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## NESTED QUALIFICATIONS PROCEDURES

<b>Parent Policy Title</b>	Nested Qualifications Policy															
<b>Associated Documents</b>	Qualifications Policy and Procedures Double Qualifications Policy and Procedures Advanced Standing, Articulation and Credit Transfer Policy Articulation Procedures Testamurs Policy and Procedures															
<b>Preamble</b>	The University will allow the creation of courses with nested sub-qualifications, to enable multiple entry and exit points for students.															
<b>General</b>	These procedures are intended to facilitate the development of courses where lesser qualifications categories are fully articulated into other qualifications categories to enable multiple entry and exit points.															
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<b>1. Allowable Combinations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergraduate Diploma + Bachelor Degree</li> <li>• Associate Degree + Bachelor Degree</li> <li>• Undergraduate Diploma + Associate Degree + Bachelor Degree</li> <li>• Graduate Certificate + Graduate Diploma + Master Coursework</li> <li>• Postgraduate Certificate + Postgraduate Diploma + Master Coursework</li> </ul> <p>Students may also proceed to an Honours Master from the Master Coursework</p>															
<b>2. Approval of Nested Qualifications</b>	<p>Where the nested combinations are within existing approved awards, the approval process comprises a simple request to the Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Committee to approve the combination, demonstrating that the workload and other requirements meet those in the La Trobe Qualifications Framework. If the nested combination is part of a new award, in recognition of potential resource implications, normal course approvals processes must be followed.</p>															

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<b>3. Performance Hurdles</b>	Faculties may impose a required standard of performance in the lesser qualification to qualify for entry to the higher level(s).
<b>4. Reversion to the lesser qualification</b>	Students initially enrolled in the higher qualification may choose to exit the course and take the award for one of the lesser qualifications, as long as they have satisfied all requirements of the lesser qualification.
<b>5. Testamurs</b>	<p>On direct articulation into a higher award in the nested courses inside 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 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>6. Graduations</b>	Normally a student will wear the colours of and participate in the ceremony for the highest academic qualification achieved.
<b>Status</b>	New
<b>Approval Body</b>	Academic Board November 2008 Council
<b>Initiating Body</b>	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic Committee
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Articulation</b> – the process of linking two or more qualifications together by 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>
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