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Understanding the Different Qualifications in Malta

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Is the provider offering this programme licensed?



Is the programme accredited?



What is the MQF/EQF level?



Is the programme a full qualification or is it an award (short course)?



How many credits (ECTS or ECVET)?



What are the learning outcomes?



How and where does learning take place?



Is it currently available to learners?



How can more information be obtained?

List of Licensed Institutions and Accredited Courses

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL ncfhe.gov.mt/en/register/Pages/register.aspx. The page features a navigation menu with links for ABOUT US, MQRIC, MUTUAL RECOGNITION, RESEARCH, RESOURCES, and CONTACT US. The main content area is titled "List of Licensed Institutions and Accredited Courses" and includes a sub-header "Course Accreditation Expiry Date". Below the title, there is a paragraph explaining that NCFHE maintains a register of accredited further and higher educational institutions in Malta. An "IMPORTANT NOTE: Course Accreditation Expiry Date" is highlighted in red. Two blue buttons are visible: "List of Educational Institutions" and "List of Accredited Courses Offered By Educational Institutions". At the bottom, there is a list of categories of licensed institutions.

Course Accreditation Expiry Date

List of Licensed Institutions and Accredited Courses

In accordance with [Subsidiary Legislation 327.433 Licensing, Accreditation and Quality Assurance](#), NCFHE maintains a register of accredited further and higher educational institutions in Malta. This means that institutions on this list have gone through the accreditation process and can be considered as 'licensed' institutions.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Course Accreditation Expiry Date

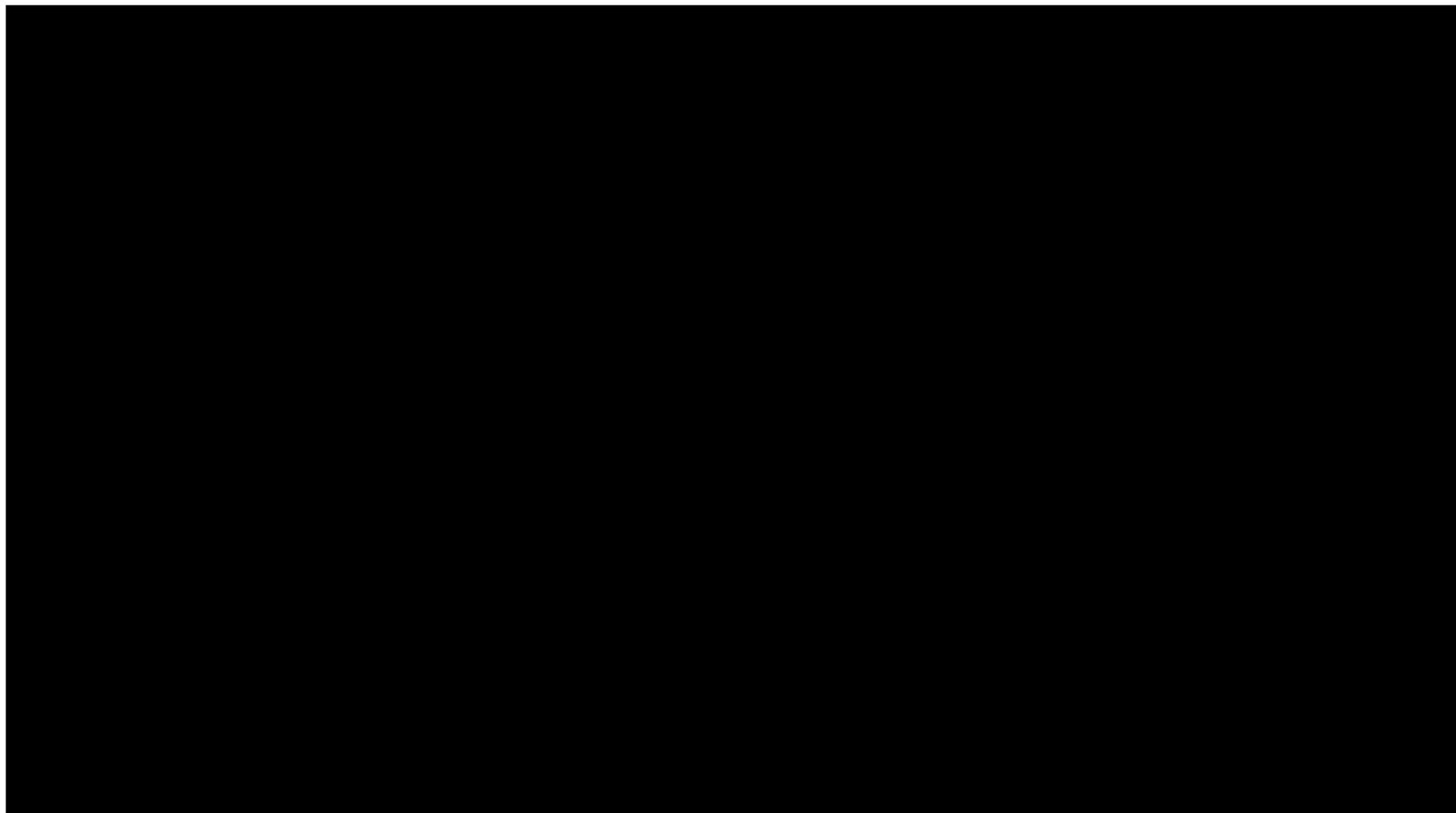
[List of Educational Institutions](#) [List of Accredited Courses Offered By Educational Institutions](#)

There are different categories of licensed further and higher educational institutions. These are as follows:

- Institutions with a regular licence that have fully satisfied all the necessary conditions stipulated in the subsidiary legislation.
- Institutions with a provisional licence, who are working towards fulfilling all the requirements to obtain a

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The Malta Qualifications Framework



What is the MQF/EQF level?

