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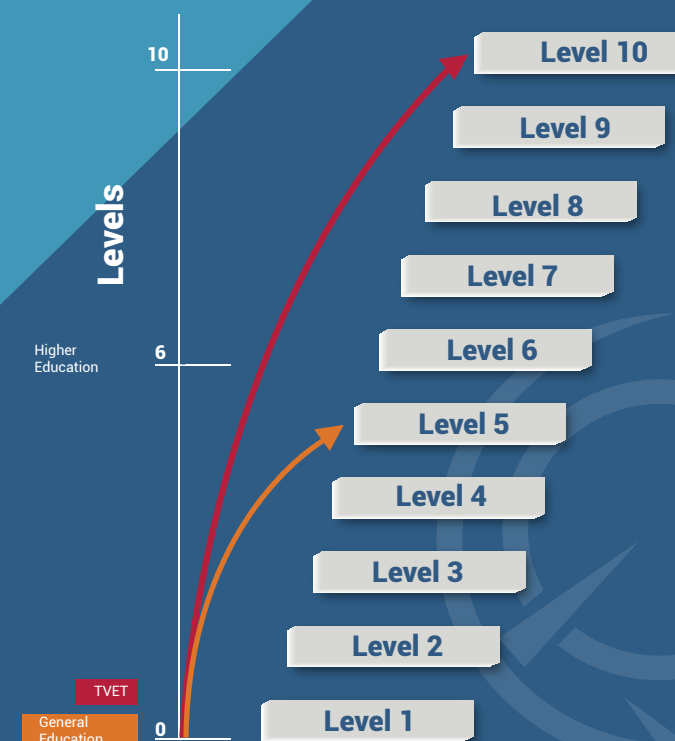
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NATIONAL CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

Introduction

The National Credit and Qualifications Framework (NCQF) is an integrated system for the classification of qualifications, registration, and publication of credit-based quality-assured qualifications and part-qualifications. The system comprises three Sub-Frameworks namely: General Education (GE), Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Higher Education (HE).

The NCQF has ten (10) levels and twelve (12) qualification types. The lowest level on the framework is the Certificate I while the highest is Doctoral Degree.

The objectives of the NCQF are:

- Registration of quality assured qualifications.
- Creation of a single integrated national framework for learning achievements.
- Facilitate access to, and mobility and progression within, education, training, and career paths.
- Ensure international comparability of Botswana's qualifications.
- Alignment of qualifications with industry needs.

	SUB-FRAMEWORKS			
level	General Education	TVET	High Education	Minimum Credit Totals
10		Doctoral Degree	Doctoral Degree	360
9		Master's Degree	Master's Degree	240
8		Bachelor's Degree Honors	Bachelor's Degree Honors	120
		Post-Graduate Diploma	Post-Graduate Diploma	120
		Post-Graduate Certificate	Post-Graduate Certificate	60
7		Bachelor's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	360
6		Diploma	Diploma	240
5	Certificate V	Certificate V		120
4	Certificate IV	Certificate IV		60
3	Certificate III	Certificate III		40
2	Certificate II	Certificate II		40
1	Certificate I	Certificate I		40

The NCQF is a tool established to provide for:

- A single integrated national framework for learning achievements from early childhood to tertiary education and training;
- Access, mobility and progression within education, training and career pathways;
- Enhancement of quality of education and training;
- Comparability and determination of equivalency of qualifications;
- Alignment of qualifications with industry needs;
- Promotion of lifelong learning through recognition of all forms of learning achievements including workplace learning
- Promotional regional and international recognition of local qualifications;
- Promotion of portability of local qualifications;
- Recognition of international quality assured qualifications; and
- Registration of quality assured qualifications.

The NCQF tool will:

- Make local qualifications more portable;
- Assist in comparing qualifications and determining their equivalency;
- Help in evaluating local and foreign qualifications;
- Ensure that there is a common credit point system for qualifications;
- Enable referencing to other regional and international frameworks;
- Facilitate and guide articulation processes;
- Enable access and progression pathways
- Guide education and training providers, awarding bodies, learners, employers, and other stakeholders;
- Promote lifelong learning.

