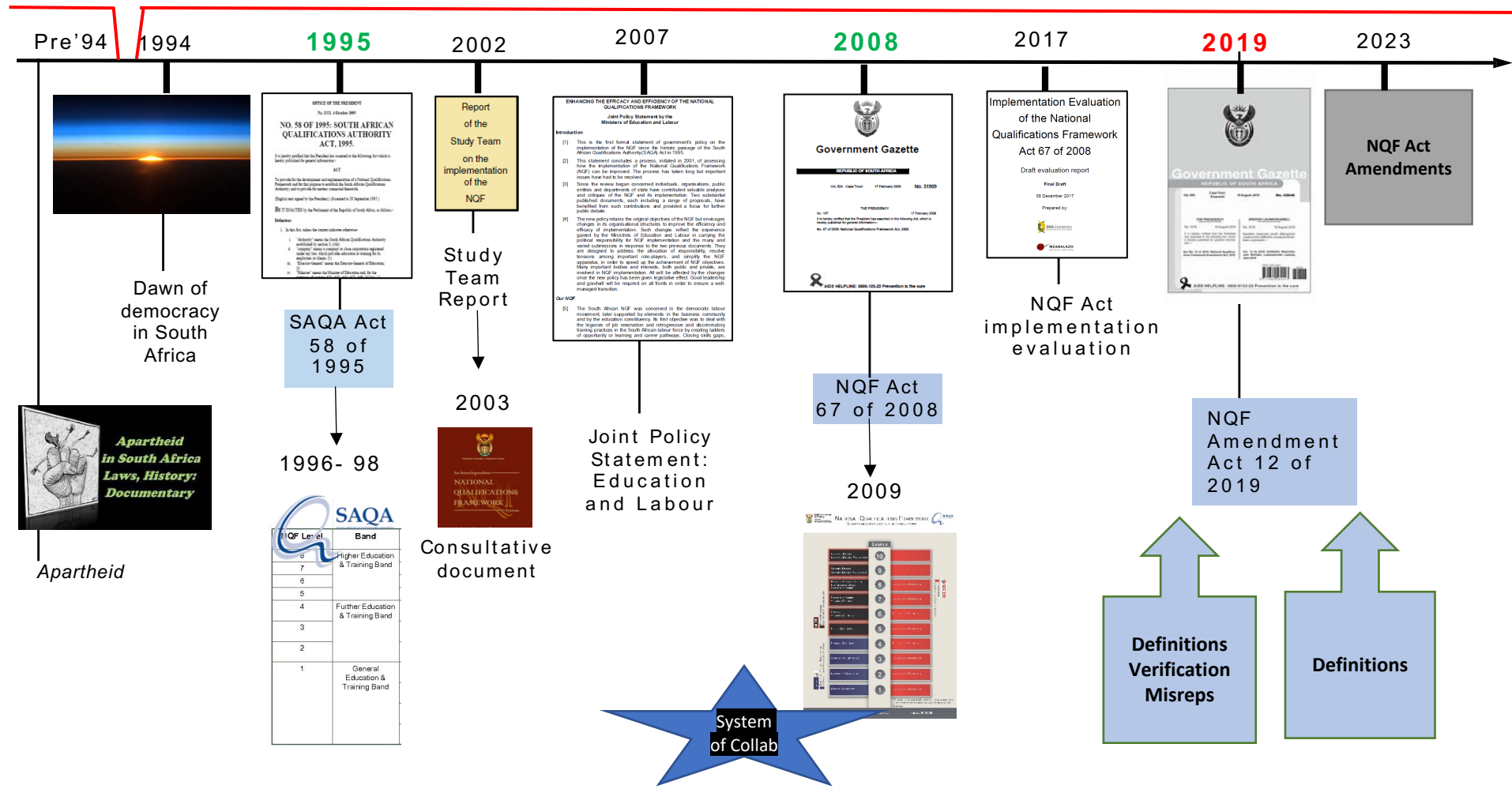


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**Theme 1**

# **THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK**

# Snapshot of legislative evolution of the SA NQF



# SAQA LEGISLATIVE MANDATE

## OVERSEE

NQF implementation and co-ordinate NQF Sub-Frameworks



## ADVISE

the Minister of Higher Education and Training on NQF matters

## DEVELOP

and implement NQF policies and criteria



