

GLOBAL DIRECTORY OF NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORKS

- A national qualification framework (NQF) is a systematic ladder of qualifications in a country's education system.
- NQFs vary considerably as some only include information about a country's higher education system while others include the whole range of the educational system.
- A qualification framework (QF) is also called a transparency tool because it assists evaluators in understanding where a certain qualification is placed in the country's educational system, such as the level of the qualification or access granted to further education or employment. QFs also help explain how the qualifications included relate to one another.
- QFs are based on learning outcomes and presume that the qualifications included in the framework are recognized or quality assured.
- In addition to a qualification framework, there can be subnational and regional frameworks that can be cross-referenced to ensure higher transparency in a region.
- When comparing qualifications from different countries, the individual NQFs and the regional framework can help evaluators establish whether the qualifications are comparable.

When comparing NQFs of two different countries, consider the following:

- If two qualifications are placed on a different level, it can depend on the difference in the total number of levels in each QF or that the two qualifications are simply not on the same level.
- The use of overarching frameworks can be beneficial; if the qualifications compared are on the same level in the overarching framework, their level could be considered comparable.
- Qualifications with different profiles (e.g. vocational versus academic) can be placed on the same level. You should therefore check the profile/function of the qualification to be recognized and find the qualification with a comparable profile/function in your system.
- When the qualification to be recognized is outside the higher education system you should find the comparable qualification in your system.
- If the two qualifications being compared are placed on a different level in the overarching framework, use other sources which give information about the qualification components, such as a diploma supplement, guiding legislation, or other informational resources about the countries' educational systems to establish their status and standing in their system, which level the qualifications give access to, and their learning outcomes.

NQFs can include both formal and non-formal qualifications; it is also important to consider that the words academic, professional, technical, and vocational have disparate definitions in different frameworks and may have different avenues to accessing employment or additional education in their country of origin.

COUNTRY	ACADEMIC	VOCATIONAL	ADOPTION DATE (if known)	Referenced to OVERARCHING or REGIONAL FRAMEWORK	URLs
AFGHANISTAN	Afghanistan National Qualifications Framework (ANQF); <i>pending was under development as of 2017</i>				
ALBANIA	KORNIZA SHQIPTARE E KUALIFIKIMEVE (Albanian Qualifications Framework)		2010	Not yet referenced to the EQF or QF-EHEA	http://qsha.gov.al/infos/njesim_diplome/ligj_23-2018_10052018.pdf

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ALGERIA	<i>No QF as of 2021</i>				
ANDORRA	Andorran Framework of Higher Education Qualifications (MATES) <i>Only HE</i>		2010		https://www.ensenyamentsuperior.ad/suport-a-l-ensenyament-superior/andorra-higher-education-system
ANGOLA	<i>In development 2019-2022</i>			African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)	https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2020-10/session_2_5th_plw_acqf_snq_angola_2020_en_vf.pdf https://www.nepad.org/skillsportalfor youth/publication/african-continental-qualifications-framework-acqf-mapping-study https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	<i>No comprehensive QF as of 2022</i>	Caribbean Vocational Qualifications (CVQ)		CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF)	https://www.oitcinterfor.org/sites/default/files/edit/docref/rct/39/cvq.pdf https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/m/720E67F5F1CC3E1DC125791A0038E688_Transnational%20qualifications%20frameworks.pdf
ARGENTINA	<i>No QF as of 2021</i>	https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Dynamic+TVET+Country+Profiles/country=ARG			
ARMENIA	Armenian National Qualifications Framework (ANQF)		March 2011	Not referenced to EQF or QF-EHEA	http://armenqa.am/ngfa/ http://armenqa.am/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/NQFA-Chart_Eng.pdf https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/Armenia.pdf

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AUSTRALIA	Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) <i>all qualifications included</i>	https://unevoc.unesco.org/wtdb/worldtvtdatabase_aus_en.pdf	1995	AQF were compared to the EQF	https://www.aqf.edu.au/
AUSTRIA	Nationale Qualifikationsrahmen NQR		15 March 2016	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://www.qualifikationsregister.at/en/
AZERBAIJAN	The Azerbaijan Qualification Framework (AzQF)		18 July 2018	Compatible with EQF	http://e-qanun.az/framework/39622 https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/Azerbaijan.pdf
BAHAMAS	<i>No comprehensive QF as of 2022</i>	Caribbean Vocational Qualifications (CVQ)		CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF)	https://caricom.org/wp-content/uploads/Final-CQF-for-Member-States.pdf
BAHRAIN	Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA) National Qualifications Framework (NQF)	https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Dynamic+TVET+Country+Profiles/country=BHR	2014	Arab Qualifications Framework (AQF)	https://www.bqa.gov.bh/En/QaaetUnits/NQFU/Documents/Credit%20Framework.pdf
BANGLADESH	Bangladesh National Qualifications Framework (BNQF)		2021		https://web.archive.org/web/20210817035728/https://www.iiuc.ac.bd/assets/files/BNQF-Bangladesh-2021.pdf

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BARBADOS	Barbados National Qualifications and Credit Framework (BQCF) <i>in progress as of 2022</i>	Caribbean Vocational Qualifications (CVQ)		CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF)	http://technicalcouncil.com/files/barbadose_qf.pdf https://barbadostoday.bb/2022/04/14/new-qualifications-framework-to-bring-greater-access-to-learning/
BELARUS	National Qualifications Framework of Higher Education of the Republic of Belarus (only HE) (Национальная рамка квалификаций высшего образования Республики Беларусь)		30 Dec 2019	Not yet referenced to QF-EHEA	https://web.archive.org/web/20220728142632/https://edustandart.by/vse-novosti/utverzhenie-dokumentov/104-natsionalnaya-ramka-kvalifikatsij-vysshego-obrazovaniya-respubliki-belarus
BELGIUM (Flemish Speaking)	The Flemish Qualifications Framework (De Vlaamse kwalificatiestructuur)		30 April 2009	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	http://vlaamsekwalficatiestructuur.be/en/
BELGIUM (French Speaking)	Cadre francophone des certifications, CFC		February 2015	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://cfc.cfwb.be/
BELIZE	<i>No individual NQF as of 2022</i> ; CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF)	Caribbean Vocational Qualifications (CVQ)	CQF approved in 2017	CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF)	https://caricom.org/wp-content/uploads/Final-CQF-for-Member-States.pdf https://www.oitcenterfor.org/sites/default/files/CVQ_CARICOM_VC19_08.pdf
BENIN	<i>No QF as of 2022, but according to UNESCO's Capacity Development for Education (CapED) Programme, preliminary work began in 2018</i>			Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	https://en.unesco.org/news/strengthening-technical-and-vocational-education-and-training-benin

