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The South Australian Skills Commission can provide certification for people who have gained the skills and knowledge for a trade or declared vocation outside of an apprenticeship or traineeship.

The certification provides recognition for:

- obtaining non-conditional occupational licenses, for example, licenses that are not issued by Consumer and Business Services
- accessing trade or declared vocation-level remuneration under awards or other industrial agreements
- further career progression and up-skilling
- recognising overseas qualified applicants.

The Commission does not award qualifications under the [Australian Qualifications Framework](#) (AQF), or [occupational licenses](#). Individuals are responsible for acquiring these if required.

Recognition arrangements are not provided for the purposes of migration. Individuals requiring skills assessment for the purpose of applying for an Australian visa should seek information from the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs.

In the first instance, this service is only available for the recognition of qualifications or experience in the trades of Baker, Cook, and Hairdresser. This service may be updated to allow for the introduction of assessment arrangements for other trades and declared vocations in the future.

An application must be made to the Commission using the application form and must be accompanied by the supporting information and documents outlined in the application form, and the prescribed fee.

The fees for this service are:

First or initial assessment	\$510
Competency assessment or examination	\$1,020
Second or subsequent assessment	\$204

The Commission may waive the fee in full or reduce the fee by 20 per cent. Instructions on how to pay the prescribed fee and criteria for waivers or reductions are contained in the application form.

To inform its decision, the Commission may require the person seeking recognition to undergo a competency assessment and/or undertake an examination or test.

Where the Commission is satisfied the applicant has acquired the competencies of the trade or declared vocation, it will determine the applicant adequately trained and issue them with a Certificate of Recognition.

Refer to the [South Australian Skills Standards](#) for full details.

For more detailed information please contact the South Australian Skills Commission on **1800 006 488** or visit www.skillscommission.sa.gov.au.