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## NESTED QUALIFICATIONS POLICY

<b>Purpose/ objectives</b>	This policy provides guidance where academic units wish to develop programs where lesser qualifications categories are fully articulated into other qualifications categories to enable multiple entry and exit points.
<b>Scope/ Application</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All campuses</li> <li>• All courses</li> </ul>
<b>Policy Statement</b>	<p>The University will allow the creation of courses with nested sub-qualifications, to enable multiple entry and exit points for students.</p> <p>On articulation into a higher award in the nested courses within less than one academic year, the lesser course is subsumed and a separate testamur is not awarded.</p> <p>In the case of an elapse of more than one academic year between completion and award of the lesser qualification, and enrolment in the higher qualification, the testamur is not required to be returned.</p>
<b>Supporting Procedures</b>	Nested Qualifications Procedures
<b>Responsibility for implementation</b>	Deans Heads of Schools
<b>Responsibility for monitoring implementation and compliance</b>	Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Committee
<b>Status</b>	New
<b>Key stakeholders</b>	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Pro Vice-Chancellor (Curriculum and Academic Planning)
<b>Approval Body</b>	Academic Board November 2008 Council
<b>Initiating Body or person(s)</b>	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic Committee
<b>Definitions</b>	<b>Articulation</b> – the process of linking two or more qualifications together by

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	<p>creating/identifying the content relationships between them.</p> <p><b>Nested qualifications</b> where two or more courses of different levels in the qualifications framework are combined in a way where lesser qualification categories are fully articulated within the higher qualification categories</p> <p><b>Qualification</b> A degree, diploma or course that comprises approved studies at La Trobe as prescribed by the Academic Board</p> <p><b>Qualification category</b> Each category has defined entry and exit standards, learning outcomes aligned to the AQF, duration and credit point requirements</p>
<b>Related legislation</b>	<p><a href="#">La Trobe University Act</a> s.5 (b) (iv) and s. 30 (1) (d)</p> <p><a href="#">Regulations</a> 21.4, 21.6 – 21.10</p> <p><a href="#">Statute</a> 7 The Academic Board</p>
<b>Related Policy and other documents</b>	<p>Qualifications Policy</p> <p>Double Qualifications Policy</p> <p>Testamurs Policy</p> <p>Advanced Standing, Articulation &amp; Credit Transfer Policy</p>
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