MALAYSIAN QUALIFICATION STATEMENT (MQS)

WHAT IS MQS?

The Malaysian Qualification Statement (MQS) is a document that describes the qualification of graduates including the learning outcomes and the level of qualification based on the Malaysian Qualifications Framework. The MQS is attached to a higher education qualification and is issued by the Higher Education Providers (HEPs) to students on the successful completion of higher education qualification.

WHY REQUIRE MQS?

- To improve understanding of the higher education system and qualifications in Malaysia;
- To improve transparency and international recognition;
- To promote students' mobility across countries; and
- To improve job prospects of Malaysian graduates locally and internationally.

WHO IMPLEMENTS MQS?

- As part of the Bologna Process since 1999, many European universities had used similar documents such as Diploma Supplements.
- Australia rolled out an MQS equivalent of its own in 2011, known as the Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement.
- New Zealand introduced its Tertiary Education Qualification Statement (TEQS) in 2009.

WHO REQUIRES MQS

In general, all graduates will benefit from having the MQS especially:

- Graduates with APEL(C) & MOOC credit transfer since MQS explains further on APEL(C) and MOOC.
- Graduates who have intention to further their studies abroad.
- Graduates who intend to develop their career abroad.
- Graduates with unique programme nomenclature or newly introduced field of study.

WHEN WAS MQS INTRODUCED?

Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) introduced the MQS guidelines in 2015. The guidelines was developed based on best practices abroad and feedback obtained from stakeholders.

WHERE TO SEEK MORE INFO

The Guidelines: MQS can be downloaded from the MQA portal: www.mqa.gov.my. The document provides guidance for HEPs in issuing the MQS for their graduates. An MQS format that provides detailed descriptions of the items required in the MQS is also included in the guidelines.

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