- Launched the MQF in June 2007
- Over 3000 Qualifications and Awards now recognised on the MQF.
- Includes formal, informal and non-formal learning
- Promotes parity of esteem between all education pathways
- Based on level descriptors and on learning outcomes.

Malta Qualifications Framework

Annotations

- i. A Full VET Level 1 qualification should enjoy the same parity of esteem as a Full Secondary School Certificate and Profile (SSC&P) Level 1.
- ii. A Full VET Level 2 qualification should enjoy the same parity of esteem as 4 Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) subjects at Grades 6 and 7.
- iii. A VET Level 3 Qualification should enjoy the same parity of esteem as 6 Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) subjects at Grades 1 to 5.
- iv. A VET Diploma should enjoy the same parity of esteem as the Matriculation Certificate.

8	Doctoral Degree	
7	Master's Degree Post-graduate Diploma Post-graduate Certificate	
6	Bachelor's Degree	
5	Undergraduate Diploma Undergraduate Certificate	VET Higher Diploma Foundation Degree
4	Matriculation Certificate Advanced Level Intermediate Level	VET Diploma (iv)
3	General Education SEC Grade 1-5	VET Level 3 (iii)
2	General Education Level 2 SEC Grade 6-7	VET Level 2 (ii)
1	General Education Level 1 School Leaving Certificate	VET Level 1 (i)
B	Introductory Level B	
A	Introductory Level A	

Learning Outcomes

- *“Learning outcomes are statements of what a learner is expected to know, understand and/or be able to demonstrate after completion of a process of learning”*
- Example: The learner is able to give examples of when to apply new HR policies.
- Example: Learners can list and define the styles of communication.

Level Descriptors

- Criteria that identify the complexity and the level of learning expected for the particular level
- They provide a broad profile of the degrees of autonomy and responsibility expected at that particular level

Level Descriptors Across MQF Levels

Learning Outcomes	Level 1	Level 6
Knowledge	Has basic knowledge	Understand and Analyse
Applying Knowledge and Understanding	Follows instructions	Demonstrates innovative responses
Communication Skills	Communicates basic information	Communicates ideas, problems and solutions
Judgmental Skills	Assesses own work making sure assigned tasks have been completed	Masters problem solving skills and evaluates management projects and people
Learning Skills	Applies key competences to defined actions	Assesses own learning and can progress in further learning
Autonomy and Responsibility (Competences)	Completing simple tasks and exercises limited autonomy	Responsible for the management of creative and innovative projects and team's performance

Compiled and adapted by Ramon Mangion from the 4th edition of the Referencing report.

ECVET/ECTS Credit Systems in Malta



Qualifications and Awards

- Qualifications: Substantial programmes based on learning outcomes at the respective MQF level and having enough workload to meet the requirements depending on the level.
- Awards (Short programmes): any accredited course which does not fulfil the entire requirements of a Qualification in terms of number of credits offered.

Qualifications and Awards

MQF Level	Examples of Qualifications	'Qualification' Minimum Credits Required	'Award' Credits Required
Level 8	Doctoral Degree Third Cycle Bologna Process	NA	NA
Level 7	Masters Second Cycle Bologna Process	90-120	Less than 30
	Post-Graduate Diploma	60	
	Post-Graduate Certificate	30	
Level 6	Bachelor ²³ /Bachelor (Hons.) ²⁴ First Cycle Bologna Process	180-240	Less than 180
Level 5	Short Cycle Qualification	120	Less than 60
	Undergraduate Higher Diploma	90	
	Undergraduate Diploma	60	
	Undergraduate Certificate	30	
	VET Level 5 Programme ²⁵	60-120	
	Pre-Tertiary Certificate	30	

Example 1

Gozo Institute of Education
Award in Human Resources

MQF Level 4

10 ECTS

Gozo Institute of Education
Award in Human Resources

MQF Level 6

10 ECTS

Example 2

Gozo Institute of Education

Award in Housekeeping

MQF Level 6

20 ECTS

Gozo Institute of Education

Bachelor in Housekeeping

MQF Level 6

180 ECTS

How to obtain more information?

- Diploma Supplement
- Referencing Report
- Malta Qualifications Database
- MFHEA



DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT

1. INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE HOLDER OF THE QUALIFICATION

1.1	Last name(s) <input type="text"/>	1.2	First name(s) <input type="text"/>
1.3	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) <input type="text"/>	1.4	Student identification number or code (if available) <input type="text"/>

2. INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE QUALIFICATION

2.1	Name of qualification and (if applicable) title conferred (in original language) <input type="text"/>	2.2	Main field(s) of study for the qualification <input type="text"/>
2.3	Name and status of awarding institution (in original language) <input type="text"/>		
2.4	Name and status of institution (if different from 2.3) administering studies (in original language) <input type="text"/>	2.5	Language(s) of instruction/examination <input type="text"/>

3. INFORMATION ON THE LEVEL AND DURATION OF THE QUALIFICATION

3.1	Level of the qualification <input type="text"/>	3.2	Official duration of programme in credits and/or years <input type="text"/>
3.3	Access requirements(s) <input type="text"/>		

Referencing Report



Referencing the Malta Qualifications Framework (MQF)
to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)
and the Qualifications Framework of the European Higher
Education Area (QF/EHEA)



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Malta Qualifications Database

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViYzydS6c4I>

Malta F&H Education Authority

- MQRIC: Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre <https://mfhea.mt/academic-qualifications/>
- MRC: Mutual Recognition of Professions <https://mfhea.mt/professional-qualifications/>
- Provider License: <https://mfhea.mt/provider-licenses/>
- Programme Accreditation: <https://mfhea.mt/programme-accreditation/>



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