professional or HR Manager) must meet one of the following criteria:

- A direct supervisor that is practicing and qualified as a Quantity Surveyor who has studied and graduated from a minimum Bachelor's degree equivalent to AQF level 7 or higher in quantity surveying
- A direct supervisor who is a practising Quantity Surveyor recognised as a financial Voting member of AIQS or is a member equivalent to a financial Voting member of a body formally recognised by AIQS.

8. PATHWAY 3 – OVERSEAS QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WITH MINIMUM TWO YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT

8.1 OVERSEAS QUALIFICATION

Overseas applicants must hold an approved qualification in the discipline of Quantity Surveying/Construction Management and Economics, or a post-graduate qualification in Quantity Surveying/Construction Management and Economics, regardless of the undergraduate qualification held.

An approved qualification is one that denotes comparability to a Bachelor's Degree obtained in Australia (equivalent to Australian Qualifications Framework "AQF" Level 7). Whether a degree is recognised as comparable to a Bachelor's Degree in Australia is assessed in conjunction with the Australia Government Country Education Profile. Whether this degree is recognised as a Quantity Surveying/Construction Management and Economics degree is assessed via the degree transcripts and any other relevant documentation.

8.2 SKILLED EMPLOYMENT

Overseas applicants must demonstrate a minimum two (2) years full-time experience in quantity surveying since achieving their approved qualification (minimum equivalent to AQF Level 7). Evidence of skilled employment must be demonstrated via a written reference letter per Section 4.9 of this Policy. Experience gained more than ten years prior to the date of application will not be assessed.

Any employment prior to receiving your approved Degree is not to be included as part of the assessment.

An appropriate supervisor (not a professional or HR Manager) must meet one of the following criteria:

- A direct supervisor that is practicing and qualified as a Quantity Surveyor who has studied and graduated from a minimum Bachelor's degree equivalent to AQF level 7 or higher in quantity surveying;
- A direct supervisor who is a practising Quantity Surveyor recognised as a financial Voting member of the AIQS or is a member equivalent to a financial Voting member of a body formally recognised by AIQS;

9. PATHWAY FOUR – CURRENT FINANCIAL VOTING MEMBER OF AIQS OR RECOGNISED ASSOCIATION WITH MINIMUM ONE YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT

9.1 AIQS VOTING MEMBERS

Current AIQS (or Recognised Association) Voting members, having held membership and worked in quantity surveying for a minimum of 12 months and are CPD compliant, may apply through this pathway.

9.2 SKILLED EMPLOYMENT

Applicants must hold a Bachelor’s degree and have at least twelve months’ full-time experience in quantity surveying since achieving their AIQS (or Recognised Association) Voting membership. Evidence of skilled employment must be demonstrated via a written reference letter as per Section 4.9 of this Policy. Experience gained more than ten years prior to the date of application will not be assessed.

Any employment prior to receiving your Voting membership is not to be included as part of the assessment.

An appropriate supervisor (not a professional or HR Manager) must meet one of the following criteria:

- A direct supervisor that is practicing and qualified as a Quantity Surveyor who has studied and graduated from a minimum Bachelor’s degree equivalent to AQF level 7 or higher in quantity surveying
- A direct supervisor who is a practising Quantity Surveyor recognised as a financial Voting member of AIQS or is a member equivalent to a financial Voting member of a body formally recognised by AIQS.

10. ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

All P3 or P4 applicants must undertake an English Language Test at the applicant’s own expense. We accept all English Language Tests that are approved by the Department of Home Affairs. The current list can be found here:

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/english-language/competent-english>

To meet the English Language proficiency requirement of the AIQS, you must show a band score of at least six (6) against the IELTS band scale on each of the four components – speaking, reading, listening, and writing.

The following table found on the Department of Home Affairs illustrates alternative test scores benchmarked as against the IELTS band scale.

Alternative test scores benchmarked as against the IELTS band scale.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY LEVEL	TEST COMPONENT	IELTS (Academic or General Training)	TOEFL iBT	PTE ACADEMIC	CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH: ADVANCED (CAE)*	OET
Functional	Average/total/overall across test components only	4.5	32	30	147	n/a
Vocational	Listening	5.0	4	36	154	B
	Reading	5.0	4	36	154	B
	Writing	5.0	14	36	154	B
	Speaking	5.0	14	36	154	B
Competent	Listening	6.0	12	50	169	B
	Reading	6.0	13	50	169	B
	Writing	6.0	21	50	169	B
	Speaking	6.0	18	50	169	B
Proficient	Listening	7.0	24	65	185	B
	Reading	7.0	24	65	185	B
	Writing	7.0	27	65	185	B
	Speaking	7.0	23	65	185	B
Superior	Listening	8.0	28	79	200	A

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY LEVEL	TEST COMPONENT	IELTS (Academic or General Training)	TOEFL iBT	PTE ACADEMIC	CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH: ADVANCED (CAE)*	OET
	Reading	8.0	29	79	200	A
	Writing	8.0	30	79	200	A
	Speaking	8.0	26	79	200	A

The test must have been undertaken no more than two years prior to submitting the application to AIQS for a Skilled Migration assessment.

