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STUDENT WARNING

Potential and existing students with Open Universities Australia should be advised that the description of Health Information Managers (HIMs) provided at the following URL does not conform to the official definition provided by the academic institution responsible for the HIM profession, the Health Information Management Association of Australia (HIMAA): <https://www.open.edu.au/careers/government-defence/health-information-managers>.

The official HIMAA definition is available at:
<http://himaa2.org.au/index.php?q=node/2438>.

None of the qualifications listed on the web page at the above Open Universities Australia URL are accredited by HIMAA. HIMAA does not accredit HIM courses below degree level as our industry-based Entry Level HIM Competency Standards are set at AQF Level 7. HIMAA-accredited courses can be found at <http://himaa2.org.au/?q=node/764>.

The marketing information on employer demand for HIMs on the Open Universities Australia web page implies that the qualifications listed on that page will suit graduates for employment as HIMs. HIMAA's position is that it is misleading to students to encourage them to believe they will gain entry to the HIM profession by undertaking non-profession-accredited courses.

Open Universities Australia have been advised by HIMAA of this position.

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