## MAINTAIN

a National Learners' Records Database

## REGISTER

qualifications and professional designations on the NQF



## RECOGNISE

professional bodies

## PROVIDE

evaluation and advisory services for foreign qualifications



## PROVIDE

verification services for national qualifications

## CONDUCT

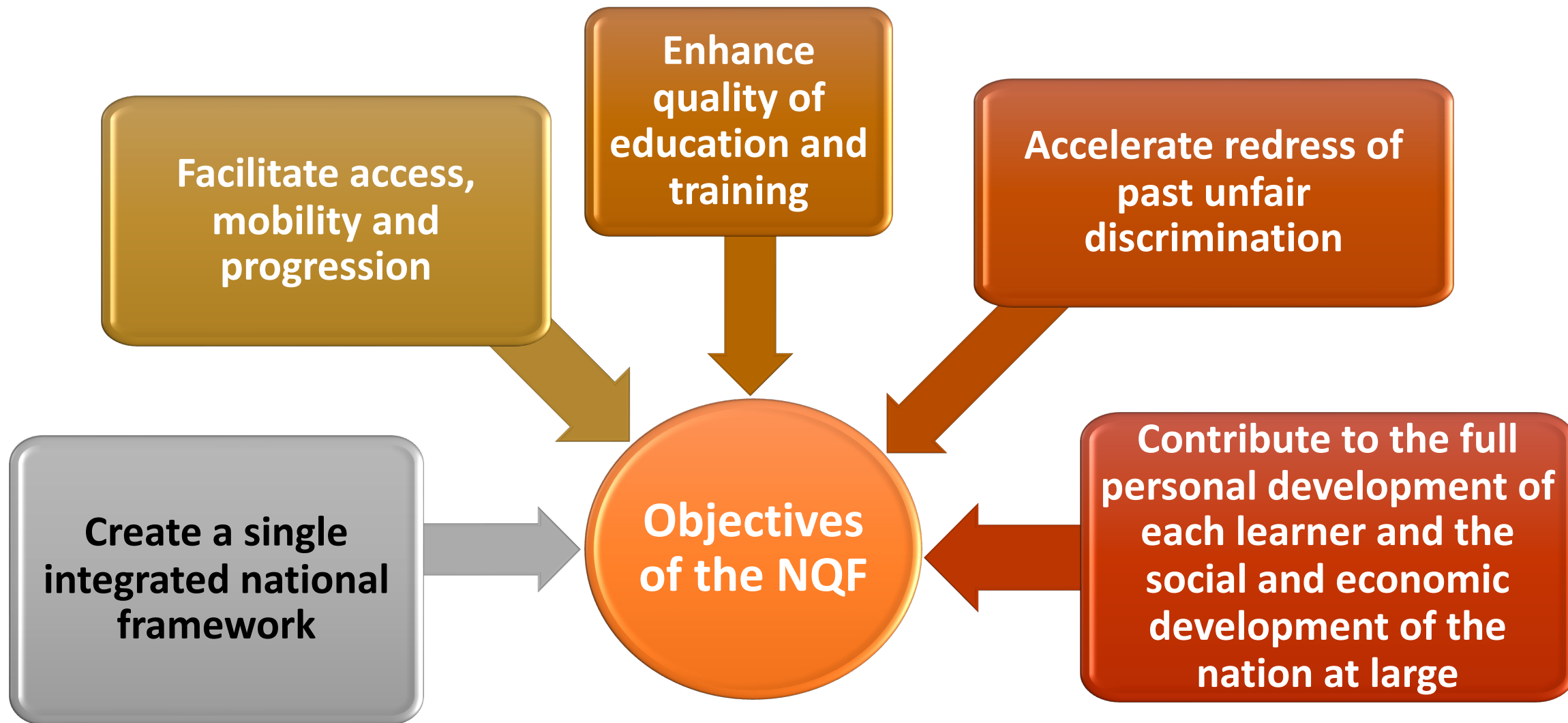
research and collaborate with international counterparts



