

REFERENCING KNQF TO ACQF

Pilot Self-Assessmentt Kenya – Criterion 4

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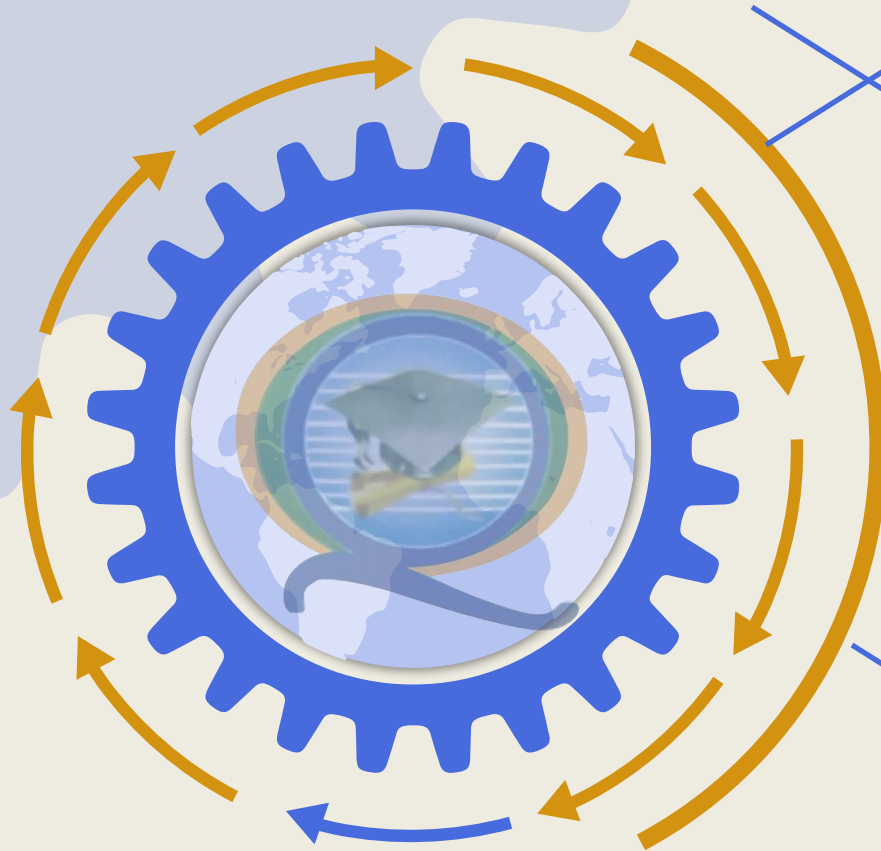
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Structure of the Education & Training System in Kenya

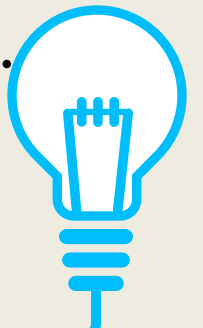


Is holistic and centralized framework designed to ensure effective policy implementation, oversight, and support. The aim is to enhance access, equity, quality, and relevance of qualifications.

Kenya National Qualifications Framework (KNQF)

