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## **ACDICT Response on AQF Graduate Certificates and Diplomas**

The Australian Council of Deans of ICT (ACDICT), Australia's peak academic body for ICT, is pleased to make a brief submission on the issue of Graduate Certificates and Diplomas.

Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma qualifications are important to many computing schools and departments. ACDICT contends that the Graduate Certificate should be retained. We would prefer it to be at AQF Level 8. If that, however, were not to be agreed, then we would prefer the Graduate Certificate to be set at AQF level 7 with duration of 6 months to one year.

In our experience, the term Graduate Certificate is well recognised and understood both within Australia and internationally. Furthermore it is an appropriate postgraduate qualification for those wishing to broaden and/or deepen their knowledge and skills, and can be considered as a key component of workforce development strategies within many industries and organisations. It is particularly important for the undersupplied skill area of ICT, where those with industry experience often want some degree of conversion/updated knowledge at a graduate level.

Yours sincerely

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