## INFORM

the public about the NQF







General and Further Education and Training Qualifications Sub-Framework

Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework

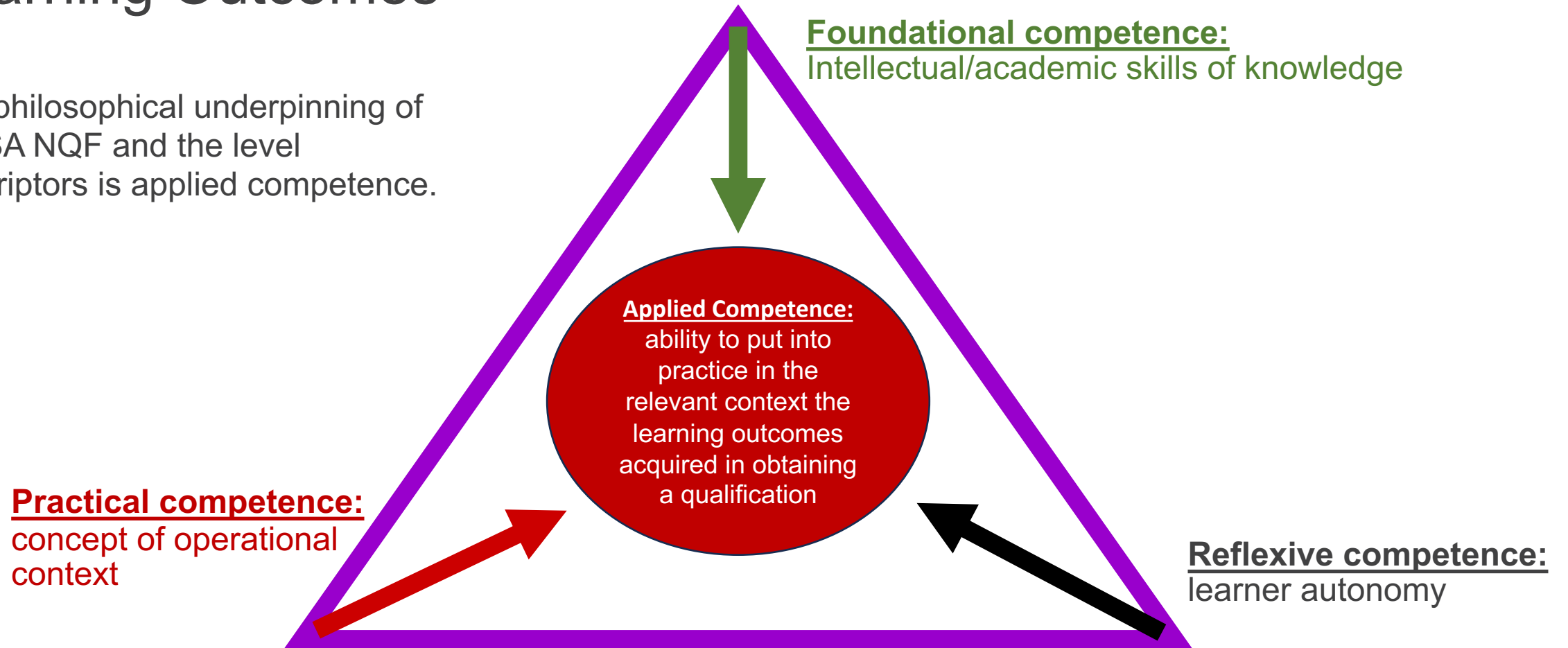
NQF

National Qualifications Framework		
Level	Sub-Framework and qualification types	
10	Doctoral Degree (360 Credits) Doctoral Degree (Professional)	*
9	Master's Degree (180 Credits) Master's Degree (Professional)	*
8	Bachelor Honours Degree (120 Credits) Postgraduate Diploma (120 Credits) Bachelor's Degree (480 Credits)	Specialised Occupational Diploma (120 Credits)
7	Bachelor's Degree (360 Credits) Advanced Diploma (120 Credits)	Advanced Occupational Diploma (120 Credits)
6	Diploma (360 Credits) Advanced Certificate (120 Credits)	Occupational Diploma (360 Credits) Advanced Occupational Certificate (120 Credits)
5	Higher Certificate (120 Credits)	Higher Occupational Certificate (120 Credits)
4	National Certificate (120 Credits)	National Occupational Certificate (120 Credits)
3	Intermediate Certificate (120 Credits)	Intermediate Occupational Certificate (120 Credits)
2	Elementary Certificate (120 Credits)	Elementary Occupational Certificate (120 Credits)
1	General Certificate (120 Credits)	General Occupational Certificate (120 Credits)

Occupational Qualifications Sub-Framework

# Learning Outcomes

The philosophical underpinning of the SA NQF and the level descriptors is applied competence.



