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Mr. Tor Michal Kinn
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Dear Tor Michal,

On behalf of the Faculty of Arts and Education at Deakin University, I am pleased to respond to your request regarding our Faculty's preference for the ECTS or ECVET as Noroff's official credit system for the vocational programs it offers that align with Deakin bachelor degree programs.

From Deakin's perspective, even though the Noroff Fagskole two year programs are considered to be vocational programs in Norway, they meet our perceptions of academic rigor, quality and standards to the extent that we are able to grant significant **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)** into various Deakin 3-year bachelor degree programs. It has been our Faculty's experience, since 2005 when we first established a CPL partnership with your institution, that Noroff students coming into the 2nd or 3rd year of our degree programs tend to be some of our better performing students.

As you are aware, in most cases we grant 16 credit points (i.e. two years) of CPL to Noroff two-year vocational program graduates into various Deakin 24 credit bachelor degree programs, enabling these students to enter directly into the 3rd and final year of the respective Deakin degree program.

Most (but not all) Deakin units (subjects) are worth 1 credit point. A typical full-time study load for students is 4 credit points per trimester x 2 trimesters per year = 8 credit points per year x three years = 24 credit points. One Deakin credit point is equal to 7.5 ECTS, meaning Deakin students complete the equivalent of 60 ECTS per year and 180 ECTS in total to complete their bachelor degree studies.

Given Deakin's credit point system and its alignment to the ECTS, from our Faculty's perspective it would be preferable if Noroff used only the ECTS on their official transcripts.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at one of the contact numbers below should you wish to discuss this matter further or require additional information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Knopp", enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

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