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BHUTAN	Bhutan Accreditation Council (BAC) Bhutan Qualifications Frameworks (BQF)	Bhutan Vocational Qualifications Framework (BVQF-2003) https://www.molhr.gov.bt/molhr/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Bhutan-Vocational-Qualifications-Framework-2003.pdf	2012 for academic	Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN)	http://www.dahe.gov.bt/images/pdf/Bhutan%20Qualifications%20Framework%20Inside%20Content.pdf
BOLIVIA	<i>No NQF as of 2022</i>				https://www.minedu.gob.bo/files/documentos-normativos/leyes/LEY_070_AVELINO_SINANI_ELIZARDO_PEREZ.pdf
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Baseline Qualifications Framework (BQF)		2011, at an early stage of implementation as of 2020	To be referenced to QF-EHEA and EQF	http://archive.erisee.org/downloads/library_bih/BiH%20QF%20implement%202007_06_04_final_eng.pdf
BOTSWANA	Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) National Credit and Qualifications Framework (NCQF)		BQA Act No 24/2013 Statutory Instrument No 133/2016	South Africa Development Community (SADC)	https://www.bqa.org.bw/framework/ https://online.bqa.org.bw/docs/pub/ea564b741ce94f46d6b586ac88616bf4/default/?& https://online.bqa.org.bw/docs/pub/56fa0793fce4c930c20481f7c11dbc71/default/?path=%2F1.+Act+%26+Regulations%2F https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/12-nqfs-in-africa-key-features-2022/@@display-file/file/12%20NQFs_key%20features_Working%20Doc_15Feb2022.pdf
BRAZIL	<i>No formal NQF as of 2022</i> 1996 <i>Lei de Diretrizes e Bases (LDB) da Educacao</i> , No. 9.394 (Law on National Education Guidelines and Bases)				http://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/leis/l9394.htm
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	Brunei Darussalam Qualifications Framework (BDQF)		Brunei Darussalam National Accreditation Council Order 2011 (BDNAC Order 2011)	ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRf)	https://bdnac.moe.gov.bn/?page_id=7006 https://bdnac.moe.gov.bn/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Brunei-Darussalam-Qualification-Framework-November-2014.pdf

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BULGARIA	Bulgarian Qualifications Framework (BQF)		2 February 2012	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://www.mon.bg/bg/100548 http://www.fairguidance-project.eu/country_report_bulgaria_en.pdf
BURKINA FASO	<i>No QF (according to 2021 ACQF documentation Burkina Faso is in very preliminary thinking process for NQF)</i>			African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
BURUNDI	<i>NQF adopted in 2020, however no public representation of the framework is available at time of posting</i>		27 February 2020	African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) East African Qualifications Framework for Higher Education (EAQFHE)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/ https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000379789/PDF/379789fre.pdf.multi Educational Ladder p.73
CABO VERDE	Quadro Nacional de Qualificações (QNQ)		Decree Law No 65/2010 Decree Law No 4/2018 Decree Law No 20/2021 Ordinance No 9/2020 Ordinance No 10/2020	African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/12-nqfs-in-africa-key-features-2022/@@display-file/file/12%20NQFs_key%20features_Working%20Doc_15Feb2022.pdf https://snq.cv/quadro-nacional-de-qualificacoes/ http://ieftp.cv/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/bo_20-02-2020_20-CNQ-e-QNQ.pdf
CAMBODIA	<i>No QF as of 2021</i>			ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRf)	https://asean.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/ED-02-ASEAN-Qualifications-Reference-Framework-January-2016.pdf https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/m/720E67F5F1CC3E1DC125791A0038E688_Transnational%20qualifications%20frameworks.pdf
CAMEROON	<i>In progress; resumed work on NQF in 2021</i>			African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)	https://www.nepad.org/file-download/download/public/128049 https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/

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CANADA	Canadian Degree Qualifications Framework (<i>only HE</i>) ; Provincial-level QFs available		2007	No; individual provincial frameworks may exist within Canada (i.e. Alberta)	https://www.cicic.ca/1287/provincial_and_territorial_qualifications_frameworks.canada
CAYMAN ISLANDS	Cayman Islands' National Qualification Framework (CINQF)				https://www.gov.ky/publication-detail/3000000107049-national-education-data-report-2019 http://education.gov.ky/portal/pls/portal/docs/1/11892084.PDF
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>			African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)	
CHAD	<i>No QF as of 2021; NQF development to be started</i>			African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
CHILE	NQF for Higher Education (Marco nacional de cualificaciones para la educación superior)/INACAP qualifications framework (MIC)	MCTP (Marco de cualificaciones técnico-profesional) TVET-only / Marco de Cualificaciones para la Formación y Certificación Laboral (Qualifications framework for industrial training and certification)	NQF for Higher Education 2016, MCTP 2016, Qualifications Framework for Industrial Training 2014, INACAP 2014	The regional framework Marco de cualificaciones Alianza del Pacífico (MCAP) is under progress, NQFs of the region to be referenced to that	https://acreditaci.cl/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/MNC.pdf
CHINA	<i>No comprehensive QF as of 2021</i>	National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) introduced in 1993			https://unevoc.unesco.org/wtdb/worldtvtdatabase_chn_en.pdf

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COLOMBIA	Marco Nacional de Cualificaciones (MNC) <i>in progress</i>				http://aprende.colombiaaprende.edu.co/es/mnc http://aprende.colombiaaprende.edu.co/es/mnc/estructura
COMOROS	<i>No QF as of 2021 (according to 2021 ACQF documentation the Union of Comoros is in very preliminary thinking process for NQF)</i>			South Africa Development Community (SADC) and African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
COSTA RICA	<i>No NQF as of 2022; NQF Strategic Plan 2020-2025</i>	El Marco Nacional de Cualificaciones de Educación y Formación Técnica Profesional de Costa Rica (MNC-EFTP-CR)		Central American Higher Education Qualifications Framework (MCECSCA for its acronym in Spanish)	http://www.cualificaciones.cr/ http://www.detce.mep.go.cr/sites/all/files/detce_mep_go_cr/adjuntos/triptico_mnc.pdf
COTE D'IVOIRE	<i>No QF as of 2021 (according to 2021 ACQF documentation the Cote d'Ivoire's NQF is in development and consultation)</i>			African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
CROATIA	The Croatian Qualifications Framework (CROQF)		2013	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	http://www.kvalifikacije.hr/sites/default/files/documents-publications/2017-09/The%20CROQF%20Act.pdf
CUBA	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>				http://redes.colombiaaprende.edu.co/ntg/men/micrositio_convalidaciones/Guias_mineduacion/MINEDU-cuba/assets/files/Guide_to_the_Educational_System_of_Cuba.pdf http://redes.colombiaaprende.edu.co/ntg/men/micrositio_convalidaciones/Guias_mineduacion/MINEDU-cuba/assets/files/Guide_to_the_Educational_System_of_Cuba.pdf

