Professional Doctorates Policy

Section 1 - Purpose and Objectives

(1) This document sets out the Policy for professional doctorate qualifications offered at The University of Queensland.

Section 2 - Definitions, Terms, Acronyms

Term	Definition
Academic Programs	Sequence of study leading to the award of a qualification such as an undergraduate degree or diploma, and/or postgraduate coursework qualification.
Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)	A single comprehensive national qualifications framework that represents the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training.
Volume of Learning	Identifies the notional duration of all activities required for the achievement of the learning outcomes specified for a particular AQF qualification type. It is expressed in equivalent full time years.
Learning Outcomes	The knowledge, skills, and application of knowledge and skills required to be met by graduates of a particular AQF qualification type.

Section 3 - Policy Scope/Coverage

(2) This Policy is applicable to all professional doctorate programs offered at The University of Queensland. The Policy reflects, and gives effect to, the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

Section 4 - Policy Statement

(3) The professional doctorate is a structured program of learning designed to make a significant contribution to original knowledge and/or research integrated practice developed in collaboration with relevant statutory and regulatory bodies. These programs serve to generate advanced competency in the application and generation of knowledge in the professional context.

(4) This Policy reflects, and gives effect to, the TEQSA Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021.

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