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Use of Learning Outcomes in Credential Evaluation

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5 Elements of a Qualification

Qualifications on the same **level** may show differences in terms of **workload**, **quality**, **profile**, **and learning outcomes**. These differences should be considered in a flexible way, and **only substantial differences** in view of the purpose for which recognition is sought should lead to **partial recognition or non recognition** of the foreign qualifications.





Learning Outcomes and Credential Evaluation

- LO paradigm as an approach to recognition
- LO as a criterion in recognition
- •LO as a tool of understanding and comparing qualifications
- LO as an enabler for automatic recognition



Learning Outcomes Approach to Recognition

- Comparability not equivalency
- Focus on the result (outcome) not the process (input):
 - Mode of study
 - Duration/workload
 - Deviations from admission requirements
- Trust in the quality assurance systems of other countries
- → No detailed scrutiny of contents of the programs and manner of their delivery
- → This allows us to recognise qualifications, which differ in terms of acquisition, but are comparable in terms of result





Learning Outcomes for Understanding Qualifications

5	Professional Bachelor	Bachelor
Knowledge and its application	Knowledge in professional activity providing practical knowledge of the activity field and based on the newest scientific evidence which can be used for determining and solving complex specific or abstract issues related to the activity field.	Integrated knowledge in professional activity and study field providing versatile theoretical knowledge of study field and professional activity based on the new fundamental and applied research results which can be used in extensive interdisciplinary fields of studies or professional activity.
Research skills	A graduate has the ability to gather and analyze data necessary for solving specific issues related to professional activity and innovation development.	A graduate has the ability to gather and analyse data necessary for solving important scientific and professional activity issues, and for cultural and artistic creation using scientific evidence and methods of fundamental and applied research.

- Focused on the field of activity
- Practice
- Problem solving oriented

- Broader, interdisciplinary
- Practice and theory
- Research oriented



Learning Outcomes for Comparing Qualifications

LO for Bachelor of Business Administration Awarded by Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences

Competencies / Learning outcomes

- Qualifications that signify completion of study are awarded to students who:
 - have demonstrated knowledge and understanding in a field of study that builds upon their general secondary education, and is typically at a level that, whilst supported by advanced textbooks, includes some aspects that will be informed by knowledge of the forefront of their field of study;
 - o can apply their knowledge and understanding in a manner that indicates a professional approach to their work or vocation, and have competencies typically demonstrated through devising and sustaining arguments and solving problems within their field of study;
 - have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their field of study) to inform judgements that include reflection on relevant social, scientific or ethical issues;
 - can communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences; have developed those learning skills required to continue studying with a high degree of autonomy.
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Thank you