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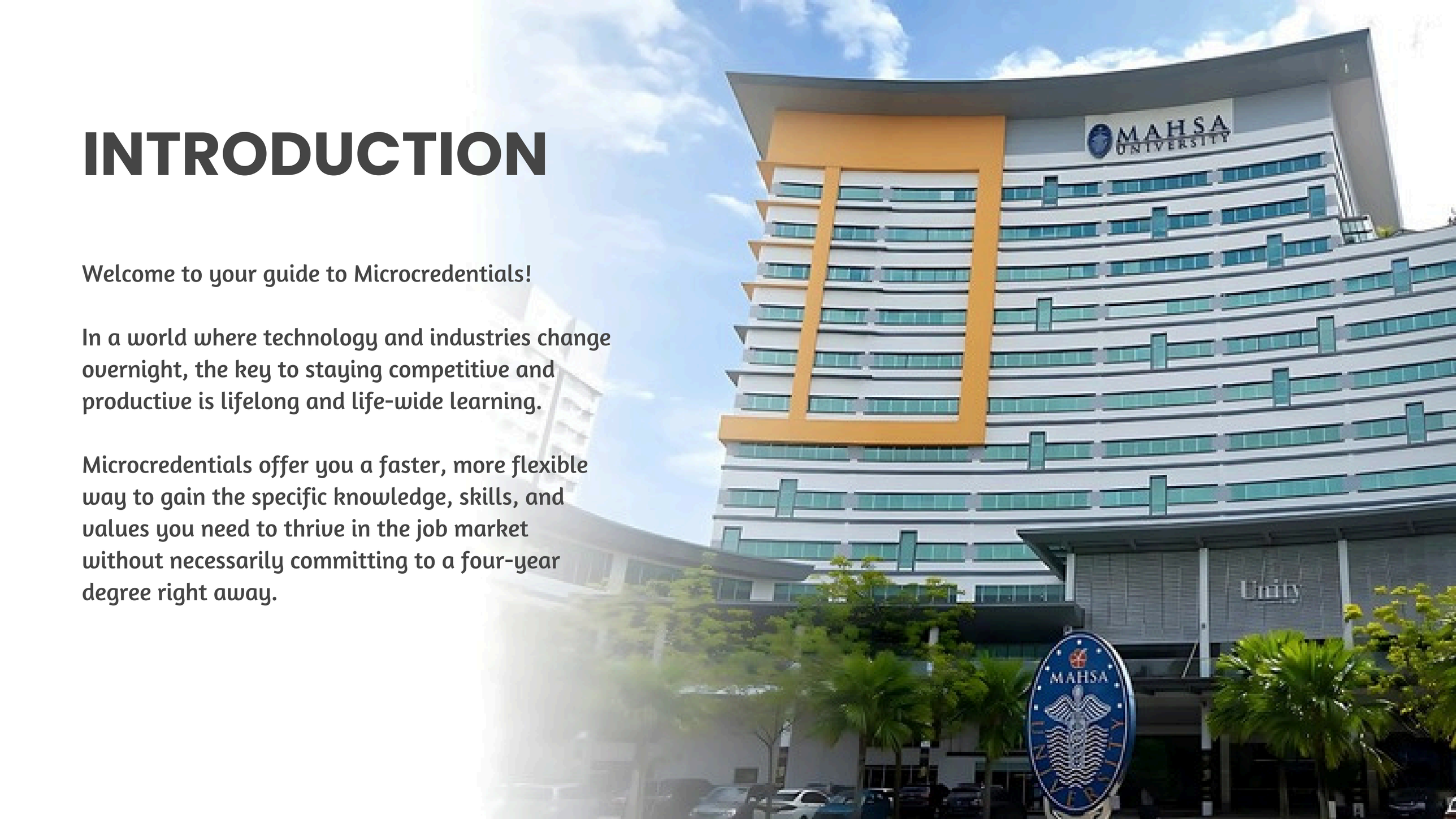
MICRO-CREDENTIALS PLAYBOOK

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to your guide to Microcredentials!

In a world where technology and industries change overnight, the key to staying competitive and productive is lifelong and life-wide learning.

Microcredentials offer you a faster, more flexible way to gain the specific knowledge, skills, and values you need to thrive in the job market without necessarily committing to a four-year degree right away.



WHY MICRO-CREDENTIALS?

Micro-credentials are designed to help you:

- Build in-demand skills quickly
- Learn at your own pace and convenience
- Stay competitive in a changing job market
- Take control of your learning and career pathway



TWO FLEXIBLE LEARNING PATHS

You can choose the pathway that fits your goals:

- **Unbundled Micro-Credentials**

Modules extracted from accredited university programmes,
allowing you to experience high-quality education in smaller, manageable parts.