The **Level descriptors** describe the learning achievement at a particular level of the NQF that provides a broad indication of the types of learning outcomes and assessment criteria that are appropriate to a qualification at that level.

# QUALIFICATION

NQF Level and  
level descriptor

1

Qualifier

4

Qualification  
specialisation

Qualification Type  
Bachelor, Diploma,  
Certificate,  
Occupational  
qualifications

2

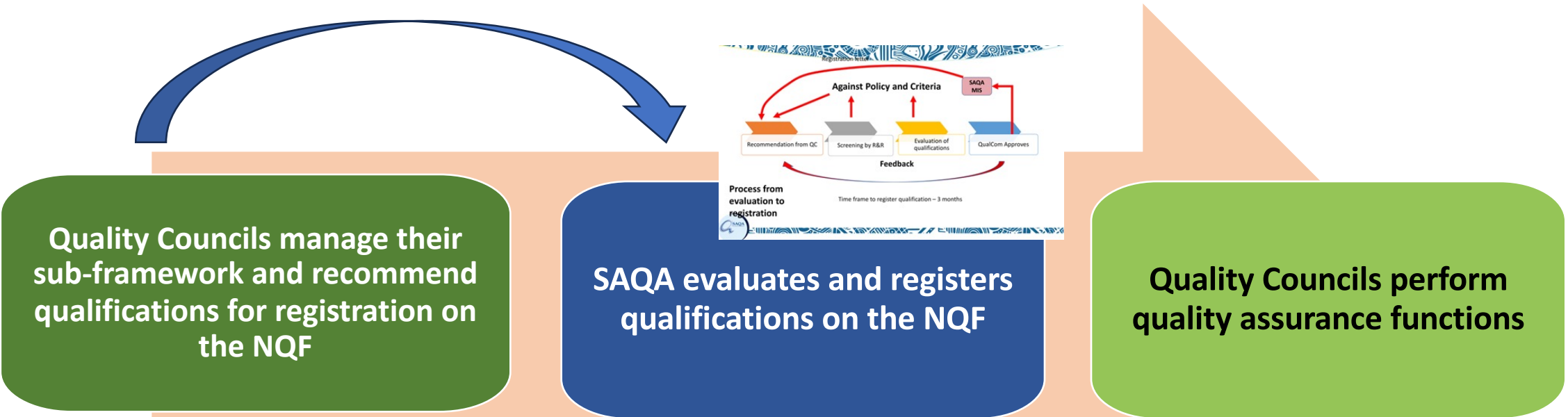
Designator/  
Descriptor

3

Broad area of  
study/  
discipline/  
Occupations



# Roles and Responsibility of Quality Councils and SAQA



- CHE
- Public
- Private
- QCTO
- SDPs
- TVET/CET





# Policy and Criteria for the Registration of Qualifications and Part-qualifications on the National Qualifications Framework (As amended, 2022)