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CYPRUS	The Cyprus Qualifications Framework (CyQF)	SVQ (System of Vocational Qualifications)	2012	Yes	http://www.cyqf.gov.cy/index.php/en/diagram
CZECH REPUBLIC	National Register of Qualifications (Národní soustavy kvalifikací) NSK		2011	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://europa.eu/europass/system/files/2020-06/Czech%20Republic%20Referencing%20Report%20.pdf
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (DRC)	<i>No QF as of 2021 (according to 2021 ACQF documentation the Democratic Republic of the Congo-DRC is in very preliminary thinking process for NQF)</i>			African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
DENMARK	Danish Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning, Danish Qualifications Framework for Higher Education		2013	Referenced to EQF, the Danish Qualifications Framework for Higher Education to the QF-EHEA	https://ufm.dk/en/education/recognition-and-transparency/transparency-tools/qualifications-frameworks/about-the-qualifications-framework
DJIBOUTI	<i>No QF as of 2022 ; however, part of Djibouti Declaration in 2017 that adopted planning and development for an IGAD RQF</i>			Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Regional Qualifications Framework, but no publicly shared RQF as of 2022	https://web.archive.org/web/20211228224609/https://igad.int/attachments/article/2593/IGAD%20Regional%20Education%20Policy%20Framework%202020.pdf
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Marco Nacional de Cualificaciones de la República Dominicana (MNC RD)		Decree 173-16 in 2016		https://www.oitcinterfor.org/sites/default/files/file_publicacion/PresentacionMNCRep_dominicana.pdf https://www.oitcinterfor.org/node/6641 https://ieet.org.do/proyectos-de-politicas-publicas/marco-nacional-de-cualificaciones/

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ECUADOR	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>	National Catalog of Qualifications proposed in 2015 and adopted in 2016			Proposal of National Catalog of Qualifications page 8 https://www.oitcinterfor.org/node/7948 Approval of National Catalog of Qualifications https://www.oitcinterfor.org/node/7950
EGYPT	Egyptian National Qualifications Framework (Eg-NQF) <i>In progress as of 2022, legal act approved</i>		Embedded in Amendment of Law 82 of 2006; Revised 2021 amendment adopted	African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) and Arab Network for Quality Assurance (ANQAHE), also seeks potential cooperation with EQF	https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/12-nqfs-in-africa-key-features-2022/@display-file/file/12%20NQFs_key%20features_Working%20Doc_15Feb2022.pdf https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2020-10/session_4_5th_plw_nqf_egypt_je_081020.pdf https://www.nepad.org/file-download/download/public/126934 https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
EL SALVADOR	<i>No NQF as of 2022; currently in development</i>			CINTERFOR (Latin America) Central American Higher Education Qualifications Framework (MCECSCA for its acronym in Spanish)	https://www.oitcinterfor.org/sites/default/files/file_publicacion/Analytical%20inventory%20MNC.pdf
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>				
ERITREA	<i>Ten-level NQF drafted in 2008; but not currently functional</i>	TVET qualification framework drafted in 1996, but is not in place			https://eritreahub.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Eritrea-Education-Report-2017.pdf https://www.globalpartnership.org/sites/default/files/2018-01-eritrea-education-sector-plan.pdf
ESTONIA	EKR - Eesti kvalifikatsiooniraamistik (EstQF – Estonian Qualifications Framework)		2008	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://www.kutsekoda.ee/en/qualifications-framework/

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ESWATINI, KINGDOM OF	Eswatini Qualifications Framework (ESQF)		2020	African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)	http://www.shec.org.sz/Eswatini%20Qualifications%20Framework%202020%20SA%20DC.pdf https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
ETHIOPIA	<i>In progress as of 2021; legal act approved</i> (Ethiopian National Qualifications Framework, ENQF) under The Higher Education Strategy Center (HESC)			African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
FIJI	Fiji National Qualifications Framework (FQF)		2011	Australian Pacific Training Coalition (APTC)	https://www.fhec.org.fj/fiji-qualifications-framework/#:~:text=The%20Fiji%20National%20Qualifications%20Framework,other%20within%20the%20national%20system https://www.fhec.org.fj/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2-2-M-FQF-web-03Feb20.pdf
FINLAND	Finlands nationella referensram för examina och övriga samlade kompetenser (FINQF)		2008	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://www.opf.fi/sv/utbildning-och-examina/referensramar-kvalifikationerna
FRANCE	French National Qualifications Framework		1969, new structure adopted 2018	Referenced to EQF	<u>old structure:</u> https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F199 <u>updated Referencing Report:</u> https://europa.eu/europass/en/reports-referencing-national-qualifications-frameworks-egf
GABON	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>				

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GAMBIA, THE	Gambia National Qualifications Framework (GNQF)	Previously The Gambia had a partial framework (Gambia Skills and Qualifications Framework-GSQF) enacted in 2007 that covered only technical and vocational qualifications	Started in 2015, published in 2021 (comprehensive of all levels and pathways)	African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	https://naqaa.gm/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/FINAL_DRAFT_GNQF_DOCUMENT.pdf https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/12-nqfs-in-africa-key-features-2022/@@display-file/file/12%20NQFs_key%20features_Working%20Doc_15Feb2022.pdf
GEORGIA	Georgian National Qualifications Framework		2010	Not yet referenced to QF-EHEA, seeks comparison to the EQF	https://eqe.ge/en/page/parent/787/erovnuli-kvalifikatsiebis-charcho
GERMANY	Der Deutsche Qualifikationsrahmen für lebenslanges Lernen (DQR)/ Qualifikationsrahmen für Deutsche Hochschulabschlüsse (HE)		2005 QF-HE and 1 May 2013 DQR	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	QF-HE http://www.kmk.org/fileadmin/veroeffentlichungen_beschluesse/2005/2005_04_21-Qualifikationsrahmen-HS-Abschluesse.pdf DQR https://www.dqr.de/
GHANA	<i>As of 2020; legal act approved, proposed harmonized credit system for academic, professional and technical qualifications; proposed overarching NQF map available</i>	National Technical and Vocational Education and Training Qualifications Framework (Law LI 2195, September 2012)		African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	https://cotvet.gov.gh/qualification-framework/ https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2020-10/session_3_ghana_nqf_5th_plw_en.pdf https://uil.unesco.org/fileadmin/keydocuments/LifelongLearning/en/Ghana.pdf https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
GREECE	The Hellenic Qualifications Framework		2013	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://www.eoppep.gr/index.php/en/qualifications-certification-en
GUATEMALA	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>			Central American Higher Education Qualifications Framework (MCECSCA for its acronym in Spanish)	

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GUINEA	<i>No QF as of 2021</i> (according to 2021 ACQF documentation Guinea is in a very preliminary thinking process for NQF)			African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
GUINEA-BISSAU	<i>No QF as of 2021</i> (according to 2021 ACQF documentation Guinea-Bissau is in a very preliminary thinking process for NQF)			African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
GUYANA	National Qualifications and Credit Frameworks		2017	CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF)	Page 32 https://drive.google.com/file/d/17iC_VIPO8-w9KZFpQMSIcEvaJ1J3gSH7/view https://www.nac.gov.gy/resources/
HAITI	<i>No QF as of 2022</i> <i>(2018 Request for proposal for consultant to develop NQF in line with 2016 CARICOM CQF)</i>			CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF)	
HONDURAS	Marco Nacional de Cualificaciones para la Educación y Formación Técnica Profesional de Honduras (MNC - EFTPH)			CENTIFOR Central American Higher Education Qualifications Framework (MCECSCA for its acronym in Spanish)	Page 18 https://www.oitcenterfor.org/sites/default/files/file_publicacion/Documento-MNC-EFTPH.pdf
HONG KONG (SAR)	Hong Kong Qualifications Framework		Enacted by the Legislative Council in 2007, the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance (AAVQO)		https://www.hkqf.gov.hk/en/KeyFeatures/levels/index.html https://www.hkqr.gov.hk/HKQRPRD/web/hkqr-en/search/qr-search/ https://www.hkqf.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content_13/The%20revised%20GLD%20and%20the%20Explanatory%20Notes_Eng_April_2018.pdf

