DIGITARY
Secure online credentials

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GLOBAL EDUCATION COMPANY, DIGITARY COMMENCES MY eQUALS SOFTWARE ROLLOUT TO ALL AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITIES

Today Melbourne led, global online education company, Digitary commenced a software rollout that enables Australian and New Zealand universities to certify, authenticate and deliver academic documents in a crypto-level secure digital format.

ANZ learners will soon be able to share their academic documents with anyone, any-time, anywhere in the world using the *My eQuals* platform that is managed by Higher Ed Services (HES).

Employers and other organisations benefit by being able to gain access to learner's authenticated academic records that they have shared via the secure electronic platform.

"We are thrilled that Australia and New Zealand will soon join our other tertiary partners in Ireland, the UK, China and Italy through this large scale and complex rollout" said Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Andy Dowling.

"Falsification of print qualifications is easy to do and a real problem that our platform eradicates," he continued.

"All 47 Australian and New Zealand universities will be able to benefit from immediate savings by reducing production and postage costs and enabling employers to own authentication checks," he continued.

Thousands of employers, universities and government agencies around the world currently use the software, **DigitaryCore,** that powers *My eQuals*.

Digitary is the nominated service provider for the UK's Digital Academic Records Exchange (DARE) platform, serving institutions like the University of Cambridge since 2008.

With offices in Melbourne and Dublin and an emerging Northern American, Indian and Chinese market, Digitary helps over 80 Higher Education providers world-wide to securely certify their academic qualifications online.

Over 80 institutions have issued over 2 million records to more than 1.5 million students in 125 countries through Digitary, with many more organisations around the world using the platform to authenticate achievements online and facilitate greater learner mobility.

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BACKGROUND ABOUT DIGITARY

Established in Dublin, Ireland (1999) by Andy Dowling, Digitary is an online platform that enables Higher Education institutions and their students to upload, sign, share and verify academic qualifications, transcripts and other documents, with crypto-level security, anytime, anywhere in the world.

Digitary's platform removes the burden of document credentialing management from universities and gives control to learners and secure, easy access to the third-parties, like employers, that they share their academic documents with.

Digitary is a regular contributor to developments in the global e-Credentials ecosystem through its participation in the Groningen Declaration Network (www.groningendeclaration.net) and through collaboration with European stakeholders to facilitate standardisation and electronic exchange of student mobility data.

In 2018, Australian online recruitment company, SEEK made a €4million (just over$6.3million Australian) to buy a minor stake in Digitary, which is enabling the business to grow its team and expand into further international markets. SEEK Strategy Director, Florian Dehne also sits on the Digitary Board.

Founded in Dublin, Ireland Digitary now has offices in Bologna, Italy; Delhi, India; Melbourne, Australia and Vancouver, Canada. Digitary is comprised of a global team of innovative and experienced IT security professionals, systems architects, web designers and software developers, supported by sales and marketing and corporate services people on a mission to make it secure and easy for individuals to access, share and authenticate their verified achievements online. Digitary prides itself on a positive company culture and working environment. By working at Digitary people work alongside a highly talented international team and are part of an exciting growth story it continues to transform the way qualifications are certified and used around the world.

Canada

The Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC), representing 96 Universities across Canada, are seeking input to the development of a national digital credentials solution there, which Digitary is playing a lead role in delivering.

China

Digitary has partnered with the Chinese Higher Education and Student Information Career Centre (CHESICC) (www.chsi.com.cn/en), a part of the Chinese Ministry of Education, to provide verified credentials for Chinese graduates to Universities abroad.

Groningen Declaration Network

The Groningen Declaration Network (GDN) was formally established in 2012 to develop best practices and globally accepted standards for secure, citizen centred consultation of educational data. Digitary was among the first signatories. See: www.groningendeclaration.org

Europe
Universidade do Porto, one of the top Universities in Portugal, is our first customer in continental Europe. The €16 billion Erasmus+ project (2014-2020) is driving accelerated student mobility within the EU.

Ireland
Digitary covers the majority of Higher Education Institutions in Ireland, including a sector-wide shared service for all Irish Institutes of Technology (IoTs).

India
Digitary has an office in New Delhi. Current customers are the Indian School of Business ("the Harvard of India"), Manipal University, and Pacific Medical University, Udaipur.

UK
The adoption of electronic credentials is growing in the UK, driven by rollout of the HEAR (Higher Education Achievement Report). Digitary is a key market player, with a number of key reference customers, including University of Cambridge, University of Manchester, and London School of Economics (LSE).

U.S.
Digitary has completed strategic partnerships with two U.S.-based organisations, Educational Perspectives and CollegeNET, Inc. Educational Perspectives provide expert credential verification and evaluation services to international students wishing to study in the U.S. They use Digitary to certify applicants' credentials so that these Universities can verify them online. CollegeNET inc. provides software solutions to approximately 1,300 U.S. universities. Their services include providing online admission systems, which are used by around 400 U.S. Universities, for both domestic and foreign students.

ABOUT HIGHER ED SERVICES (HES)
Higher Ed Services is an integral part of the Australian higher education sector. It works for the benefit of and to strengthen the higher education sector by building capacity, professionalism and quality in both business practices and the education of Australians.

As a not-for-profit company owned by Universities Australia, its mission is to provide support and leadership services that deliver cost-effective, high quality outcomes.
See: www.hes.edu.au/

ABOUT MY EQUALS
My eQuals was developed to give students, graduates, employers and third parties anytime, anywhere access to certified degrees and transcripts. My eQuals is owned by the participating universities, and managed by Higher Ed Services (HES) on behalf of the participants. See: www.myequals.edu.au