# Achievements\*



826 Qualifications



COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION

6 681 Qualifications



Qualifications  
Achieved through  
RPL = 50 551



22 947 812  
Learner  
achievements



8 Qualifications

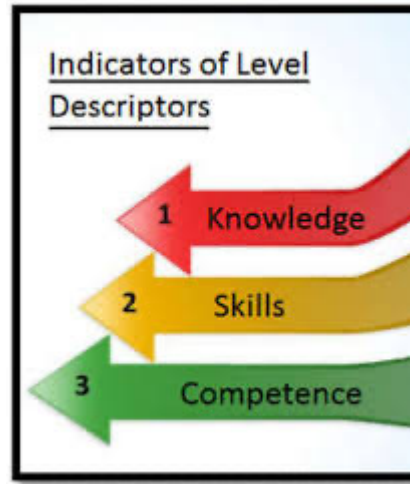


101 Recognised  
Professional Bodies

\* - Source: National Learners' Records Database as of March 31, 2024

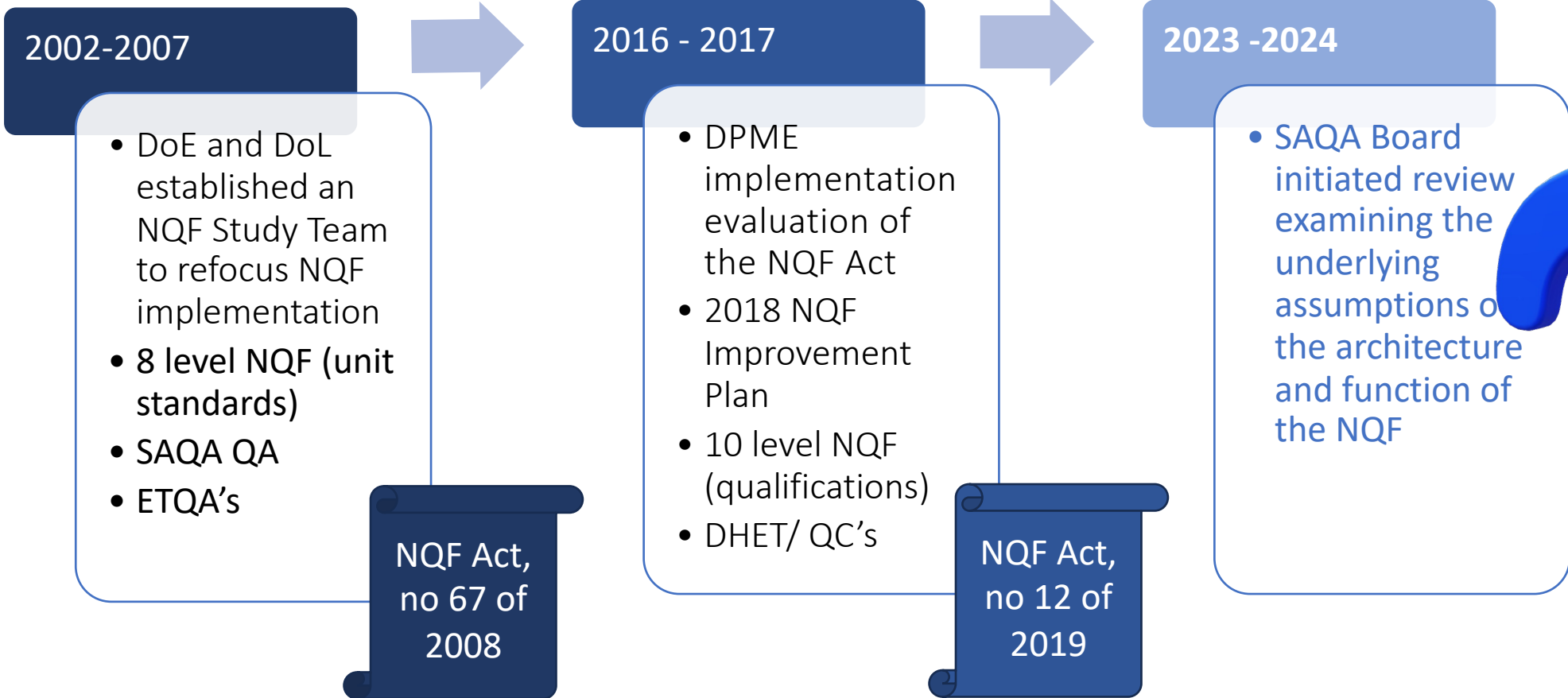


# Developments



NQF  
Professional Bodies  
Quality Assurance Mechanisms  
Registration of Qualifications

# Reviews of the NQF



The NQF Review is providing emerging insights which will inform SAQA strategies going forward.

### NQF Review

- more strategic positioning; coordination and governance
- Institutional review
- review and reinterpret NQF objectives to ensure that the qualifications on the NQF meet their:
  - ❖ Educational purpose
  - ❖ Occupational purpose, and
  - ❖ Social justice and inclusion role (Wheeiehan, 2023)

### Professional Body Review

- PB's should remain in the NQF
- legislative contradiction should be reviewed
- regulatory systems and processes to be clarified and adjusted





**THANK  
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