SLOVENIAN NQF REGISTER

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SLOVENIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

For better transparency and accessibility of qualifications in Slovenia and the EU
Philosophy: framework of communication

The purpose of the SQF is to achieve transparency and recognisability of qualifications in Slovenia and the EU.

- to support lifelong learning
- to integrate and harmonise Slovenian qualifications subsystems
- to improve accessibility and quality of qualifications with regard to the labour market and civil society

Structure: comprehensive framework

The Slovenian Qualifications Framework (SQF) is a unified system of qualifications in the Republic of Slovenia for the classification of qualifications into levels with regard to learning outcomes.
The diagram illustrates the SQF (Slovenian Qualifications Framework) system. It includes various types of qualifications such as vocational certificates, general qualifications, and supplementary qualifications. The framework covers different levels and cycles, including EQF (European Qualifications Framework) levels and SQF levels. The diagram also highlights the progression from basic qualifications to higher education qualifications. For detailed information, visit the website at www.mzk.si/en.
QUALIFICATIONS IN SQF

**EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION**
- is the result of formal education and indicates the stage and field of formal education acquired by an individual;
- obtained after successfully completing publicly approved formal educational and study programme;
- a school-leaving certificate or diploma is awarded as proof of qualification.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION** -
The system for validation of non-formal and informal learning
- obtained after validation of non-formal and informal learning
- for adults only (18 and over)
- a certificate is awarded as a proof of qualification
- legal basis: NVQ ACT (2000)

**SUPPLEMENTARY QUALIFICATIONS**
- obtained after completion of a training programme
- a certificate of an acquired supplementary qualification is awarded as a proof of qualification

**VOCATIONAL FURTHER TRAINING PROGRAMME**
- obtained after completion of a training programme
- a certificate is awarded as a proof of qualification
DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SQF REGISTER

For better transparency and accessibility of qualifications in Slovenia and the EU
The SQF portal, together with the SQF Register, is a publicly accessible information system of SQF that provides insights into all the individual qualifications that can be obtained in Slovenia.

All qualifications are presented in Slovenian and English.
Purpose of SQF Register

The SQF, in particular with the help of the **Register of SQF qualifications**, significantly increases the transparency and recognisability of qualifications in the country.

It is used by different target groups:
- **Individuals**: learners, unemployed, employees
- **Employers**
- **Educational institutions**
- **Career counsellors**
- **Recognition bodies**
Development of SQF Register

2009
Preparing descriptions of individual qualifications in selected sectors

2012
Online platform Register of the SQF qualifications

2014 – 2016
Qualifications described in Slovenian and English

2018
Published on portal LOQ

2019
Published on portal ESCO

2020
Europass portal
SQF Act defines:
- SQF as the unified system of qualifications in the Republic of Slovenia
- the correspondence between SQF levels and the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning (EQF) and the Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area (QF-EHEA),
- procedures and competences with regards to the referencing of qualifications,
- the establishment of a National Coordination Point for the SQF and the EQF,
- the SQF Register.

SQF Act for SQF Register defines:
- Necessary parameters with which qualifications are described in SQF Register;
- The NCP SQF-EQF publishes and maintains the SQF Register on its webpage;
- Institutions such as Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and National Education Institute of the Republic of Slovenia are obliged to provide necessary data for the description and inclusion of individual qualification into SQF Register;
- Data from the Register is to be kept permanently.
Proceedures and competences with regards to the placing qualifications in the SQF are define in SQF Act.

**Placement of an education into SQF level is determined by the educational or study programme.**

The minister, responsible for education, adopts the SQF level for an individual education together with the educational programme, on the proposal of the competent Expert Council of the Republic of Slovenia.

For higher education, the Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (SQAA) confirms the SQF level along with the accreditation of the study programme.

**Placement of vocational qualifications into SQF levels is determined by the NVQ catalogue, the vocational further training programme or the study programme for further training.**

In addition to adopting the NVQ catalogue, the minister, responsible for labour, also adopts the SQF level for an individual NVQ. The minister, responsible for education, adopts the SQF level for an individual vocational qualification together with the programme for vocational further training.

Along with the accreditation of the proposed study programme for further training, the Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education confirms the SQF level of study programme for further training.

**Placement of supplementary qualifications into SQF and EQF levels is determined by a decision of the Minister of Labour.**
Governance of the SQF and SQF Register

The establishment of a National Coordination Point for the SQF-EQF and its tasks are determined by the SQF Act.

Main tasks:
- takes care of the development and implementation of SQF and leads the process of referencing SQF to EQF,
- leads the process of placing supplementary qualifications in the SQF,
- responsible for managing of the SQF register and maintaining connections with the Europass portal,
- promotion of SQF, EQF and QF-EHEA.
Quality assurance in the SQF Register

- NCP SQF-EQF is in charge of managing the SQF Register.
- Only accredited qualifications are included in SQF.
- Institutions such as Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and National Education Institute of the Republic of Slovenia are obliged to provide necessary data for the description and inclusion of individual qualification into the SQF Register.
- Establishing electronic communication with system of SQAA and NRP portal – to provide accurate and up-to-date information about qualifications in Slovenia.
Implementation of SQF Register

Description of the qualification

- Name of Q
- Type of Q
- Category of Q
- Duration
- Credits
- Admission requirements
- ISCED field

- SQF level
- EQF level
- QF EHEA level
- Learning outcomes
- Assessment procedure
- Providers
- Possibility of progression to further education

2.030 qualifications

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SQF Register - functionalities

We have developed many functionalities with the desire to make the portal user-friendly

- Various methods to search for qualifications (name or advanced searching with several parameters)
- A user video guide of the SQF Register (in Slovenian language)
- Transparent presentation of Qualification structure
- Comparison between qualifications
- Career path presentation
- Connecting qualifications with occupations
- Video presentation of the qualification (in Slovenian language)
Promotion of SQF through SQF Portal

FOR DIFFERENT TARGET GROUPS!

all materials published on the website

www.nok.si
Slovenia was one of the first 7 selected countries in testing phase to begin connecting their NQF register with the EU portal.

Benefits of connecting SQF Register to Europass portal:
- transparency and comparability of Slovenian qualifications with the qualifications of other EU countries
- enables and promotes learning and career mobility of individuals across Europe
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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