



Latvian
Qualifications
Framework

Latest developments of the Latvian Qualifications Framework

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| Latvian education | LQF and EQF level |
|---|-------------------|
| Doctoral studies | 8 |
| Master's studies (HE studies at least 5 years) | 7 |
| Bachelor's studies (HE studies at least 4 years) | 6 |
| College education (2-3 years) | 5 |
| General and vocational secondary education | 4 |
| Vocational education (<i>arodizglītība</i>) | |
| General and vocational basic education | 3 |
| General basic education for students special needs | 2 |
| General basic education for students severe special needs | 1 |

| LQF levels | Latvian professional qualification levels |
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| <p>8 <i>doctor</i></p> | <p>professional qualification level 5</p> |
| <p>7 <i>master</i></p> | <p>the highest qualification of a specialist in a field that enables the holder to plan and perform research and scientific work in the field</p> |
| <p>6 <i>bachelor</i></p> | |
| <p>5 <i>college</i></p> | <p>professional qualification level 4 theoretical and practical background that enables the holder to perform complicated tasks as well as to organise and manage others in their work</p> |
| <p>4 <i>secondary school</i></p> | <p>professional qualification level 3 advanced theoretical and professional background which enables the holder to fulfil certain tasks, including planning and organising work (various technicians, car mechanics, hotel service specialist etc.)</p> <p>professional qualification level 2 theoretical and practical background that allows the holder to perform qualified work independently (carpenter, hairdresser, cook, welder etc.)</p> |
| <p>3 <i>basic school (9 grades)</i></p> | <p>professional qualification level 1 theoretical and practical training that prepares students for performing simple tasks in a certain area of practical activity (assistant cook, carpenter etc.)</p> |
| <p>2 <i>spec. educ.</i></p> | |
| <p>1 <i>spec. educ.</i></p> | |

National referencing process in 2 phases

- **First phase (2009-2011)** – the establishment of the LQF; referencing formal education system to the EQF and higher education – to the QF-EHEA
- **Second phase (2015-2017)** – further development of the LQF; the revision of Self-Assessment Report on basis of new policy developments and implementation activities

Current discussions on LQF levels 1-4

| 2010 | LQF /EQF level | PROJECT |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| General and vocational secondary education Vocational education (<i>arodizglītība</i>) | 4 | General and vocational secondary education |
| General and vocational basic education | 3 | Vocational education (<i>arodizglītība</i>) |
| General basic education for students with special needs | 2 | General and vocational basic education |
| General basic education for students with severe special needs | 1 | General basic education for students with (severe) special needs |

Further steps...

- Opening the LQF for other qualifications outside formal education, for example:
 - Craftsman's qualifications
 - Continuing vocational education qualifications
 - Professional development qualifications
 - Sectorial qualifications
 - International qualifications ??
- Further development of validation of non-formal and informal learning system
- Reference in education documents to the relevant LQF/EQF level (particularly general education)
- Dissemination and raising awareness of LQF and EQF

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