

Namibian National Qualifications Framework (NNQF) Overview

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NQA MANDATE

- NQA Act (29) of 1996 requires the NQA to:
 - set up and administer a national system for qualifications in Namibia – the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)
 - Set occupational standards for any occupation, job, post or position in any career structure
 - Provide advice on qualifications and standards
 - Be a forum on all matters pertaining to qualifications



The NQA does not work alone

Minister of Higher Education, **Technology and Innovation**

Accreditation Standard NQF

General/Vocational/Tertiary/Others

MoEAC NIED PQA

NTA

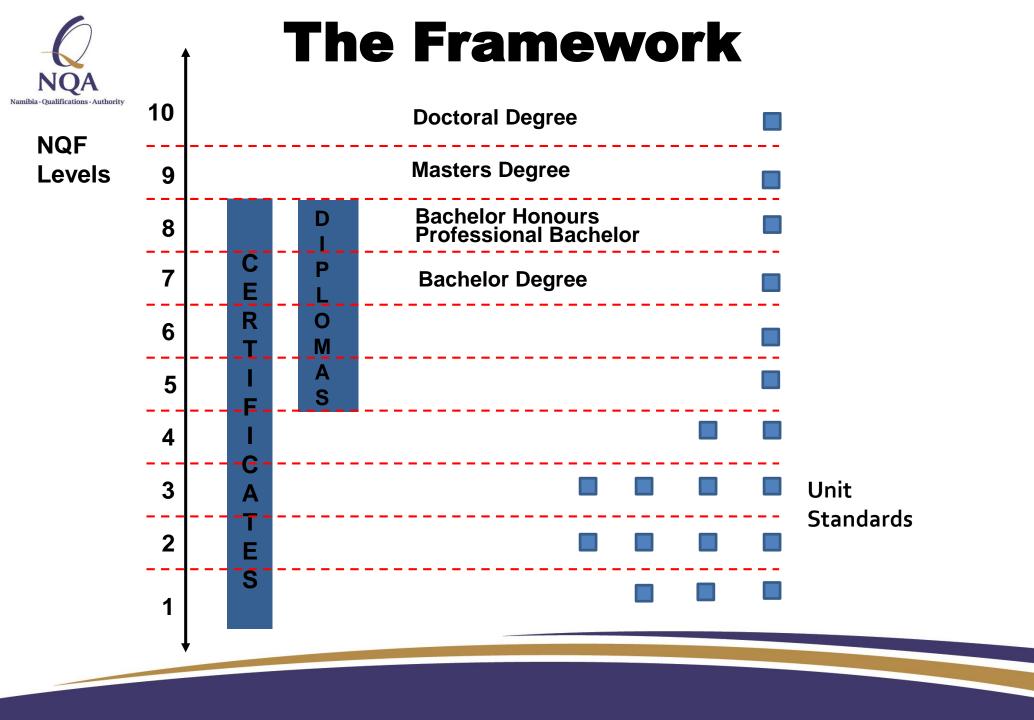
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Professional Bodies Statutory Bodies Employers OPM/PSC **Trade Unions**

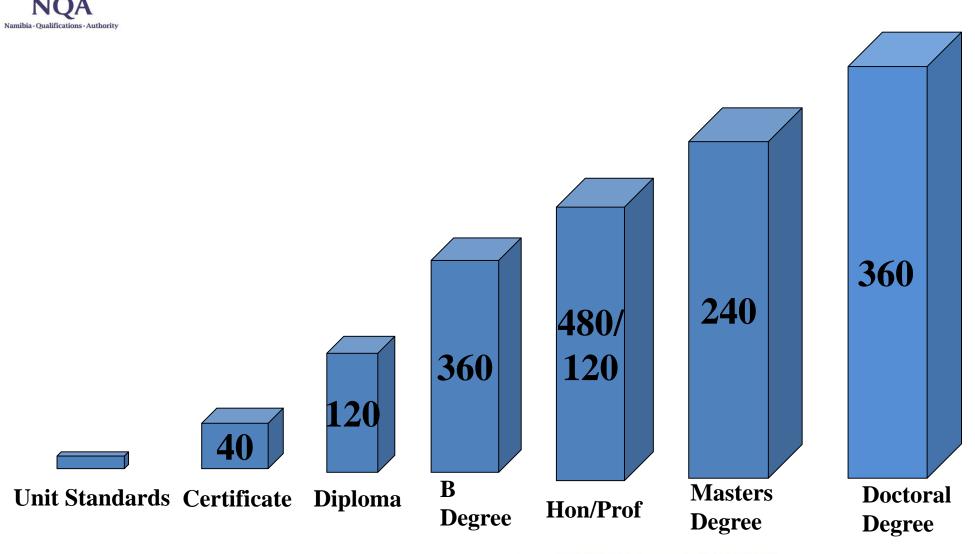
Articulation

Relevance





Volumes of NQF Qualifications (minimum)





