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APIC has adopted a 'block credit'[1] model for awarding credit into APIC's undergraduate programs based upon completed and nationally approved/registered vocational qualifications.

When 'block credit' is approved the credit is awarded based upon a qualification itself rather than specific competencies that a student has undertaken within the vocational qualification. The Block Credit Package (BCP) at APIC applies to Training Packages. The Training Package can be delivered by any Registered Training Organisation and the awarding of a BCP is not normally dependant on the specific institution.[2]

In developing BCPs that include specified APIC units, the core competency units within the VET diploma package associated with a specified vocational qualification have been specifically examined to ensure appropriate coverage of the outcomes associated with the APIC units that are credited.

BCP can be applied to individual student records by authorised APIC Admissions Officers and/or APIC Administration Officers.

The proposed list of BCPs are detailed in Appendix A.

Caveats:

- BCPs only apply where an applicant holds a completed qualification. The awarding of 'conditional credit', associated with a BCP, can be applied on the understanding that the final credit will only apply when the qualification is completed.
- Where a specific course is listed (e.g. ICT51015 Diploma of Information Technology) the BCP only applies to that specific course. When a course is superseded, the BCP will be reviewed and where possible updated.
- When prospective students present multiple qualifications and/or combinations of incomplete and complete transcripts the use of a BCP may apply, however all such cases must be referred to the appropriate authorised credit assessor for an individual credit assessment.

Applicants/Students Rights for Review of Credit

If an applicant for credit is not satisfied with the outcomes after the application of a BCP they can appeal using the Grievances and Appeals Policy and Procedure. The appeal must state a case for review (including documentary evidence) showing how they believe their previous studies have fulfilled the APIC Unit Learning Outcomes and covered the topics included in a particular APIC unit of study.

Applications for review must be received 10 working days prior to the students' first census date at APIC. Applications for review received after this cut-off will not normally be accepted.

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[1] *APIC Policy defines Block Credit as 'a form of credit granted towards whole stages or components of an officially accredited qualification or program of learning.'*

[2] *APIC reserves the right to remove the application of BCPs to specific institutions if such a need was to arise.*

NB: It should be noted that APIC does not normally issue credit for standalone Certificate IV level qualifications. As such no BCPs have been established for CertIVs.

Appendix A

Approved BCPs as of 7/5/2021 (Version 3)
The following constitutes the approved set of Block Credit Packages (BCPs)

Bachelor of Business Information Systems

1. For any of the following qualifications:
   - ICT51015 Diploma of Information Technology
   - ICT50115 Diploma of Information Technology
   - ICT50118 Diploma of Information Technology
   - ICT50220 Diploma of Information Technology
     - **Credit:** BIS1001 Foundations of Information Systems and seven unspecified electives.
     - **Remaining units to complete in BBIS:** All core units except BIS1001 + 1 elective
2. ICT50415 Diploma of Information Technology Networking
3. ICT50418 - Diploma of Information Technology Networking
   - **Credit:** BIS1001 Foundations of Information Systems and BIS2001 IT Infrastructure and Networking plus six unspecified electives.
   - **Remaining units to complete in BBIS:** All core units except BIS1001 and BIS2001 + 2 electives
4. ICT50715 Diploma of Software Development:
   - **Credit:** BIS1003 Introduction to Programming, BIS2004 Object Oriented Programming, and six unspecified electives
   - **Remaining units to complete in BBIS:** All core units except BIS1003 and BIS2004 + 2 electives
5. ICT60115 Advanced Diploma of Information Technology
   - **Credit:** 10 units consisting of BIS1001 Foundations of Information Systems, plus BIS2003 IS Project Management and eight unspecified electives.
6. ICT60220 Advanced Diploma of Information Technology
   - **Credit:** 9 or 10 units as follows: BIS1001 Foundations of Information Systems plus eight unspecified electives; plus BIS2003 IS Project Management if completed BSBPMG530 plus BSBPMG536, and one unit from the following: BSBPMG532, BSBPMG537 or BSBPMG539.
7. For any non- IT[3] Australian vocational diploma or advanced diploma:
   - **Credit:** Eight unspecified electives
   - **Remaining units to complete in BBIS:** All core units

   All other diplomas in IT related qualifications need individual assessment as credit outcomes may include specified credits rather than electives.

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[3] *Non-IT qualifications are defined as those qualifications that are not part of the ICT – Information and Communications Technology Training package. See https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/ICT*

Bachelor of Business

1. FNS50215 Diploma of Accounting or FNS50217 Diploma of Accounting:
   - Credit: BUS1004 Foundations of Accounting and BUS1008 Financial Accounting plus six unspecified electives
   - **Remaining units to complete in BBus:** All core units except BUS1004 and BUS1008 + 2 electives
2. BSB51915 Diploma of Leadership and Management, or BSB51918 Diploma of Leadership and Management, BSB51918 Diploma of Leadership and Management**:**
   - **Credit:** BUS1002 Fundamentals of Management and seven unspecified electives
   - **Remaining units to complete in BBus:** All core units except BUS1002 + 1 elective
3. BSB50120 Diploma of Business or BSB50215 Diploma of Business:
   - **Credit:** BUS1001 Professional Development and Business Communication plus seven unspecified electives
   - **Remaining units to complete in BBus:** All core units except BUS1001 + 1 elective
4. Any non-accounting, non-management, or non-business diplomas or advanced diplomas[4]:
   - **Credit:** Eight unspecified electives
   - **Remaining units to complete in BBus:** All core units

   All other diplomas in management or business related qualifications need individual assessment as credit outcomes may include specified credits rather than electives.

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[4] *Non-accounting, non-management, or non-business qualifications are defined as those qualifications that are*

not part of the BSB - Business Services Training Package. See https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/BSB