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HUNGARY	Hungarian Qualifications Framework (HuQF)		6 July 2012	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://www.hungarianqualification.eu/qualification_frameworks/huqf
ICELAND	Icelandic Qualification Framework (ISQF)		October 2016	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	http://english.enicnarc.is/isqf.html
INDIA	<i>No comprehensive QF as of 2022, but draft National Higher Education Qualifications Framework has been produced</i>	National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF), approved by the Cabinet Committee on Skill Development in December of 2013; superseded the NVEQF released by Ministry of Human Resources and Development			https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/2142241_NHEQF-Draft.pdf https://www.nqr.gov.in/sites/default/files/NSQF%20Gazette%20Notification.pdf
INDONESIA	Indonesian Qualification Framework (IQF) Kerangka Kualifikasi Nasional Indonesia (KKNI)		(Kerangka Kualifikasi Nasional Indonesia) Presidential Decree No. 8/2012 and Law 12/2012	ASEAN	http://kkni.ristekdikti.go.id/asset/pdf/iqf_booklet_(english).pdf
IRAN	<i>No comprehensive QF as of 2022</i>	Act of Comprehensive System of Technical, Professional and Vocational Education and Training adopted in 2019 (includes professional bachelor, master and doctoral degrees)			https://www.president.ir/EN/108023 https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Dynamic+TVET+Country+Profiles/country=IRN
IRAQ	<i>No comprehensive QF as of 2022</i>	Iraqi Technical-Vocational Qualifications Framework (TVQF) completed July 2018, but will not come into effect until the national Law on National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) is passed by Parliament			https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqblT0f2kS0

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IRELAND	Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)		2003	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://www.qqi.ie/what-we-do/the-qualifications-system/national-framework-of-qualifications
ISRAEL	<i>In progress as of 2021</i> , Israeli National Framework of Qualifications		Resolution no. 147 of June 28, 2015		https://edu.gov.il/sites/international-relations/nfq/Pages/aboutnqf.aspx https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2021-05/israel.pdf
ITALY	Italian Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area (QTI)-only HE, NQF in progress as of 2021		2010	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA, Italian qualifications directly referenced to the 8 levels of EQF	http://www.quadrodeititoli.it/index.aspx?IDL=2
JAMAICA	National Qualifications Framework of Jamaica (NQFJ)		2017	CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF) Transnational Qualifications Framework of the Virtual University for Small States of the Commonwealth (TQF VUSSC)	https://jtec.gov.jm/the-national-qualifications-framework/ https://jtec.gov.jm/mitigation/New%20NQFJ%20Presentation.pdf
JAPAN	<i>No QF as of 2021</i>				
JORDAN	Jordan National Qualifications Framework (JNQF)		Jordan National Qualifications Framework Law No. (9) for 2019	Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE) Arab Qualifications Framework (AQF)	http://jnqf.heac.org.jo/?v=5.20.10.28.2 http://jnqf.heac.org.jo/?v=5.20.10.28.2&url=en/Documents?MenuID:10077,DocumentID:2

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KAZAKHSTAN	Kazakhstan National Qualifications Framework/Kazakhstan National Qualifications Framework for the Higher Education		16 March 2016	NQF for the Higher Education referenced to QF-EHEA/ Kazakhstan National Qualifications Framework levels correspond to EQF, no referencing	https://enic-kazakhstan.kz/en/analytical_materials/nacionalnaya-ramka-kvalifikaciy
KENYA	Kenya National Qualifications Framework		Kenya National Qualifications Act of 2014 and KNQF Regulations, 2018	ACQF East African Qualifications Framework for Higher Education (EAQFHE)	http://www.knqa.go.ke https://www.knqa.go.ke/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/KNQF-Regulations-2018.pdf https://www.knqa.go.ke/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/KNQF-Handbook-2018.pdf https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/12-nqfs-in-africa-key-features-2022/@@display-file/file/12%20NQFs_key%20features_Working%20Doc_15Feb2022.pdf
KOSOVO	Kosovo Qualifications Framework		2008	Referenced to EQF	https://web.archive.org/web/20220120070414/https://akkks.rks-gov.net/uploads/national_qualification_framework_handbook_2020.pdf http://www.herdata.org/public/11_Ligii_kualifikimeve_2008_03_L_060_en.pdf https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/Kosovo.pdf
KUWAIT	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>	https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Dynamic+TVET+Country+Profiles/country=KWT https://unevoc.unesco.org/wtdb/worldtvtdatabase_kwt_en.pdf			
KYRGYZSTAN	Kyrgyzstan NQF (Национальную рамку квалификаций)		Decree of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic dated September 18, 2020 No. 491		https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2021-07/kyrgyzstan_0.pdf https://www.gov.kg/ru/npa/s/2709
LAOS	<i>No QF as of 2022, currently in initial stages</i>			ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRf)	https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/915761508750676210/pdf/120587-WP-P150980-PUBLIC-Lao-PDR-summary.pdf https://asean.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/ED-02-ASEAN-Qualifications-Reference-Framework-January-2016.pdf

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LATVIA	Latvian Qualification Framework (LQF)	Professional Qualification Levels (PQL)	2015	LQF referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA, PQL referenced to LQF	https://www.latvijaskvalifikacijas.lv/en/educational-system/ PQL http://www.nki-latvija.lv/en/par-lki
LEBANON	<i>No QF as of 2022, under development. According to the ILO National Strategic Framework 2018-2022, a NQF Group established a Lebanese NQF in 2011 which outlined 8 levels of qualifications. The NQF was piloted but not nationally adapted.</i>	https://unevoc.unesco.org/wtdb/worldtvtdatabase/bn_en.pdf https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Dynamic+TVET+Country+Profiles/country=LBN			https://www.ilo.org/beirut/publications/WCMS_633487/lang-en/index.htm
LESOTHO	Lesotho Qualifications Framework		2019	SADC	http://www.che.ac.ls/lqf/ http://www.che.ac.ls/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/LQF-Final_Cabinet-Approved-Signed-1.pdf
LIBERIA	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>				
LIBYA	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>			Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	
LIECHTENSTEIN	National Qualifications Framework of Liechtenstein (NQFL)		2016	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://www.nqfl.li/

