



Overseas qualifications

Professional recognition

CILIP

CILIP has a reciprocal agreement with the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) which means academic qualifications accredited by those bodies are accepted in the UK and in Australia. Bachelor, Post Graduate Diploma and Masters degrees accredited by CILIP will be recognised in Australia at the Associate level and Vocational Diploma at the Library Technician level.

“ALIA and CILIP accept the principle of reciprocity for Chartered members of CILIP: MCLIP and Certified Professional members of ALIA: AALIA (CP), on the basis that AALIA (CP) and MCLIP members taking advantage of the reciprocity agreement meet the requirements of the scheme/ registration in the country in which they are practicing and after an initial two years within that scheme meet the requirements for continued accreditation.

With regard to the AALIA (CP) this would mean applying for certification; with regard to MCLIP this would require revalidation. This would mean that AALIA (CP) members would begin using MCLIP in lieu of, rather than in addition to the AALIA (CP) post-nominal and vice versa.

ALIA and CILIP respect the differences between the Foundation Knowledge, Skills and Attributes relevant to Information Professionals working in Archives, Libraries and Records Management (FKSA) and the Professional Knowledge and Skills Base (PKSB), which leads to differences in qualification requirements. However, these differences tend to reflect national circumstances rather than fundamental matters of professional concepts and ethics.

An important element of ALIA's FKSA is the awareness of Australian indigenous knowledge and culture. ALIA agrees that under the terms of this agreement, MCLIP Members will not need to demonstrate understanding of Australian indigenous knowledge and culture to gain entrance to the AALIA (CP) but will need to include it in their Professional Development when applying for a PD Certificate." updated 9 March 2018.