- **Stand-Alone Micro-Credentials (SAMC)**

Short, focused courses designed to meet current industry needs,
especially in emerging skills and technologies.



STACK YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS

The real power of micro-credentials lies in stackability:

- Earn digital badges for each course
- Accumulate your learning over time
- Progress towards a Diploma, Bachelor's, or Master's degree (subject to approval)

Learn Your Way
Enjoy a learning experience that fits your lifestyle:

- Flexible schedules – learn anytime, anywhere
- Multiple delivery modes – online, face-to-face, or blended
- Personalised pace – move as fast or steady as you need



SECTION A: MICRO-CREDENTIALS

UNBUNDLED MICRO-CREDENTIALS

Think of a traditional university degree—like a three-year Bachelor's or a two-year Master's—as a large, bundled package of learning. Unbundled Microcredentials are what happens when that big package is "unpacked" into smaller, bite-sized modules.

These are specific courses or subjects taken directly from existing programmes that have already been provisionally or fully accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA).

HOW DO THEY WORK?

- Direct from Degrees

Each micro-credential is equivalent to a subject in a diploma or degree —meaning you receive the same quality learning and assessment as full-time leaners.

- Flexible Access

Perfect for working adults or learners who prefer part-time, self-paced study without committing to a full programme.

- Quality Assured

Since these modules come from accredited programmes, their learning outcomes are recognised by both universities and employers.



THE POWER OF STACKING

Unbundled micro-credentials are fully stackable, giving you a pathway to a full qualification:

- If all from MAHSA University
  Accumulate modules over time and complete a Diploma or Bachelor's degree

- Different Institutions
  You may transfer credits (up to 70%) into a programme at your chosen university. You may take the remaining credits in MAHSA University. (Subject to approval).



THE POWER OF STACKING

Why Choose Unbundled?

- Learn What Matters Now:

Focus only on the skills you need—no unnecessary subjects.

- Seamless Progression:

Already completed modules can count towards a future degree.

- Recognised Achievement:

Upon completion, you receive a secure digital badge and a Malaysian Micro-Credential Statement (MMS), which serves as a transparent record of your credits and achievements.



CHOOSING THE RIGHT MICRO-CREDENTIALS FOR YOU

Select or customise micro-credentials that match your learning goals and help you build the skills needed for your chosen career path.

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PRIDE LEAP:
STAND-ALONE MICRO-CREDENTIALS (SAMC)

PRIDE LEAP, a Stand-Alone Micro-Credentials (SAMC) are independent short courses designed specifically to build targeted, job-ready skills.

Think of them as “skills-first” learning—created to help you quickly gain competencies that are in demand across industries, especially in emerging areas and new technologies.

Where do they come from?
SAMCs can be developed by various providers, including:

- University-led: Designed by institutions like MAHSA to meet specific professional needs.

- Industry-led: Created by government agencies (like HRD Corp or MDEC) and private companies to reskill the workforce for the 4th Industrial Revolution.



WHAT IS QUALITY VERIFIED – SAMC (QV-SAMC)?

You might see some courses labelled as
Quality Verified Stand-Alone Micro-Credentials (QV-SAMC).

This means the course has undergone a voluntary
Quality Verification process by the Malaysian Qualifications
Agency (MQA) or an approved centre.

“Quality Verified” label,
giving you added confidence in its value and recognition.



KEY FEATURES OF A QV-SAMC

- High Educational Standards

Verified by MQA or approved centre with MQF level and credit value for future degree.

- Stackable toward Degrees

Can be accumulated and transferred (up to 70%) into a diploma or degree (subject to approval).

  - QV-SAMC (up to 70%) vs SAMC (up to 30%)

- Flexible Pathways

They allow you to learn just-in-time, just-enough, and just-for-me, letting you build a personalized portfolio of skills at your own pace.



WHY SHOULD YOU TAKE A SAMC?

- Fast Skill Acquisition

Ideal for quickly learning in-demand skills
(e.g., AI, cybersecurity, digital health)

- Career Boost

Showcase your skills immediately with a secure digital badge and a Malaysian Micro-Credential Statement (MMS) that you can immediately share on your resume or social media to show employers exactly what you can do.

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PRIDE LEAD

PRIDE LEAD is the core component of PRIDE Skills that focuses on helping you develop the essential abilities needed to succeed in your studies, career, and life. It is designed to build a strong foundation of leadership, resilience, and real-world thinking that every leaner needs.

