

Sources of Information

ENIC-NARIC

ENIC-NARIC website shares information on the education system, accredited institutions and programmes of study in different countries. Further information and contact details of each centre are found at www.enic-naric.net.

Applying for an MQRIC statement

Should one wish to check whether a national or international programme of study, prospective or already attained, is recognised or otherwise, one is invited to submit an Application for the Recognition of Programmes of study through our Online Portal. Clients need to fill in their personal details and the relevant information about their programme of study. For prospective programmes, clients must submit web links, details about the institution they will be attending and any pertinent links. For programmes already attained, it is compulsory that through the online system, copies of their certificates and transcripts (if available) are uploaded.

- The following charges apply:
- Programmes already on the database - **€ 10**
 - Programmes not on the database and awarded in Malta - **€ 20**
 - Programmes not on the database and awarded outside of Malta - **€ 50**

A €2 postage charge applies when requested.

Requests for the reissue of statements will only be considered if the programme has been reviewed again since September 2016 and included on the new online database. A €2 posting charge applies. Bank charges may also be applicable. All other programmes not recently reviewed will require to be verified anew and a new application will need to be submitted.

More information

*If you have further queries concerning application procedures or prefer applying in person, one should contact Servizz.gov via freephone on **153** for further assistance.*



Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre

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Recognition of a qualification

MFHEA

The Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) is responsible for fostering the development and achievement of excellence in Further and Higher education in Malta through effective licensing, accreditation, quality assurance, research and recognition of programmes of study, established under the Malta Qualifications Framework (MQF).

MQRIC

The Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre (MQRIC) is the competent body, within the MFHEA, that recognises programmes against the Malta Qualifications Framework and European Qualifications Framework (EQF). MQRIC is also the local official ENIC-NARIC centre and a member of the ENIC-NARIC network. Malta is signatory to the Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC) of the Council of Europe and UNESCO, which is the primary international treaty regulating the recognition of foreign programmes as applicable to MQRIC. For more information about the Lisbon Recognition Convention, kindly visit the MFHEA website at www.mfhea.mt.

Criteria Used for the Recognition of Qualifications

When assessing and evaluating programmes of study, MQRIC applies the following criteria for the recognition of programmes where applicable:

- Education system in the given country.
- Status of awarding body and programmes of study - The status of a qualification can be determined through the accreditation of a programme of study and awarding body and/or institution that conferred the qualification, and the internal assessment of learning outcomes achieved by students.
- Level on the National Qualification Framework (NQF).
- Comparability Studies carried out by other ENIC-NARIC centres.
- Previous recognition practices of similar programmes.



Qualifications Frameworks

MQRIC uses the Malta Qualification Framework (MQF) and the European Qualification Framework for Life Long learning (EQF) to provide recognition advice on a programme of study.

The European Qualifications Framework for Life Long learning and the Qualifications Framework for European and Higher Education Area (QF EHEA), known as the Bologna Framework, are overarching frameworks designed to act as a reference for different programmes and education systems. The EQF includes all learning characterised by eight levels of descriptors, whereas the EHEA is restricted to Higher Education with the first, second and third cycle of the Bologna process. The EQF has acted as a catalyst for NQF development including the MQF.

Both frameworks promote transparency and comparability of programmes, mobility and the transfer of credits. This allows any national education system, and programmes of study in Europe to refer to the EQF levels.

The Malta Qualifications Framework (MQF) is a meta-framework designed to include all learning outcomes achieved in a formal, informal and non-formal education system. MQF is referenced to both the EQF and QF EHEA thus linking Malta's long standing system of programmes of study to that of other countries in order to promote mobility of students and workers and ensuring that all learning is valued.



Malta Qualifications Framework

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| 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 | |

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.