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LITHUANIA	Lithuanian Qualifications Framework (LTQF)		2010	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://www.skvc.lt/default/en/education-in-lithuania/national-qualifications-framework
LUXEMBOURG	The Luxembourg Qualifications Framework (CLQ)		2016	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	http://data.legilux.public.lu/file/eli-etat-leg-memorial-2016-231-fr-pdf.pdf
MACEDONIA (NORTH MACEDONIA)	North Macedonia Qualifications Framework (NMQF)		2013	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	http://mrk.mk/?lang=en
MADAGASCAR	<i>No QF as of 2021 (according to 2021 ACQF documentation Madagascar's NQF is in development and consultation)</i>	https://unevoc.unesco.org/wtdb/worldvetdatabase/mdg_en.pdf https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Dynamic+TVET+Country+Profiles/country=MDG		African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
MALAWI	Malawi Qualifications Authority (MAQA) <i>in progress as of 2021</i> ; bill drafted and is ready for submission to Parliament	MAQA currently harmonizing already existing TEVET TQF to NQF		African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) SADC	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
MALAYSIA	Malaysian Qualifications Framework (MQF)		Malaysian Qualifications Agency Act of 2007; First implementation in 2011; Second edition approved December 2017		https://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/docs/ELECTRONIC/96217/113655/F-105733531/MYS96217.pdf https://www.mqa.gov.my/pv4/document/mqf/2021/MQF%20Ed%202%2002102019%20updated%2017022021.pdf https://www.mqa.gov.my/pv4/mqf.cfm

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MALI	<i>No QF as of 2021 (according to 2021 ACQF documentation Mali is in a very preliminary thinking process for NQF)</i>			African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
MALTA	Malta Qualifications Framework (MQF)		established in 2007	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://mfhea.mt/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/The-Framework.pdf https://mfhea.mt/research-and-policy/malta-qualifications-framework/ https://ncfhecms.gov.mt/en/resources/Pages/legislation.aspx
MAURITANIA	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>			No longer part of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	
MAURITIUS	Mauritius Qualifications Authority (MQA) National Qualifications Framework		The Act No 42/2001 established MQA; MQA Act (2001) amended in 2005	SADC	http://www.mqa.mu/English/Pages/NQF.aspx https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/12-nqfs-in-africa-key-features-2022/@@display-file/file/12%20NQFs_key%20features_Working%20Doc_15Feb2022.pdf
MONTENEGRO	National Qualifications Framework MQF (Nacionalni okvir kvalifikacija)		Law on Montenegrin Qualifications Framework, <i>Official Gazette of Montenegro</i> No 45/2010	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	http://www.cko.edu.me/Library/files/Law%20on%20MQF.pdf https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/Montenegro.pdf https://europa.eu/europass/system/files/2020-06/Montenegrin%20Referencing%20Report.pdf
MEXICO	Marco Mexicano de Cualificaciones (MMC)		2014		http://sau.uas.edu.mx/pdf/MMC_2014.pdf http://sau.uas.edu.mx/proea/MMC_2014.htm

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MOLDOVA	National Qualifications Framework for Moldova		NQF for higher education 2010, 8-level NQF 2017	Not referenced to QF-EHEA, EQF	https://mecc.gov.md/ro/content/cadrul-de-calificari
MONACO	<i>No QF as of 2021</i>				
MONGOLIA	<i>No QF as of 2022; discussions started 2015; implementation planned for 2017-2019</i>				http://www.maed.mn/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/HERP-Establishment-and-Implementation-of-National-Qualifications-Framework-Recommendation.pdf https://unevoc.unesco.org/pub/tvet_country_profile_-_mongolia.pdf
MONTSERRAT	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>	Caribbean Vocational Qualifications (CVQ)		CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF)	
MOROCCO	Cadre National des Certifications au Maroc (CNC) and <i>formal NQF is being developed as of 2022</i>	https://unevoc.unesco.org/pub/tvet_country_profile_-_morocco.pdf		African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF) and Arab Network for Quality Assurance (ANQAHE)	https://www.nepad.org/file-download/download/public/126112 https://www.dfp.gov.ma/images/stories/mdc/bull%20n11.pdf https://www.nepad.org/file-download/download/public/126948 (page 22) https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
MOZAMBIQUE	<i>In progress; the legal act establishing the regulation of the comprehensive NQF is in the final stage of consultation for approval in 2022</i>	http://www.anep.gov.mz/QUALIFICA%C3%87%C3%95ES/Quadro-Nacional-de-Qualifica%C3%A7%C3%B5es-Profissionais	HE: Decree 30/2010 Professional: Law 23/2014 and Law 6/2016	African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)	https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2022-01/mozambique.pdf https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/12-nqfs-in-africa-key-features-2022/@display-file/file/12%20NQFs_key%20features_Working%20Doc_15Feb2022.pdf http://www.cnaq.ac.mz/ https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2020-07/session_2_nqf_mozambique_en.pdf

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MYANMAR	<i>No QF as of 2021</i>			ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRf)	https://asean.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/ED-02-ASEAN-Qualifications-Reference-Framework-January-2016.pdf https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/m/720E67F5F1CC3E1DC125791A0038E688_Transnational%20qualifications%20frameworks.pdf
NAMIBIA	Namibia Qualifications Authority (NQA) National Qualifications Framework (NQF)		Namibia Qualifications Authority Act 29 of 1996; Namibia NQF Regulations 2006	SADC	http://www.namqa.org/about-us/Overview/161/ https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/12-nqfs-in-africa-key-features-2022/@display-file/file/12%20NQFs_key%20features_Working%20Doc_15Feb2022.pdf
NEPAL	National Qualifications Framework (NQF)		Approved by Cabinet on 3 May 2020		https://www.swisscontact.org/Resources/Persistent/0/5/9/a/059a36ab3c4969e8353dc5044e5e322900eeaf8/NVQS_NQF_New.jpg
NETHERLANDS	Netherlands Qualification Framework (NLQF)		2011	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://www.nlqf.nl/english
NEW ZEALAND	The New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF)		2011	NZQF compared to EQF	http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/Studying-in-NZ/New-Zealand-Qualification-Framework/requirements-nzqf.pdf / https://enz.govt.nz/news-and-research/ed-news/new-zealand-and-the-eu-qualifications/
NICARAGUA	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>	Modelo Nacional de Educación Técnica y Formación Profesional Basado en Competencias		Central American Higher Education Qualifications Framework (MCECSCA for its acronym in Spanish)	https://studylib.es/doc/7078194/estructura-del-sistema-educativo-en-nicaragua https://www.tecnacional.edu.ni/media/TECNACIONAL_Modelo_Nacional_de_Educaci%C3%B3n_T%C3%A9cnica_y_Formaci%C3%B3n_Profesional.pdf

