

PRESS RELEASE MENTOR ARTICULATES TO UNE DEGREE 09/12/10

It is timely news that students of the Mentor Education Group who have studied the Diploma and Advanced Diploma now have an articulation path to a Financial Planning Degree. The professional associations' response to the Future of Financial Advice (FOFA) Reforms has universally been one of gaining increased professionalism through education. Many Financial Advisers will be seeking to pre-empt legislation or demands by their professional association to upgrade their qualifications to a degree.

The flexibility offered by external study will prove to be a significant attraction in this environment. The [Mentor Education Group](#) and the [University of New England \(UNE\)](#) are proud to announce an Advanced Standing Agreement.

"I am now pleased to announce that the Articulation Agreement has been officially approved by UNE", said Associate Professor Martin Hovey, A/Professor of Finance, School of Business, Economics and Public Policy.

"In this current environment, where higher education is becoming clearly recognised as a requirement of providing professional financial advice, we are looking forward to offering Mentor's students the ability to have their earlier work recognised in their attaining a higher qualification."

"Having done our due diligence, we are pleased to offer articulation to the Mentor Education Group, in particular, graduates from RG146 Training Australia and FutureStaff. This means that Mentor's Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning) graduates will receive advanced standing for 48 credit points (out of 144 credit points) in our Bachelor of Financial Services." This represents a 33% saving (1 year) of study towards the award of the degree.

"Advanced Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning) graduates will receive 60 credit points advanced standing (out of 144 credit points), representing 42% of our course requirement", said Dr Peter Shanahan, Academic Manager, School of Business, Economics and Public Policy, Faculty of the Professions."

"The value of Mentor's Diploma and Advanced Diploma has been well known in the industry, but the articulation to the Degree of Financial Services is a validation of the high quality of our courses" said Dr Mark Sinclair, Managing Director of the Mentor Education Group.

The Mentor Education Group, including [RG146 Training Australia](#), [FutureStaff](#) and [Adviserlink](#), is a financial services education provider with offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland and Wellington. Mentor is the education partner to the Association of Financial Advisers and NZ Mortgage Broking Association and provides a range of financial services training, including Diploma, Advanced Diploma throughout Australia and New Zealand. They also deliver the program for the Fellow Chartered Financial Practitioners designation (FChFP).

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“In an environment of change which is facing our profession, this is very good news for advisers and our students”, said John Godfrey, Chairman of the Mentor Education Group Advisory Board, FPA Life Member and a founder of Godfrey Pembroke.

Distance education has been an important part of the University of New England's activities. Since 1955, UNE has been at the forefront of teaching off-campus students. UNE is now Australia's longest continuous provider of distance education and with more than 15,000 external students, is one of Australia's major providers of awards to off-campus students. Increasingly, the flexibility and interaction offered by external study is proving a significant attraction to those pursuing a tertiary education.

For more information regarding the Bachelor of Financial Services, please see www.une.edu.au/study/financial-services

For more information regarding the Diploma or Advanced Diploma, please see www.rg146.edu.au or www.mentoreducation.com.au.