



Memorandum of Understanding between CILIP and LIANZA(Library & Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa) on reciprocal qualifications.

The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) is the United Kingdom's largest professional body for information professionals formed in 2002, by the unification of The Library Association (founded 1877, Royal Charter 1898) and The Institute of Information Scientists (founded 1958). The Institute is responsible for 'standards verification' of professional library and information qualifications and is the recognized body for accrediting professional library and information qualifications in the UK. Under the terms of the Royal Charter awarded in 1898, and updated in 2002, CILIP maintains a Register of Chartered Members and Fellows for which a CILIP accredited or approved qualification is normally the minimum requirement for entry to the Professional Register. Registered practitioners are entitled to use the post nominal letters MCLIP and to describe themselves as Chartered Librarians

LIANZA (Te Rau Herenga O Aotearoa), the professional organisation for the New Zealand library and information management profession, was established in 1910. In 2007 LIANZA established a Professional Registration Scheme that provides a framework for the library and information professional to continue professional development and recognise professional attainment. Registered individuals are able to use the letters RLIANZA and can describe themselves as Registered Members of the library and information profession.

Following a period of investigation and discussion we have resolved that it would be to the mutual benefit of members of both bodies to agree reciprocity between each other's professional qualifications: MCLIP and RLIANZA. CILIP and LIANZA respect the differences in the Bodies of (Professional) Knowledge of both bodies, 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 LIANZA's Body of Knowledge is the awareness of indigenous

knowledge paradigms, which in the New Zealand context refers to Māori. However, LIANZA agrees that under the terms of this agreement, CILIP Chartered Members will not need to demonstrate understanding of New Zealand indigenous knowledge paradigms or include it in their Professional Development Plans.

It has also been agreed that it would disadvantage a large group of professionals if any reciprocal arrangements applied only to current and future MCLIP and RLIANZA qualification programmes. Thus all holders of MCLIP and RLIANZA would be assured reciprocal recognition in New Zealand and the UK respectively, whenever the qualification was awarded.

CILIP and LIANZA accept the principle of reciprocity for New Zealand RLIANZA and UK MCLIP holders, on the basis that RLIANZA holders remain accountable for ensuring that their qualification is current to LIANZA requirements to continue practising in UK roles requiring Chartered Membership of CILIP, and vice versa

This agreement relates to RLIANZA and MCLIP only, which have the greatest degree of common requirements. Reciprocal arrangements for New Zealand RLIANZA and UK MCLIP holders will remain in force on the basis that RLIANZA holders meet current LIANZA requirements in order to continue practising in UK roles requiring Chartered Membership of CILIP, and vice versa.

In any reciprocal qualifications agreement the principle of mutatis mutandis should not apply to other national qualifications recognised by LIANZA or CILIP with the exception of those covered by the terms of the agreement between CILIP, ALA and ALIA, that includes LIANZA accredited qualifications at Masters level.

Signed (CILIP)

Signed (LIANZA)

Bob McKee, Chief Executive

Spencer Lilley, on behalf LIANZA
Registration Board

Date