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NIGER	<i>No formal NQF as of 2022 ; legislation passed in 2018 for the creation of Cadre National de Certification des Compétences Professionnelles.</i>			Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	http://www.mept.gouv.ne/images/ressources/decrets/DECRET%20N%C2%B02018771PRNMEPT%20PRTANT%20CREA%20MIS%20ORG%20MOD%20DE%20FONC%20DU%20CNCCP.pdf
NIGERIA	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>	Nigerian Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) approved April 2013		Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	Page 25 https://net.nbte.gov.ng/sites/default/files/2022-03/NSQF%20Operational%20Manual.pdf
NORTH KOREA	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>				
NORWAY	The Norwegian qualifications framework for lifelong learning (NKR)		2017	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://www.nokut.no/en/norwegian-education/the-norwegian-qualifications-framework-for-lifelong-learning/
OMAN	Oman Qualifications Framework (OQF)	https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Dynamic+TVET+Country+Profiles/country=OMAN	2014	Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE) Arab Qualifications Framework (AQF)	http://www.oaaa.gov.om/oqfmain.aspx http://www.oaaa.gov.om/Journal/Oman%20Qualifications%20Framework%20Final%2027092018.%20for%20printing.pdf
PAKISTAN	National Qualifications Framework of Pakistan (PQF)		2016		https://hec.gov.pk/english/services/universities/pqf/Pages/default.aspx

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PALESTINE	No QF as of 2022; in planning as of 2017				
PANAMA	No QF as of 2022; in planning as of 2019			CINTERFOR Central American Higher Education Qualifications Framework (MCECSCA for its acronym in Spanish)	https://www.caf.com/en/currently/news/2019/06/panama-s-roadmap-for-national-qualifications-framework/#:~:text=Having%20a%20National%20Qualifications%20Framework,sector%20in%20the%20national%20economy.%E2%80%9Dhttps://www.oitcinterfor.org/node/7533
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	PNG National Qualifications Framework (PNGNQF)		Developed in 2009 by Commission for Higher Education; approved by National Executive Council for implementation in 2013		Pages 14-16 https://web.dherst.gov.pg/images/Sector_Policy_Documents/PNGNQF-Second-Edition.pdf
PARAGUAY	No QF as of 2022	Sistema Nacional de Cualificaciones Profesionales de Paraguay		CINTERFOR	https://www.oitcinterfor.org/sites/default/files/file_publicacion/Analytical%20Inventory%20MNC.pdf https://www.oitcinterfor.org/sites/default/files/file_publicacion/InformeEurosocial_SNCP_PY.pdf
PERU	Marco Nacional de Cualificaciones del Perú (MNCP)--as of 2022 basic NQF structure designed moving toward implementation		Published 2020	CINTERFOR	Page 26 https://www.oitcinterfor.org/sites/default/files/file_publicacion/Estructurabasic_MNCPPeru.pdf https://www.oitcinterfor.org/sites/default/files/file_publicacion/Hoja%20de%20Ruta%20-%20Per%C3%BA_0.pdf
PHILIPPINES	The Philippine Qualifications Framework (PQF)	Technical Educational and Skills Development Act (TESDA) of 1994	Executive Order No. 83 in 2012 and it was passed into a law through the Republic Act No. 10968	Referenced to ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF)	https://pqf.gov.ph/ https://pqf.gov.ph/Home/Details/7 https://pqf.gov.ph/Home/Details/5 https://pqf.gov.ph/Uploads/Legal%20Basis/RA%2010968.pdf

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POLAND	The Polish Qualifications Framework (PQF) Polska Rama Kwalifikacji		2015	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://prk.men.gov.pl/en/1en/ https://kwalifikacje.gov.pl/o-zsk/polska-rama-kwalifikacji
PORTUGAL	Quadro de Qualificações (QNQ) / The Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in Portugal (FHEQ)		October 2010	QNQ referenced to EQF, FHEQ to QF-EHEA	https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/quadro_qualificacoes
QATAR	<i>No NQF as of 2020; in progress</i>	https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED608982.pdf		Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE) Arab Qualifications Framework (AQF)	https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2020-09/session_4b_arab_qualif_framework_tariq_alsindi_4th_acqf_plw_0.pdf
REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	<i>No NQF as of 2022, development to be started</i>			African Continental Qualification Framework (ACQF)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
ROMANIA	Romanian Qualification Framework (ROQF)		2013	Referenced to EQF and QF-EHEA	https://lege5.ro/Gratuit/g4ztsmrtg4/hotararea-nr-567-2015-pentru-modificarea-hotararii-guvernului-nr-918-2013-privind-aprobarea-cadrului-national-al-calificarilor
RUSSIA (RUSSIAN FEDERATION)	<i>No QF as of 2021; under development</i>		Law on 12/04/2013 in connection with occupational standards but not fully implemented	No, but descriptors are similar to EQF	https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2021-06/russia_0.pdf

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RWANDA	Rwandan National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education Institutions (RNQF)	Rwanda TVET Qualifications Framework (RTQF)	2007 and Ministerial Order No 3/MINEDUC of 2021	East African Qualifications Framework for Higher Education (EAQFHE)	https://www.nec.gov.rw/nrcadmin/user_upload/DOCUMENTS/Policies/Rwanda%20national%20qualifications%20framework%20for%20higher%20education.pdf https://web.archive.org/web/20210120135401/https://www.skilledcrafts.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Rwanda_TVETSystem_Description_2020.10.pdf Pages 230-239 https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/12-nqfs-in-africa-key-features-2022/@@display-file/file/12%20NQFs_key%20features_Working%20Doc_15Feb2022.pdf https://www.africa-observatory.org/2024/01/2024-01-20/
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	St. Kitts and Nevis National Qualifications Framework (NQF) <i>Not publicly available</i>			CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF)	https://www.thestkittsnevisobserver.com/the-skn-national-qualification-framework-launched/
SAMOA	<i>No QF as of 2022, although the SQAQ is charged with the development of a framework</i>		Samoa Qualifications Authority Act 2010, repealed previous SQA Act of 2006	Australian Pacific Training Coalition (APTC)	https://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/docs/ELECTRONIC/90984/124335/F-708489890/WSM90984%202015.pdf
SAN MARINO	<i>No QF yet as of 2022</i>			Member of the Bologna-process since 2020	https://www.enic-naric.net/page-San-Marino?srcval=qualifications
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	<i>No NQF as of 2022, development to be started</i>			African Continental Qualification Framework (ACQF)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
SAUDI ARABIA	National Qualification Framework for Saudi Arabia (NQF-KSA)	https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Dynamic+TVET+Country+Profiles/country=SAUDI+Arabia https://unevoc.unesco.org/wtdb/worldtvvetdatabase/saudi-arabia	Saudi Cabinet Decision No. 108 on 25/10/2018; Approved by Education and Training Evaluation Commission Board of Directors on 10/02/2020	Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE) Arab Qualifications Framework (AQF)	https://etec.gov.sa/en/productsandservices/NationalQualifications/Pages/default.aspx https://etec.gov.sa/en/productsandservices/NationalQualifications/Pages/About-NQF.aspx

