

# Synergy between National Qualifications Framework and Quality Assurance in General Education

**Current state and Plans for Development**

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# The current system of general education

- Full secondary education consists of 12 years, conducted in 3 stages:
  - ❖ Primary education - I-VI classes. Age of entry in the first grade - 6 years.
  - ❖ The basic education includes 3 years, carried out in VII-IX grades and is certified by a certificate asserting the basic education;
  - ❖ Secondary education includes 3 years, is performed in X-XII grades and is certified by certificate of full general education.
  - ❖ Primary and basic education is mandatory.

# Educational programs

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National Goals for General Education

National Curriculum

School curriculum

General education can be obtained in general educational institutions of public and private legal entities. According to data of February 2019, 2085 public and 228 private schools are functioning in Georgia.

# Alternate ways of general education

- **Externation** - The rule for adopting a state document certifying the general education by a person who has independently acquired general educational programs
- Conditions of Externation are defined by the National Curriculum
- All students can receive general education in the form of externation, in case of achieving the level of achievement established by the National Curriculum and the successful completion of the School Graduate Examinations
- A student with a special educational need is entitled to enroll in the school or continue his studies in externation, without taking the exams, based on the conclusion of the multidisciplinary team at the appropriate level of age, in the appropriate class or at the maximum of two grades behind.

# General Education Qualifications Framework - Second Level

- The **second** stage of the National Qualifications Framework describes the basic level of general education.
- According to the National Curriculum, the main objectives of the basic education level are:
  - ✓ To support the pupil achieve national goals of general education;
  - ✓ Create conditions for the student to develop skills that are especially important throughout life;
  - ✓ Create a prerequisite for continuing education, or to make the right choice for the labor market.

# Learning outcomes for the second level in the National Qualifications Framework

- In structured, unchanged environment study and / or perform routine tasks with certain degree of independence;
- Assess his/her own work;
- Take responsibility for his/her own work and learning.

**A state document certifying completion of basic education level of general education will be issued**

# General Education Qualifications Framework - Fourth Level

- The **fourth** level of the National Qualifications Framework describes the learning outcomes of full general education.
- According to the National Curriculum, the main objectives of the secondary level are:
  - ✓ *Create conditions for students to get education which meets modern requirements;*
  - ✓ *Help the student to make the future choice (to continue studying and / or start work);*
  - ✓ *Give the student a quality full general education.*

# The fourth level learning outcomes in the National Qualifications Framework

- Manage his/her work or learning in predictable but changing environment, considering guidelines;
- Supervision of a homogeneous working process;
- Take responsibility for the evaluation and improvement of work and study activities;
- Evaluate his/her professional development and study with certain degree of independence.

**A state document certifying full general education will be issued**



# Quality assurance of General Education Qualifications

- The right to issue a document certifying education is obtained by **authorization**.
- The authorization **standards** are:
  - Educational programs of general education institution
  - Material resource of general education institution
  - Human Resources of General Education Institution
- Authorization is given for 6 years.
- The institution is obliged to carry out self-assessment and submit self-assessment report to the center at least once every 3 years
- In order to check compliance with authorization standards, the Center has the right to carry out monitoring of institutions.

Future Plans: Update Authorization Standards

# Challenges



- Enhance component of vocational education in general education;
- Enhance component of general education in vocational education;
- Review of general education levels, in particular, review the learning outcomes achieved in the basic level.