Recent Developments

- The NAC of Namibia had been established in April 2017 and the NAC held its first meeting on 10 May 2017
- Self-assessment to determine the level of readiness of the country to align
- First draft of this self-assessment to the SADC secretariat in June 2017
- Second draft was then submitted in January 2018



NAC Member Organisations

- 1. Professional Bodies (8)
- 2. Public Universities (2)
- 3. Public Colleges (1)
- 4. Private Higher Education Training Providers
 - Association of Private Higher Education
 Training Providers (APHEIN)
- Ministry of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation
- 6. Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture

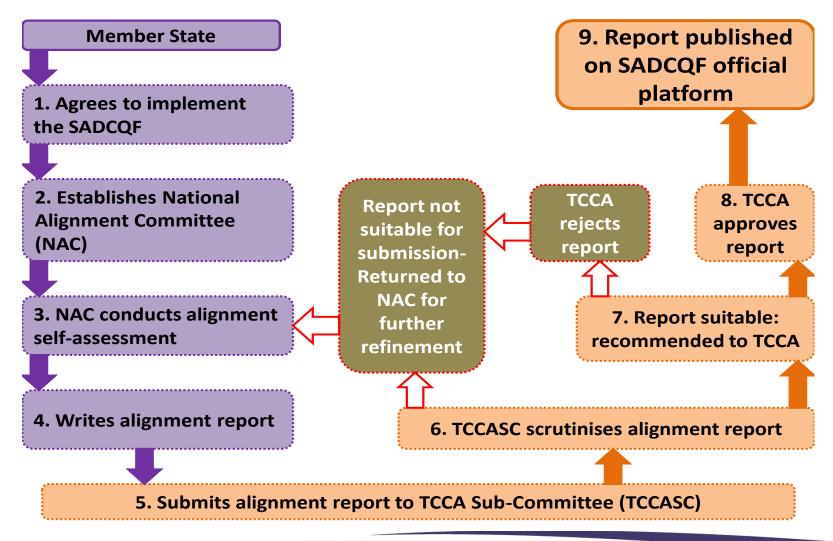


NAC Member Organisations

- 7. National Youth Council
- 8. National Student Organization
- 9. Ministry of Labour
- 10. National Funding Institute (NSFAF)
- 11. Office of the Prime Minister
- 12. National Planning Commission
- 13. Quality Assurance Bodies:
- ✓ Namibia Qualifications Authority (NQA)
- ✓ National Council for Higher Education (NCHE)



Namibia Alignment Roadmap





Main Achievements

- Establishment of National Alignment Committee (NAC)
- NAC conducted alignment self-assessment
- NAC compiled the alignment report
- Digital credentials Implemented NQF Information Management System (NQFIMS) (more need to be put in place – learner record)



Main Achievements Cont.

Communication (SADCQF) - public and stakeholders media in Namibia in April 2017 see links below:

SADC to launch qualifications framework | New Era

Newspaper Namibia

https://neweralive.na/posts/sadc-to-launch-

qualifications-framework

SADC qualifications framework unveiled | Confidente

www.confidente.com.na



New Initiatives

- Embracing the Micro-credential model
 - ✓ willingness to buy-in and implement
 - ✓ on the agenda strategic plan/year plan
 - ✓ need to do more studies on the concept
- Qualifications standards (policy)
- Articulation (policy)



Plan (Way Forward)

- NAC to conduct stakeholder meeting to get more inputs on the self-assessment report by
- Compile a final draft report to TCCA Sub-Committee
- Submit the report to the TCCA Sub-Committee for further consideration and approval
- Addis Convention Ratification
- Revive the Automated System for evaluation
- Full implementation of NQFIMS