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SENEGAL	<i>No NQF as of 2022</i>	The Senegal National Vocational Qualifications Framework (NVQF) comprises qualifications at five levels, governed by two different ministries: levels V to II (including BTS) by the ministry in charge of TVET, and the highest level by the Ministry of Higher Education	Law No 2015-01	Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/12-nqfs-in-africa-key-features-2022/@@display-file/file/12%20NQFs_key%20features_Working%20Doc_15Feb2022.pdf https://pefop.iiep.unesco.org/fr/system/files/resources/Pef00099_Loi_Orientation_FPT_SN_2015.pdf
SERBIA	National Qualifications Framework in Serbia (NQFS)		April 2018	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	http://noks.mpn.gov.rs/en/about-nqfs/
SEYCHELLES	Seychelles Qualifications Authority (SQA) National Qualifications Framework (NQF)		Seychelles Qualifications Authority (SQA) Act No 12 of 2005 and Regulations setting up the NQF, 2008	SADC	https://web.archive.org/web/20220119091840/http://www.sqa.sc/resources/NQF%20Documents/The%20National%20Qualifications%20Framework%20.pdf https://web.archive.org/web/20161020164539/http://www.sqa.sc/Resources/Brochures/PathwaysForQualifications.pdf https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/12-nqfs-in-africa-key-features-2022/@@display-file/file/12%20NQFs_key%20features_Working%20Doc_15Feb2022.pdf https://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/docs/ELECTRONIC/72747/122016/F1870109642/SYC22747/202012.pdf
SIERRA LEONE	<i>No QF as of 2021 (according to 2021 ACQF documentation Sierra Leone's NQF is in development and consultation)</i>			Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) African Continental Qualifications Framework (ACQF)	https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2020-10/session_3_sierra_leone_7th_plw_29oct.pdf https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
SINGAPORE	<i>No NQF as of 2022</i>	Workforce Skills Qualifications System (WSQ)		ASEAN	https://uil.unesco.org/fileadmin/keydocuments/LifelongLearning/en/UII_Global_Inventory_of_NQFs_Singapore.pdf
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	Slovak Qualifications Framework (SKKR)		2012	Referenced to EQF	https://www.kvalifikacie.sk/

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SLOVENIA	The Slovenian Qualifications Framework (SQF) (Slovensko ogrodje kvalifikacij-SOK)		January 2016	Referenced to EQF, QF-EHEA	https://www.nok.si/en/
SOLOMON ISLANDS	<i>In progress as of 2019</i> ; legal action completed; in development process with Australia and under the Solomon Islands Tertiary Education and Skills Authority (SITESA)		Solomon Islands Skills Quality Authority (SISQA) Act, 2017		https://www.parliament.gov.sb/files/legislation/Acts/2017/Solomon%20Islands%20Tertiary%20Education%20and%20Skills%20Authority%20Act%202017.pdf
SOMALIA	<i>No NQF as of 2022; in progress</i>				https://acqf.africa/about/presentation-of-the-acqf-project-2019-2022/@@display-file/file/ACQF_presentation%20general_04Nov2021.pdf https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
SAMOA	Samoa Qualifications Framework		Samoa Qualifications Authority Act 2010	Linked to Pacific Register of Qualifications and Standards	https://prqs.spc.int/Default.aspx# https://www.sqa.gov.ws/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Samoa-Qualifications-Authority-Act-2010-Eng.pdf
SOUTH AFRICA	South African National Qualifications Framework (SANQF)		1998	ACQF	https://www.saqa.org.za/docs/misc/2012/level_descriptors.pdf Page 17-18 https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/south-africa-country-report/@@display-file/file/South%20Africa%20EN_ACQF%20Country%20Report_WEB*.pdf
SOUTH KOREA	<i>In progress</i> ; Korean Qualifications Framework (KQF) was to be introduced in 2019, but public hearings are still being conducted in 2022			Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum ASEAN	https://www-edaily-co-kr.translate.goog/news/read?newsId=02587926612816528&mediaCodeNo=257&_x_tr_sl=ko&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc https://slideplayer.com/slide/13169757/

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SOUTH SUDAN	<i>No QF as of 2022; interest has been expressed in developing an NQF for the country</i>			East African Qualifications Framework for Higher Education (EAQFHE) Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)	https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2020-10/session_5_eaqfhe_6th_plw_22oct.pdf https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/education/article/2001446303/proposed-education-framework-to-benefit-students-under-the-igad-block https://www.nepad.org/file-download/download/public/127317
SPAIN	El Marco Español de Cualificaciones (MECU)/ Marco Español para la Educación Superior (MECES)		MECU in progress as of 2021/MECES 2011	MECU No MECES Yes QF-EHEA	https://www.educacionyfp.gob.es/mc/mecu/mecu.html https://www.educacionyfp.gob.es/dam/jcr:28270b6b-e75a-4f3c-9fd3-41a662faadad/cuadro-meces.pdf
SWITZERLAND	Qualifications Framework for the Swiss Higher Education Area	Swiss national qualifications framework for vocational and professional education and training (NQF-VPET)	NQF-VPET 2014, QF-HE 2011	NQF-VPET referenced to EQF, Qualifications Framework for the Swiss Higher Education Area referenced to QF-EHEA	QF-HE https://www.swissuniversities.ch/themen/studium/qualifikationsrahmen , NQF-VPET https://europa.eu/europass/system/files/2020-06/Swiss%20Referencing%20Report%20_0.pdf
SRI LANKA	Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF)	National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) Framework introduced in 2005	Ministry of Higher Education, 2012 Approved by University Grants Commission, 17 September 2015		https://www.ugc.ac.lk/attachments/1156_SLQF_2016_en.pdf https://www.eugc.ac.lk/qac/downloads/SLQF_First_Edition_June_2012.pdf https://uil.unesco.org/fileadmin/keydocuments/LifelongLearning/en/SriLanka.pdf https://www.tvec.gov.lk/?page_id=140
SUDAN	<i>No QF as of 2022; preliminary exploration in conjunction with UNESCO</i>			Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)	https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/national-qualification-framework-started-be-developed-sudan https://unevoc.unesco.org/up/HANDBOOK_OF_VOCATIONAL_TRAINING_SYSTEM_I_N_SUDAN.pdf https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/education/article/2001446303/proposed-education-framework-to-benefit-students-under-the-igad-block
SURINAME	<i>In progress</i>	Caribbean Vocational Qualifications (CVQ)		CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF)	http://www.gov.ms/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/24-05-2016-GPN_Enhancement-of-TVET_Lower-Secondary-School_Suriname.pdf

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SWEDEN	Sveriges referensram för kvalifikationer (SeQF) / National Qualifications Framework for higher education		SeQF 2015, NQF-HE 2008	SeQF referenced to EQF, NQF-HE referenced to QF-EHEA	https://www.seqf.se/ https://www.uhr.se/en/start/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications/enic-naric-sweden/qualification-frameworks-for-swedish-qualifications-and-degrees/
TAIWAN	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>				https://www.inqaahe.org/sites/default/files/INQAAHE-2019-Conference-Orchid-1_0.pdf
TAJIKISTAN	<i>In progress</i>				https://www.globalpartnership.org/sites/default/files/document/file/2020-12-tajikistan-education-sector-plan.pdf
TANZANIA	Tanzania Qualifications Framework (TzQF)		2010	East African Community (EAC) East African Qualifications Framework for Higher Education (EAQFHE)	https://www.idea-phd.net/images/doc-pdf/TCU_NQF_Final_Report_March_2010.pdf https://uil.unesco.org/fileadmin/keydocuments/LifelongLearning/en/Tanzania.pdf
THAILAND	Thai National Qualification Framework (NQF), National Qualification Framework for Higher Education in Thailand		NQF 21st December 2010 and NQF-HE 2006		http://uil.unesco.org/fileadmin/keydocuments/LifelongLearning/en/UII_Global_Inventory_of_NQFs_Thailand.pdf http://www.mua.go.th/users/tqf-hed/news/FilesNews/FilesNews8/NQF-HEd.pdf
TIMOR-LESTE	Timor-Leste National Qualifications Framework (TLNQF)		Decree-Law of the Government No. 36/2011		https://sea-vet.net/timor-leste

