The National Catalogue of Qualifications
- Portugal

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The National Catalogue of Qualifications - process of creation

Created within the Reform of the Portuguese Education and Training System – build up the National Qualifications System (2007)

- To strengthen the integration between training within the education system and training within the labour market – reinforce the double certification principle;
- To build certification mechanisms for school and professional competences acquired through informal and non-formal learning;
- To promote VET flexibility - short modular units, that can be certified independently;
- To reinforce the permeability between general education pathways and VET;
- To make training provision relevant for economy and social cohesion (offer in line with needs of labour market);
- Legibility and comparability of national qualifications.

Raising qualifications levels (young people and adults) and establish upper-secondary level as the minimum level of qualification (compulsory education)
The National Qualifications System (NQS) – 2007 and 2017

**STRUCTURES**

- Sector Councils for Qualifications
- Training Providers network
- Quality Assurance EQAVET
- New Opportunities Centres
- Qualifica Centres

**INSTRUMENTS**

- System for the Anticipation of Qualifications Needs (SANQ)
- National Catalogue of Qualifications
- National Qualifications Framework
- Individual Skills Handbook
- Qualifica Passport
- National System of Credits for the VET

**2007** | **2017** | **2007 up today**
The National Qualifications Framework

Created in December 2007, based in EQF principles.
Regulated in July 2009, in force since the 1st October 2010.

Main objectives

- Integrating the qualifications obtained in the context of the different education and training subsystems (education, vocational training, higher education), within a single framework;
- Improving the legibility, transparency and comparability of qualifications;
- Improving the access, progression and quality of national qualifications;
- Defining learning outcomes for each qualification level;
- Ensuring coordination with the EQF, specifically in using the EQF as an instrument of reference for comparing qualification levels from different qualifications systems.

(Art.2º, Ministerial Order nº 782/2009, 23rd July)
### The National Qualifications Framework

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- NCQ -

NCQ is a dynamic tool for...

the strategic management of national double certification qualifications (non-higher education) which promotes the effective link between the competences necessary to the social and economic development of the country and the qualifications developed within the NQS. It facilitates the access to qualification, by promoting the flexibility in attaining qualifications.

The NCQ progressively integrates qualifications based on LO, identifying for each qualification a competence standard and a training standard in its technological component.
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- Catalogue standards are used in IVET, CVET and RVCC (VNFIL). The standards used in RVCC are equivalent to the training standards used in formal education.

- Catalogue integrates short duration training modules (25h/50H) that can be assessed, certified and capitalised autonomously and that can be transferable between qualifications paths (common modules).

- Catalogue ensures the connection to the EQF and each qualification is referenced to the National Qualifications Framework.

- Currently, it includes:

  391 qualifications ... in 45 areas of education and training

https://catalogo.anqep.gov.pt/
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NCQ: Who does what (main institutions)?

ANQEP
Coordination of NQS
NCQ Management
Developing and management of the RVCC Processes
System for the anticipation of labour market needs
Planning of professional programmes

Ministry of Education
Ministry of Labour
Ministry of Economy

18 sector councils for qualifications (SCQ)

ANQEP

Associations of Employers
Professional associations
Ministries
Regulator of professions
Training Providers
Competitiveness clusters
Independents Experts
Reference Enterprises
Technology & innovation centres
Trade Unions
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NCQ: How to place qualifications (main stages)?

Stage 1: Submission of a proposal to ANQEP for preliminary analysis (members of SCQ);

Stage 2:

2a - Analysis of the standards and decision in collaboration with the SCQ;

2b - Drawing up of the standards for the qualification, which include the professional profile, the training and education standards and recognition, validation and certification of professional competences standards;

Stage 3: Opinion of the respective SCQ;

Stage 4: Inclusion of the qualification in the NCQ and in the NQF and publication in the Labor and Employment Bulletin

https://catalogo.anqep.gov.pt/csq
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Catálogo Nacional de Qualificações (catalogo-anqep-gov-pt.translate.goog)
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The European dimension

Expectation - contribute to:
• Transnational mobility
• Guidance and counselling
• Recruitment processes
• The choice of education, training and career paths

Nowadays:
• EQF levels on NCQ
• Europass
  • Inclusion in the tool to compare NQFs
  • Publication of qualifications and learning opportunities

One single platform - data hosted by different organisations

Increase transparency
Increase accessibility to the public
Increase legibility
More comprehensive

Work in Progress
Muito obrigada!

Merci beaucoup!

Thank you for your attention!

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