



# Diploma Mills

## What is a Diploma Mill?

Diploma or degree mills are fraudulent educational institutions that provide academic qualifications in exchange for a fee. Diploma mills do not require significant academic engagement on the part of its students. Credits or qualifications awarded by diploma mills are of no value and are **not** accepted for transfer or entry into legitimate higher education institutions.

## What are some characteristics of typical Diploma Mills?

- They have **not** been quality assured by any recognised accrediting body
- They award academic diplomas and degrees with little or no study
- The length of study and cost of attendance are usually much lower than that of a recognised higher education institution
- Diploma mills may use names similar to recognised higher education institutions
- They have minimal contact information, usually only an e-mail or P.O. Box mailing address

***ACTT can protect the public  
against diploma mills  
by providing  
Statements on Recognition.***