



POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

According to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graduate_diploma, a **postgraduate diploma** (PGDip, PgDip, PG Dip., PGD, PgD, PDE) is a postgraduate qualification awarded typically after a bachelor's degree. It can be contrasted with a graduate diploma. Countries that award postgraduate diplomas include Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Germany, Jamaica the United Kingdom, Spain, South Africa, India, Ireland, Nigeria, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, Portugal, Russia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Poland, Singapore and Trinidad and Tobago

Wikipedia further states that a **graduate diploma** (GradD, GDip) is generally a postgraduate qualification, although some graduate diplomas involve the study of undergraduate level courses (see postgraduate diploma). The diploma is normally taken following a bachelor's degree and a successful award allows progression to a master's degree without having received honours with the bachelor's degree.

More recently, postgraduate diplomas have become more popular as they allow graduate-level specialization studies to be completed in half the time of a masters, while still being transferable into a master's degree in the same topic. All of this at half the price of a master's degree—usually between \$10,000 and \$15,000 for the graduate diploma, as opposed to \$20,000 or more for a master's degree. In addition, these diplomas allow one to try specializations such as accounting, without committing the time and money to a full master's degree in the same specialization. Alternatively, it is possible to complete a graduate diploma, start working in the field, and have the company pay for additional courses to attain a master's degree in the same topic later-on (on a part-time basis for instance), thereby saving money and time (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graduate_diploma)

New Zealand Qualifications Authority in the website, <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/studying-in-new-zealand/understand-nz-quals/postgraduate-diploma/> defines postgraduate diploma with purpose, entry, outcomes, credit requirements and, relationship with other qualifications.

Purpose

A Postgraduate Diploma is designed to extend and deepen an individual's knowledge and skills by building on attainment in the principal subject(s) of the qualifying degree, Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate. A Postgraduate Diploma prepares an individual for independent research and

scholarship in the principal subject of the diploma. A Postgraduate Diploma may be awarded with distinction.

Entry

An individual for the Postgraduate Diploma in a specified subject or, where appropriate, a related area will normally have completed all requirements of the relevant Bachelor's Degree or Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma, or who is deemed to have acquired the relevant skills and knowledge through appropriate work or professional experience, at an additional level.

Outcomes

A graduate of a Postgraduate Diploma is able to:

- show evidence of advanced knowledge about a specialist field of enquiry or professional practice
- engage in rigorous intellectual analysis, criticism and problem-solving.

Credit requirements

The Postgraduate Diploma requires a minimum of 120 credits from levels 7 and above, with a minimum of 72 credits from level 8.

Relationship with other qualifications

A person who holds a Postgraduate Diploma may be eligible to enrol in a Master's Degree.