VERIFICATION OF DEGREES ISSUED BY ICHM BY CHINESE SERVICE CENTRE FOR SCHOLARLY EXCHANGE

1. Graduates who have received their degrees from ICHM can apply to Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE) to have their qualification approved. The department is the Overseas Academic Credential Evaluation Office. The application is done online. There is a Chinese language website that shows students how to get this approval: http://www.cscse.edu.cn/publish/portal0/tab82/default.htm.

2. The cost is RMB360, and the approval is usually provided in 20 working days. There is an appeal process if the graduate is not satisfied with the outcome.

3. While it is no longer a requirement that parchments issued by Australian colleges/universities need to be verified as legitimate by one of the Chinese consulate in Australia, CSCSE have pointed out that it is “Strongly Advised” that Chinese students register with the Embassy in Canberra or with a local consulate at commencement of their studies. The receipt given by the Embassy/Consulate is an important- but not mandatory- document for credential evaluation.

4. The criteria for approval by CSCSE is given in their websites: http://www.cscse.edu.cn/publish/portal0/tab82/info6393.htm http://www.cscse.edu.cn/publish/portal0/tab82/info6394.htm (Sorry, only in Chinese.) However we are assured that Australian degrees issued by accredited providers and listed on the TEQSA website (as a degree) and shown to be authentic- not a forgery- will be approved

5. It is not necessary for a provider to be listed on the JSJ list for the degree to be given a positive evaluation.

6. The process is voluntary, but CSCSE advise that the overseas credential evaluation is widely accepted in China, and provides graduates with many benefits. The following four points are examples:
   - Employability
   - Further Study
   - City Residence
   - Regulated Professions

7. Of course it is not obligatory for employers to accept CSCSE positive evaluation, but obtaining this evaluation reduces the chance of rejection.

8. One of the roles of the Evaluation Office is to verify the qualification of non-Chinese if they want to work in China. Even though it is unlikely that non-Chinese will be able to complete the Chinese language application form, the prospective employer in China will be able to assist.

Information in the above has been obtained from CSCSE Beijing in April 2014