Through PRIDE LEAD, you will learn how to better understand yourself,
work effectively with others, and lead with confidence in different situations.

What is PRIDE LEAD?

- PRIDE LEAD is a structured learning journey that helps learners strengthen four key areas:
    - Leadership
      Building confidence, emotional intelligence, and the ability to guide and inspire others
    - Entrepreneurship
      Learning how to think creatively, solve problems, and identify opportunities
    - Advancement of Technology
      Understanding how technology shapes industries and future careers
    - Dedication to Sustainability & Society
      Developing ethical thinking and contributing positively to communities

These elements help leaners grow both personally and professionally,
preparing them for real-world challenges.



CHOOSING THE RIGHT PRIDE MODULE FOR YOU

Select the modules that match your learning goals and help you build the skills needed for your chosen career path:

- Artificial Intelligence Bootcamp
- Blockchain Smart Contracts And Decentralised Technologies
- Data Science & Big Data Analytics
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Ethical Leadership And Social Responsibility
- Mastering ESG [Environmental, Social & Governance]
- Fundamental Of Operations
- The Internet Of Things
- Leadership With Virtue



SECTION B: FLEXIBLE LEARNING

ASSESSMENT THAT FITS YOU

Both Unbundled Micro-Credentials, Stand-Alone Micro-Credentials (SAMC) (PRIDE LEAP) and PRIDE LEAD are designed to be flexible, practical, and learner-friendly—so you can learn in a way that suits your schedule and goals.

“Delivery and assessment methods may vary depending on the micro-credential offered, its learning outcomes, and the practical skills required.”

FLEXIBLE WAYS TO LEARN

Micro-credentials can be delivered through:

- Online learning (live or self-paced)
- Face-to-face classes
- Blended or hybrid learning

Learning may include:

- Lectures, workshops, and seminars
- Self-directed study
- Group discussions and collaborative activities
- Practical, immersive learning experiences

This gives you the freedom to learn anytime, anywhere, while balancing your work, studies, or personal commitments.



PRACTICAL & MEANINGFUL ASSESSMENT

Assessments are designed to help you demonstrate real skills and knowledge, not just memorise content.

You may be assessed through:

- Quizzes and written tests
- Projects and portfolios
- Presentations or oral assessments
- Simulations and practical tasks
- Case studies and peer activities

These assessments are aligned with the course learning outcomes, so every task supports your growth and progress.



QUALITY YOU CAN TRUST

To ensure your learning is recognised and respected:

- Assessments follow clear standards and rubrics
- Your work is verified for authenticity
- Learning outcomes are industry-relevant and outcome-based
- You have access to fair review and appeal processes

For Unbundled MCs, the learning and assessment are equivalent to the original accredited university course. For SAMCs, quality verification ensures your skills remain valuable and transferable.



LEARN WITH CONFIDENCE

No matter which pathway you choose, micro-credentials give you:

- Flexible access to quality education
- Practical learning that matters
- Recognised achievements you can build on

Your learning is designed to fit your life—
while helping you move closer to your goals.



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SECTION C: DIGITAL BADGING

& MALAYSIAN MICRO-CREDENTIAL STATEMENT

WHAT IS A DIGITAL BADGE?

A digital badge is a secure, online certificate that proves you have successfully completed a micro-credential.

Unlike traditional certificates, it is:

- Tamper-proof and digitally stored.
- Easy to share and verify.
- Recognised by both universities and employers.



WHY ARE DIGITAL BADGES USEFUL?

- Rich with Information

Every badge contains "meta-data" that includes the course title, your name, the date it was issued, and a clear list of the learning outcomes or skills you mastered.

- High Security

Protected using advanced technology, ensuring your achievement is authentic and trusted.

- Easy to Share

You can instantly post your badges to social media platforms like LinkedIn, embed them in your digital resume, or share them on personal blogs.

- Instant Verification

Employers can verify your badge in real time—
no paperwork needed.



WHAT IS THE MALAYSIAN MICRO-CREDENTIAL STATEMENT (MMS)?

Alongside your badge, you will receive a Malaysian Micro-Credential Statement (MMS). Think of it as your official academic record for micro-credentials.

Why is the MMS Important?

- Supports Credit Transfer
  Provides the official documentation needed to stack your micro-credentials towards a diploma or degree

- Recognised Proof
  Ensures your learning is formally recognised by institutions and supports future progression

Your Learning, Verified

Together, your digital badge and MMS give you both:

- A shareable proof of skills, and

- A formal academic record for progression

Helping you showcase your achievements and build towards bigger qualifications with confidence.



