Block Credit Decision Matrix

STEP	BEFORE DECIDING IF A BLOCK IS APPROPRIATE ANSWER QUESTIONS IN STEPS 1 TO 3	
1	Is the applicant from an institution with an existing agreement for the course they have studied? If yes, follow the agreement. If no, go to question 2.	Unsure check the register
2	Has the candidate completed a formal qualification or completed Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level (or equivalent)? If so is it AQF level 5 UG Cert, level 5 Dip, 6, 7 or 8 (nothing below AQF 5 attracts block credit in to an HE course of study)	Unsure? Seek academic advice
3	Identify if the completed formal qualification or completed AQF level (or equivalent) is in a cognate, or non-cognate discipline to the course applied for e.g. hospitality to hospitality = cognate (for more information see Table 3)	Unsure? Seek academic advice

PROCEED WITH ASSESSMENT
Clarify the level of program that the student has applied for (PG, UG Bachelor, UG Associate Degree, UG Diploma or UG Certificate) and work within that section.

Cognate (C)			Non-cognate (NC)		
Postgraduate applicant - C			**Postgraduate applicant - NC**		
From Cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #	From Non-cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #
AQF lvl 8 Grad Certificate	4 subject Cognate PG block	CPG1	AQF lvl 8 Grad Certificate	2 subject Non-Cognate PG block	NCPG1
AQF lvl 8 Grad Diploma	6 subject Cognate PG block*	CPG2	AQF lvl 8 Grad Diploma	4 subject Non-Cognate PG block	NCPG2
AQF lvl 9 Masters	8 subject Cognate PG block	CPG3	AQF lvl 9 Masters	6 subject Non-Cognate PG block	NCPG3
UG – Bachelor applicant - C			**UG – Bachelor applicant - NC**		
From Cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #	From Non-cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #
AQF lvl 5 Cert	4 subject Cognate UG block	CUGB1	AQF lvl 5 Certificate	2 subject Non-Cognate UG block	NCUGB1
AQF lvl 5 Dip	8 subject Cognate UG block	CUGB2	AQF lvl 5 Diploma	4 subject Non-Cognate UG block	NCUGB2
AQF lvl 6	12 subject Cognate UG block*	CUGB3	AQF lvl 6	8 subject Non-Cognate UG block	NCUGB3
AQF lvl 7	16 subject Cognate UG block*	CUGB4	AQF lvl 7	12 subject Non-Cognate UG block	NCUGB4
			ICMS Students only: AQF lvl 7	16 subject ICMS Non-Cognate UG block	Special second degree block for ICMS students NCUGB5
UG – Associate Degree applicant - C			**UG – Associate Degree applicant - NC**		
From Cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #	From Non-cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #
AQF lvl 5 UG Cert	4 subject Cognate block	CUGB1	AQF lvl 5 Certificate	2 subject Non-Cognate block	NCUGB1
AQF lvl 5 Dip	8 subject Cognate block	CUGB2	AQF lvl 5 Diploma	4 subject Non-Cognate block	NCUGB2
AQF lvl 6	Advise towards a non-cognate Ass Deg or Bach with 12 subject block		AQF lvl 6	8 subject Non-Cognate block	NCUGB3
UG – Diploma applicant - C			**UG – Diploma applicant - NC**		
From Cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #	From Non-cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #
AQF lvl 5 UG Certificate	4 subject Cognate block	CUGB1	AQF lvl 5 Certificate	2 subject Non-Cognate block	NCUGB1
AQF lvl 5 Diploma	Advise towards AQF lvl 6 or higher				
UG – Certificate applicant - C			**UG – Certificate applicant - NC**		
From Cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #	From Non-cognate discipline at	Attracts a:	Use Block Arrangement #
AQF lvl 5 UG Certificate	Advise towards UG Diploma entry		AQF lvl 5 Cert	1 subject Non-Cognate block or advise towards UG Diploma entry	

* Up to a maximum of 18 subject exemptions for undergraduate courses, or up to a maximum of eight subject exemptions for postgraduate courses, may be granted for a completed qualification or AQF level as part of an articulation agreement as long as the educational performance is deemed satisfactory by the DVC (Learning and Teaching) and the number of exemptions granted do not exceed the credit limits outlined in paragraph 4.7 of the Advanced Standing

Policy. The list of articulation agreements under these circumstances are approved by the DVC (Learning and Teaching) and reported annually by the Deans to the Academic Board in the Annual Aligned Partnership Report. The Associate Vice President (International Operations) is responsible for maintaining the list of approved articulation agreements.

Table 2 – Summary of Block Credit Arrangements

	Cognate		
	Postgraduate		
1	CPG1	4 subject cognate block	
2	CPG2	6 subject cognate block*	
3	CPG3	8 subject cognate block	
	Undergraduate		
3	CUGB1	4 subject cognate UG block	
4	CUGB2	8 subject cognate UG block	
5	CUGB3	12 subject cognate UG block*	
6	CUGB4	16 subject cognate UG block*	
	Non-Cognate		
	Postgraduate		
7	NCPG1	2 subject non-cognate block	
8	NCPG2	4 subject non-cognate block	
9	NCPG3	6 subject non-cognate block	
	Undergraduate		
10	NCUGB1	2 subject non-cognate UG block	
11	NCUGB2	4 subject non-cognate UG block	
12	NCUGB3	8 subject non-cognate UG block	
13	NCUGB4	12 subject non-cognate UG block	
14	NCUGB5	12 subject ICMS Non-Cognate UG block	ICMS students only. Requires different block as they have already completed 1 ICMS Bachelor with all core units

* Up to a maximum of 18 subject exemptions for completion of a qualification or completed AQF level may be granted if the articulation agreement meets pre-determined criteria as stipulated by the DVC (Learning and Teaching) and the number of exemptions granted do not exceed the credit limits outlined in paragraph 4.7 of the Advanced Standing Policy. The criteria for exemption and the list of articulation agreements under these circumstances are approved by the DVC (Learning and Teaching) and reported annually by the Deans to the Academic Board in the annual Aligned Partnership report. The Associate Vice President (International Operations) is responsible for maintaining the list of approved articulation agreements.

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Table 3 – What does the Institution deem as "Cognate" for the purposes of awarding Block Credit?

Specialisation applied for	Previous study at required AQF level, as per testamur, is Cognate if:
Hospitality Tourism Events	Course title contains hospitality, tourism or events as either a "Name" or a "Major". Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Business	Course title is generic in business or related discipline, such as Commerce. Business Management will be accepted as cognate, as will any 'Management' course within an area of study available at the Institution. However, a course title with Management alone will not be accepted as cognate.
Property	Course title contains Property, or a Property context, such as Property Economics, as either a "Name" or a "Major". Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Entrepreneurship	Course title contains Entrepreneurship, as either a "Name" or a "Major". Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Marketing	Course title contains Marketing as either a "Name" or a "Major". Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Accounting	Course title contains Accounting as either a "Name" or a "Major". The Cognate course, if Australian, should have CPA or CAA recognition. Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Fashion and Global Brand Management	Course title contains Fashion in a Management context, as either a "Name" or a "Major". Fashion Design or any Fashion Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Sport	Course title contains Sport in a Management context, as either a "Name" or a "Major". Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Sport High Performance	Course title contains Sport in a Management context, as either a "Name" or a "Major". Minor studies will not be considered cognate.
Management	Course title contains Management as either a "Name" or a "Major". Minor studies will not be considered cognate.