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TOGO	<i>No QF as of 2021 (according to 2021 ACQF documentation Togo is in a very preliminary thinking process for NQF)</i>			African Continental Qualification Framework (ACQF) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	https://acqf.africa/news/new-national-qualifications-frameworks-on-the-continent/
TONGA	Tonga Qualifications Framework (TQF)		Developed by the Tonga National Qualifications and Accreditation Board	Linked to Pacific Register of Qualifications and Standards https://prqs.spc.int/Default.aspx#	http://www.tnqab.to/ http://www.tnqab.com/templates/bee2_20/images/TQF.png http://www.tnqab.com/downloads/Tonga%20National%20Qualifications%20and%20AccreditationBoard%20Act_%202016.pdf http://www.tnqab.com/resources
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	<i>In progress with the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago</i>	Caribbean Vocational Qualifications (CVQ)		CARICOM Qualifications Framework (CQF)	https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/publications/2225 https://www.actt.org.tt/services/national-qualifications-framework https://www.actt.org.tt/234-faq/813-faq-25
TUNISIA	Classification Nationale des Qualifications (CNQ)	https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Dynamic+TVET+Country+Profiles/country=TUN	8 July 2009 Decree n°2009-2139	Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE) Arab Qualifications Framework (AQF)	http://www.meric-net.eu/files/fileusers/275_Tunisia_National%20Report%20template_MERIC-Net.pdf
TURKEY	Turkish Qualifications Framework		19 November 2015	Referenced to EQF and QF-EHEA	https://www.myk.gov.tr/index.php/en/turkiye-yeterlilikler-cercevesi
TURKMENISTAN	<i>No QF as of 2022</i>				

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UGANDA	<i>In progress as of 2022</i> --a framework has been articulated, but not implemented The Uganda Higher Education Qualifications Framework (UHEQF)	The Business, Technical, Vocational and Training Act, 2008	2016	East African Qualifications Framework for Higher Education (EAQFHE)	https://iuea.ac.ug/sitepad-data/uploads//2021/03/Uganda-Higher-Education-Qualifications-Framework-2016.pdf
UKRAINE	National Qualifications Framework of Ukraine (NQFU)		2011	Referenced to EQF and QF-EHEA	http://enic.in.ua/index.php/en/educationl-system/national-qualifications-framework
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)	QFEmirates (National Qualifications Framework of UAE)	https://unevoc.unesco.org/home/Dynamic+TVET+Country+Profiles/country=ARE	Federal Decree No. 1, August 2010		http://www.qualifications.ae/Qualifications_Framework http://www.qualifications.ae/pdf/QFEmirates%20Summary_Feb_28_2012.pdf http://www.qualifications.ae/pdf/QF%20Handbook_v1b_28_Feb_2012.pdf
UNITED KINGDOM	Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) (Historical: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF)- England and Northern Ireland) Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)- England, Wales, Northern Ireland		FHEQ 2014/RQF 2015	RQF referenced to EQF, FHEQ to QF-EHEA	https://www.gov.uk/what-different-qualification-levels-mean/list-of-qualification-levels/
UNITED KINGDOM (SCOTLAND)	Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF)/ Framework for Qualifications of the Higher Education Institutes of Scotland (FQ-HEIS)			SCQF referenced to EQF, FQ-HEIS to QF-EHEA	https://scqf.org.uk/ https://scqf.org.uk/about-the-framework/interactive-framework/
UNITED KINGDOM (WALES)	Credit and Qualifications Framework - Wales		2002	Referenced to EQF	https://gov.wales/credit-and-qualifications-framework-cqfw

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	<i>No NQF as of 2022</i>				https://whec2022.net/resources/Outlining%20the%20Establishment%20of%20a%20US%20Qualification%20Framework%20-%20ECE.pdf
URUGUAY	<i>No NQF as of 2022</i>				https://www.oitcinterfor.org/sites/default/files/file_publicacion/Analytical%20Inventory%20MNC.pdf
UZBEKISTAN	National Qualifications Framework for the System of Continuous Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan (NQF SCE Ruz)	Additional measures were passed to improve and fundamentally reform vocational education through Presidential decree UP-3812 on 6 September 2019	15 May 2020	Harmonization between EQF and Uzbek QF is ongoing	https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/project-result-content/1defadc8-d204-43cc-87f2-1d14defa8125/Guidelines_NQF_final_en.pdf https://tashkenttimes.uz/national/5302-cabinet-approves-national-qualifications-framework
VATICAN CITY (HOLY SEE)	Qualifications Framework of the Holy See (Quadro Nazionale delle Qualifiche della Santa Sede) (<i>Only HE</i>)		Legislative Decree No 13, 16 January 20136 and Decree of 8 January 2018	EQF	http://www.educatio.va/content/cec/en/ecclesiastical-institutions-of-higher-education/national-qualifications-framework/qualifications-framework.html https://www.certifico.com/normazione/266-decreti-normazione/7814-decreto-8-gennaio-2018 https://www.certifico.com/component/attachments/download/12331
VENEZUELA	<i>No NQF as of 2022</i>				https://ec-vpl.nl/wp-content/uploads/gravity_forms/1-1bd8d4b6ddd4c79d458b83336da881c4/2017/09/A5-Exploratory-analysis-Perez-and-Rivas.pdf
VIETNAM	<i>No NQF as of 2021</i>			ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRf)	https://asean.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/ED-02-ASEAN-Qualifications-Reference-Framework-January-2016.pdf https://www.etf.europa.eu/sites/default/files/m/720E67F5F1CC3E1DC125791A0038E688_Transnational%20qualifications%20frameworks.pdf

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YEMEN	<i>No NQF as of 2021</i>	https://unevoc.unesco.org/wtdb/worldtvtdatabase_yem_en.pdf			
ZAMBIA	Zambia Qualifications Framework (ZQF)		Zambia Qualifications Authority Act No 13 of 2011 and ZQF Level Descriptors, 2016	SADC	https://www.zaqa.gov.zm/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/ZAMBIA-QUALIFICATIONS-FRAMEWORK-LEVEL-DESCRIPTORS-June-2016-v02.pdf https://acqf.africa/resources/mapping-study/12-nqfs-in-africa-key-features-2022/@@display-file/file/12%20NQFs_key%20features_Working%20Doc_15Feb2022.pdf
ZIMBABWE	Zimbabwe National Qualifications Framework (ZNQF)		2018	SADC	http://www.zimche.ac.zw/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/ZNQF.pdf http://www.mhtestd.gov.zw/?wpdmp=midlands-kwekwe