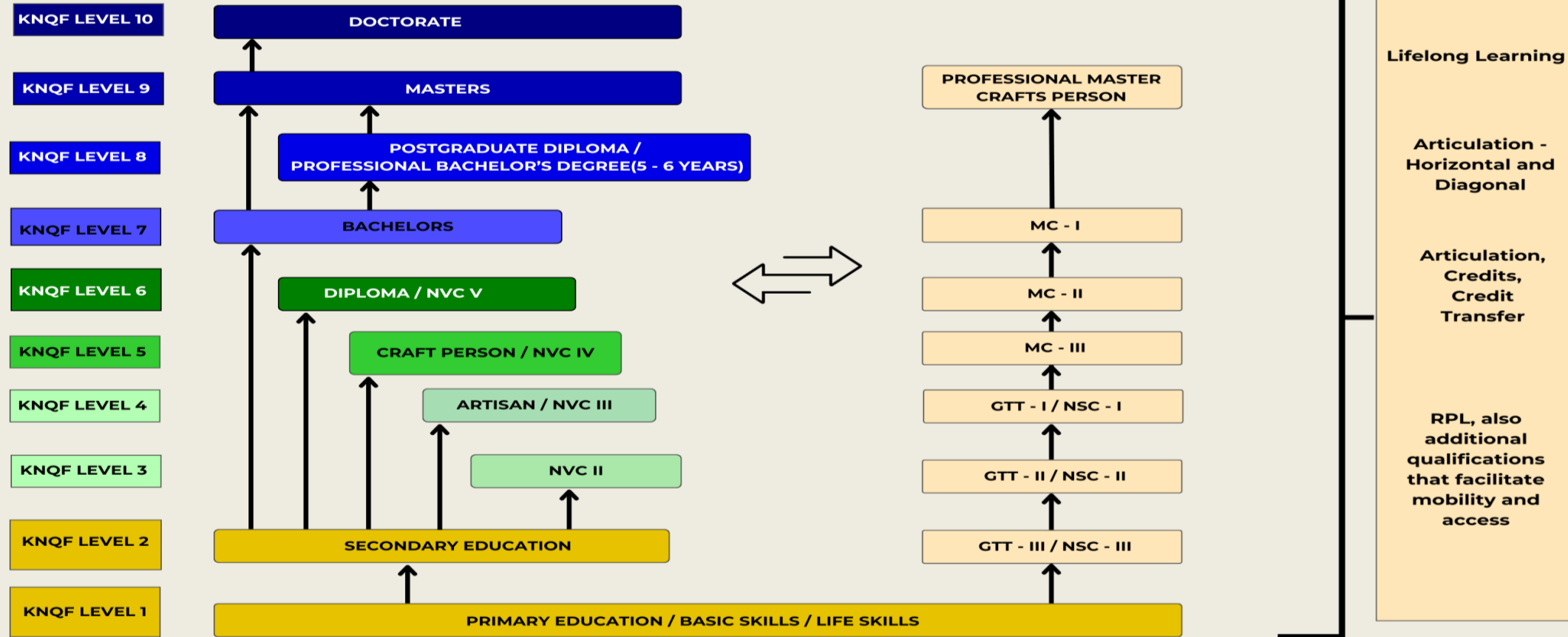


- ❖ Is a system for the **articulation**, classification, **registration**, **accreditation**, **quality assurance**, and **monitoring and evaluation** of national qualifications (*KNQF Act ,2014*);
- ❖ Comprises General Education, **TVET** & **Industrial Sectors**;
- ❖ Promotes access, quality, transparency & comparability of qualifications for mobility & Lifelong learning.



Progression Pathways

EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRESSION PATHWAYS IN KENYA



MC - Master Crafts Person, NVC - National Vocational Certificate, GTT - Government Trade Test, NSC - National Skills Certificate

Gold - Basic Education Green - TVET Pathway Blue - University Pathway Yellow - Skills Pathway

Referencing Methodology

- 1) Referencing Plan developed;
- 2) Established a KNQF Technical Referencing Committee(TRC);
- 3) Members of the KNQF TRC Assigned tasks;
- 4) Currently at draft 2 of the referencing report.

Referencing 4: Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance Overview;

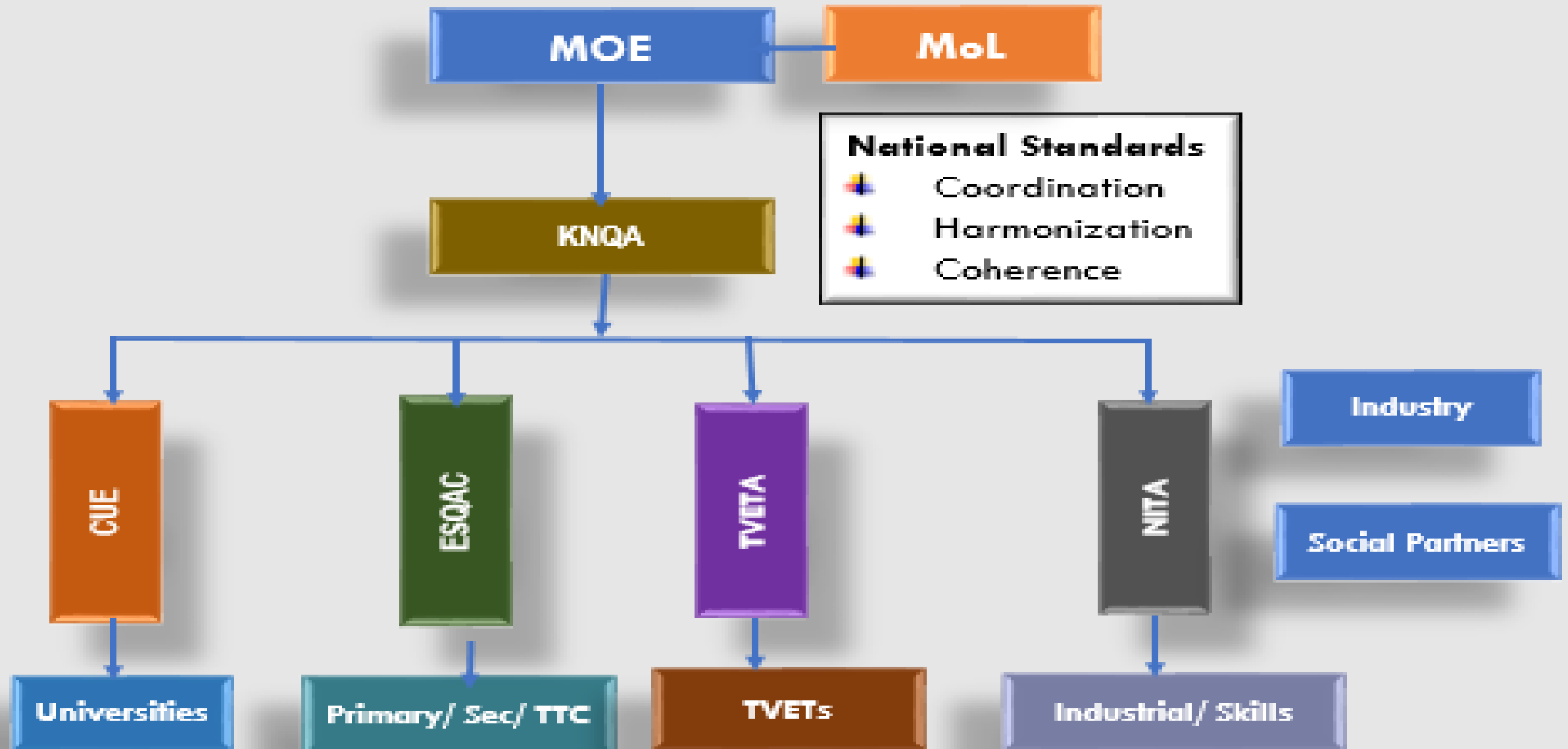
- ❑ National **Quality Assurance** system for education & training in place;
- ❑ National QA system is consistent with the principles of ACQF QA ; ACQF.
 - Systematic, holistic process;
 - Ensures quality, credibility and continuous improvement of qualifications;
- **Components:** KNQF, National QA Framework, standards and processes.