The following applicants are considered to be exempt from providing an English Language Test report:

- The holder of a valid passport, and are a citizen of one of the following countries:
 - Australia
 - Canada
 - New Zealand
 - the Republic of Ireland
 - the United Kingdom
 - the United States of America.
- Applicants who have completed an Australian Bachelor’s Degree
- Applicants who have completed a Quantity Surveying/Construction Management and Economics post-graduate qualification at an Australian university.

Please note the exemptions to providing evidence of English Language skills can be determined on a case-by-case basis and AIQS reserves the right to insist on an English Language Test Report if it is deemed necessary by the assessment officer.

Providing invalid English Language Test Results and/or failing to demonstrate English Language Competency and/or failing to present English Language Test Results in the application may result in an immediate unsuccessful outcome.

11. APPEAL PROCESS

AIQS provides an appeal process for consideration of any applicants who object to the overall *not suitable* finding of their skilled migration assessment.

Appeals (full and completed appeal application) must be submitted in writing within three (3) calendar months of the date of the initial assessment outcome letter. Applicants making an appeal must complete the Appeal Request Form with the details of the appeal. Payment of the Appeal Fee must be included at the time of submitting the Appeal Request Form. This fee is non-refundable.

The appeal will be reviewed by an Appeal Panel consisting of two Skilled Migration Assessors who have been appointed by AIQS but will not include the Assessor who made the initial decision which is being appealed. Assessors are all members of AIQS who have a wealth of experience working in the Quantity Surveying profession in Australia. If an applicant lodges several consecutive applications through different pathways, only the latest dated outcome letter will be deemed valid. Therefore, appeals may only be considered on the most recently dated outcome letter.

Applicants may submit differing information from the initial application. However, all requirements must be satisfied accordingly. Where an employment period was deemed ‘not suitable’ and an alternative reference letter is supplied, justification must be provided to fully support the new referrer (this may include organisational charts, qualifications, etc).

Once an appeal has been made, the results of this is considered final. No further appeals can be lodged on the same application.

12. DEFINITIONS

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. It incorporates the qualifications from each education and training sector into a single comprehensive national qualifications framework. Please refer to www.aqf.edu.au for further information.

Qualification/Degree means having undertaken theoretical study and been awarded a degree by an accepted educational body having undertaken the equivalent of a full-time course, as listed in the AQF.

Quantity Surveyor(s) includes, but is not limited to, the following job titles:

- Building or Construction: Economist, Cost Consultant, Cost Manager or Arbitrator
- Cost or Budget: Analyst, Consultant, Controller, Engineer, Manager or Planner
- Estimator, Contract Administrator
- Project Manager or Planner.

and similar job titles dealing with any aspects of construction costs and cost planning.

Accredited Course Guide means the course guide published by AIQS setting out details of university courses accredited by AIQS.

Recognised Institutes of Quantity Surveying shall mean those bodies recognised formally by AIQS and includes:

- Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS)
- Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (QS Division) (HKIS)
- Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Sri Lanka (IQSSL)
- Royal Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia (QS Division) (RISM)
- New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS)
- Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV)
- Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NIQS)
- Philippine Institute of Certified Quantity Surveyors (PICQS)
- The Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS).

Equivalent Voting member grades:

Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors	AAIQS/MAIQS; FAIQS
Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors	PQS; CEC; PQS(F)
Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (QS Division)	MHKIS; FHKIS
Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Sri Lanka	Associate; Fellow
Royal Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia (QS Division)	MRISM; FRISM
New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors	MNZIQS; FNZIQS
Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers	Member; Fellow
Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors	Member; Fellow
Philippine Institute of Certified Quantity Surveyors	MPICQS
The Association of South African Quantity Surveyors	PMAQS, MAQS

AIQS also recognises the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) - Quantity Surveying and Construction pathway for skilled migration purposes (notwithstanding the absence of any formal recognition).