SECTION D: STACK YOUR CREDENTIALS

TOWARD A FULL DEGREE

Stacking is the systematic accumulation of micro-credentials (Unbundled MCs and QV-SAMCs) to work towards a full academic qualification.

This flexible approach allows you to turn your bite-sized learning achievements into a formal qualification like a Diploma, Bachelor or even Master's Degree!

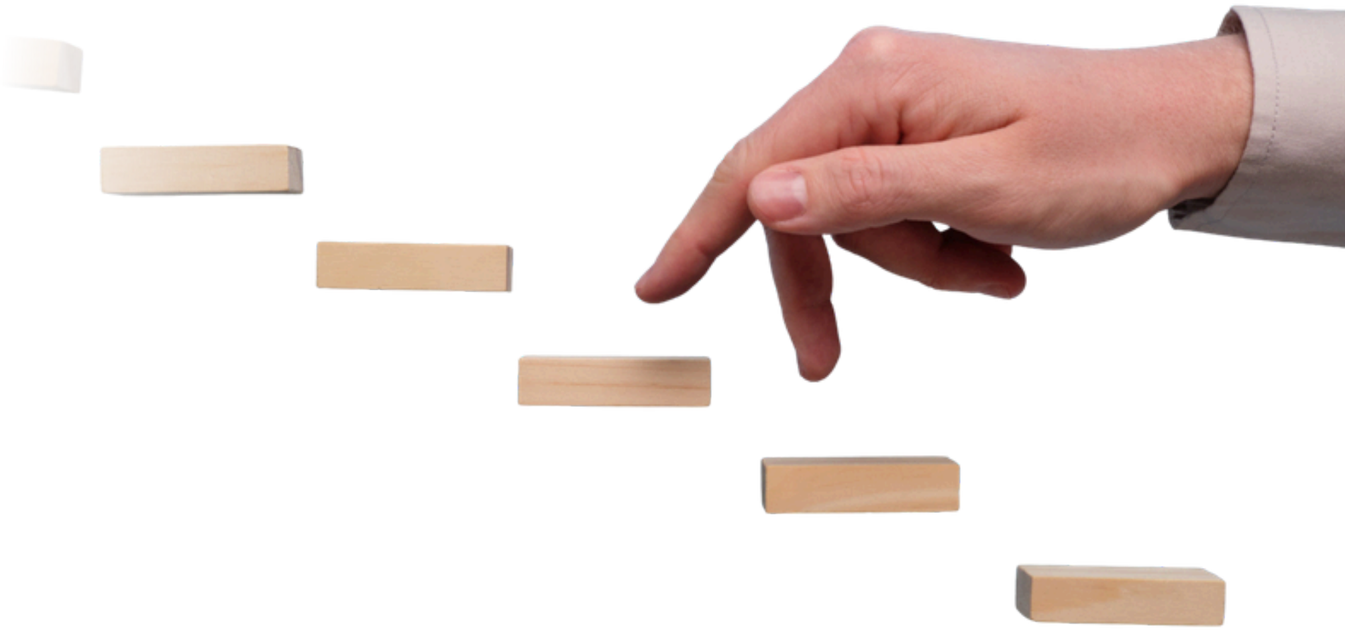
STEP 1:
CHOOSE YOUR STACKING PATHWAY

The number of credits you can transfer depends on where your micro-credentials came from:

- The 100% Pathway (MAHSA University): If you complete all your unbundled micro-credentials at MAHSA University for a specific program, you can stack them to cover 100% of the degree requirements.

- The 70% Pathway (Multiple Institutions): If you have unbundled micro-credentials from different universities, you can stack them for credit transfer up to a maximum of 70% of your target program.

- The QV-SAMC (PRIDE LEAP) Pathway: Quality Verified Stand-Alone Micro-credentials can also be recognized for up to 70% of a formal degree's credits.



STEP 2:
CONSULTATION AND MAPPING

When you're ready to progress:

- Consult the Centre for Micro-Credentials or your Faculty.
- Your completed courses will be mapped against the degree programme.
- A minimum of 80% content similarity is required for credit transfer.

STEP 3:
VERIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT

- Our university must verify your identity and the authenticity of your Malaysian Micro-Credential Statement (MMS).
- In some cases—especially if your previous learning was not proctored — you may be asked to complete a short assessment (if required) to confirm your skills.



STEP 4:
FORMAL RECOGNITION

What’s next:

- Your application goes through Faculty and University approval processes.
- Once approved, your credits are officially recorded in your academic transcript.
- You are now on your way to completing your degree qualification.

