Australian Higher Education Evaluation through Assurance of Learning
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Bond University is set on a 49.86 hectare campus at Robina on Queensland’s Gold Coast.

Created in the traditions of the world’s leading private universities, a series of grand sandstone faculty buildings line a landscaped promenade leading down to the tranquil man-made lake.
A few facts…

Bond University received the most five-star ratings out of any university in Australia in the independent 2012 Good Universities Guide.

Bond had an average student enrolment of 4,480 students in 2011, 1,449 of which were international students representing 85 nationalities.

There are four Faculties and one Institute:

Faculty of Business
Faculty of Health Sciences & Medicine
Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences
Faculty of Law
Institute of Sustainable Development & Architecture
Universities worldwide are watching Australia to see the process unfold and the outcomes revealed, as bold new reforms are recreating higher education evaluation.
The first significant entry on the evaluation reform timeline was the 2008 publication of what is colloquially referred to as the *Bradley Review*. Many of the recommendations from this *Review of Australian Higher Education* necessitated a reform of the higher education evaluation system.
Advancing Quality in Higher Education

As follow-on from the Bradley Review, the 2011-2012 Australian Budget included the formation of the Advancing Quality in Higher Education (AQHE) initiative.

Discussion papers released by the AQHE included a paper on the review of the Australian Graduate Survey, the development of performance measurement instruments in higher education and the assessment of generic skills.

Three main purposes of education evaluation reforms:

a) Accountability;

b) Consumer choice through transparency and comparison; and

c) Performance improvement.
MyUniversity Website

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Search thousands of Australian courses and compare details such as fee and entry requirements.

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Search for and compare information on Australian universities. Find detailed statistical information and campus facilities here. Information on other higher education providers coming soon...

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TEQSA

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) is Australia's regulatory and quality agency for higher education. TEQSA's primary aim is to ensure that students receive a high quality education at any Australian higher education provider.

Latest News

Invitation for comments on TEQSA’s 2012 Provider Information Request

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency is currently seeking feedback on the proposed approach to provider information collection. We welcome provider feedback on the consultation paper, either directly or via the relevant peak body, via email to consultation@teqsa.gov.au by 8pm on Friday 25 May 2012.


Ms Lucy Schultz and Mr Ian Hинтер have been appointed TEQSA’s Executive Directors of the Regulation and Review Group. Lucy and Ian will share responsibility for overseeing the regulation of higher education providers registered by TEQSA. Dr Jeannette Bird, outgoing Executive Director of TEQSA’s Regulation and Review Group, has chosen to move on from the agency after leading it through critical stages in the development of its regulatory capacity. Jeannette will be leaving at the end of this month.

TEQSA briefings for the higher education sector 2012

TEQSA held its first provider briefing on 27 March, to inform the higher education sector about the Agency, requirements and approach for registration, accreditation and risk assessment.

More information and presentations are available on the Events page.

CRICOS forms and guides

TEQSA has now released a suite of forms and guides for all CRICOS related activities including the initial CRICOS Registration and ongoing compliance with the National Code.
Higher Education Standards Framework

Higher Education Threshold Standards (Legislative instrument)

Provider Registration Standards
Qualification Standards

Teaching & Learning Standards
Most in keeping with the concept of Assurance of Learning (AoL).
Still in the process of consultation and development

Research Standards
Are at the initial stage of development

Information Standards
Intended to act as a guide to information sharing between providers and their key stakeholders, especially students.

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“So fundamentally I feel it’s a moral and legal obligation that we have that we fulfil the promises or the contract that we enter into with our students.”

Most respondents emphasised that the main driver for the AoL process was the “growing accountability of universities”.
Consideration of a single test to assess the skills of students in the final stages of their respective degrees as a reflection of the value-added by their university education.
Assurance of Learning

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The capturing, monitoring and evaluating of data indicating student achievement related to specific program goals.