Similarities:


- KNQF: Embedded in national framework, implemented by sector regulators;
- ACQF: Embedded in national framework, implemented by National Qualification Authorities



KNQF Regulatory Structure

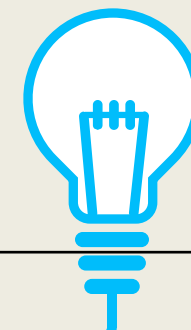


Quality Assurance: Link to KNQF, ACQF & Referencing Guidelines

| Domain | KNQF | ACQF | QA Guidelines of Referencing |
|--|---|---|--|
| Role: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ National standards for qualifications ✓ Accreditation, assessment & M&E. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Regional harmonization of qualifications ✓ Facilitates comparability & mobility across Africa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Systematic comparison and alignment of qualifications ✓ Facilitates transparency and mutual recognition |
| Compatibility with NQAF: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adheres to national QA guidelines ✓ Clear criteria for accreditation and regular monitoring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Aligns with regional QA standards ✓ Supports consistency and mutual recognition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Both KNQF and ACQF adhere to standardized referencing processes |
| QA of NQF & Register of qualifications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Centralized database of accredited and quality-assured qualifications; ✓ Supports transparency and credential verification; ✓ KNQF maintain registers to track and compare qualifications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Supports transparency and credential verification; ✓ Maintain a register of the National/Regional NQFs |  <p><i>Pilot Referencing of KNQF to ACQF</i></p> |

Quality Assurance: Link to KNQF, ACQF & AQ Guides...cont'd

| Domain | KNQF | ACQF | QA Guidelines of Referencing |
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| Transparency | Clear guidelines and public information in place. | Common standards and open communication | Consistent with the principles of ACQF QA Guidelines. |
| Dissemination of QA Regulations | Official channels- Websites, training, and meetings | Workshops, online platforms, and networks | |
| Support Applications | Guidance documents, training, capacity building and consultations | Resources and support for alignment with regional standards | |
| Capacity Development: | Professional development programs and technical assistance | Regional training and best practice sharing | |



Pilot Referencing of KNQF to ACQF

Data Analysis on Qualifications



For Society

- Purpose: Evaluate impact on social and economic development
- Analysis: Productivity, economic growth, and social mobility



For Labor Market

- Purpose: Align qualifications with industry demands
- Analysis: Job placement rates, salary levels, and employer feedback



For Users

- Purpose: Assess effectiveness for personal and professional development
- Analysis: User satisfaction, employment outcomes, and relevance



Findings of the Referencing

- ❑ Responsibilities and/or legal competence of relevant national bodies involved in the ACQF referencing process are clearly defined and published by the relevant competent authorities;
- ❑ relevant national quality assurance bodies state their agreement with the referencing outcome and referencing report
- ❑ All the key actors in the qualifications ecosystem are in support and agreement to review the KNQF;
- ❑ KNQF and ACQF are compatible and comparable across the 4 criterion;

Emerging Challenges

- ❑ Limited technical capacity & experience in qualification referencing;
- ❑ Information and Data availability and reliability;
- ❑ Involvement of all the Key Stakeholders;
- ❑ Highly dynamic Labour market;
- ❑ Time and resource intensive.

Recommendation

- ❑ Following the findings of the referencing process, there is a need to review the KNQF to effectively address the emerging issues and gaps;
- ❑ There is a need for technical support from ACQF to support Kenya to effectively reference KNQF to OCQF;

Referencing Implementation Road Map

- 1) Establishment of the KNQF Technical Referencing Committee(TRC);
- 2) Induction of the TRC Members on referencing;
- 3) Assignment of Tasks to the Committee Members;
- 4) Carry out targeted stakeholder engagement forum to sensitize them on referencing;
- 5) Organise a National KNQF Referencing Conference to validate stakeholder's recommendations;
- 6) Review of the KNQF

Referencing Implementation Road Map

- referencing outcome is published
- Post referencing follow up- to incorporated, all emerging issues into the qualifications that are part of the national qualifications frameworks or systems.

Thank You

