

# LESOTHO QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK AND RELATED POLICIES

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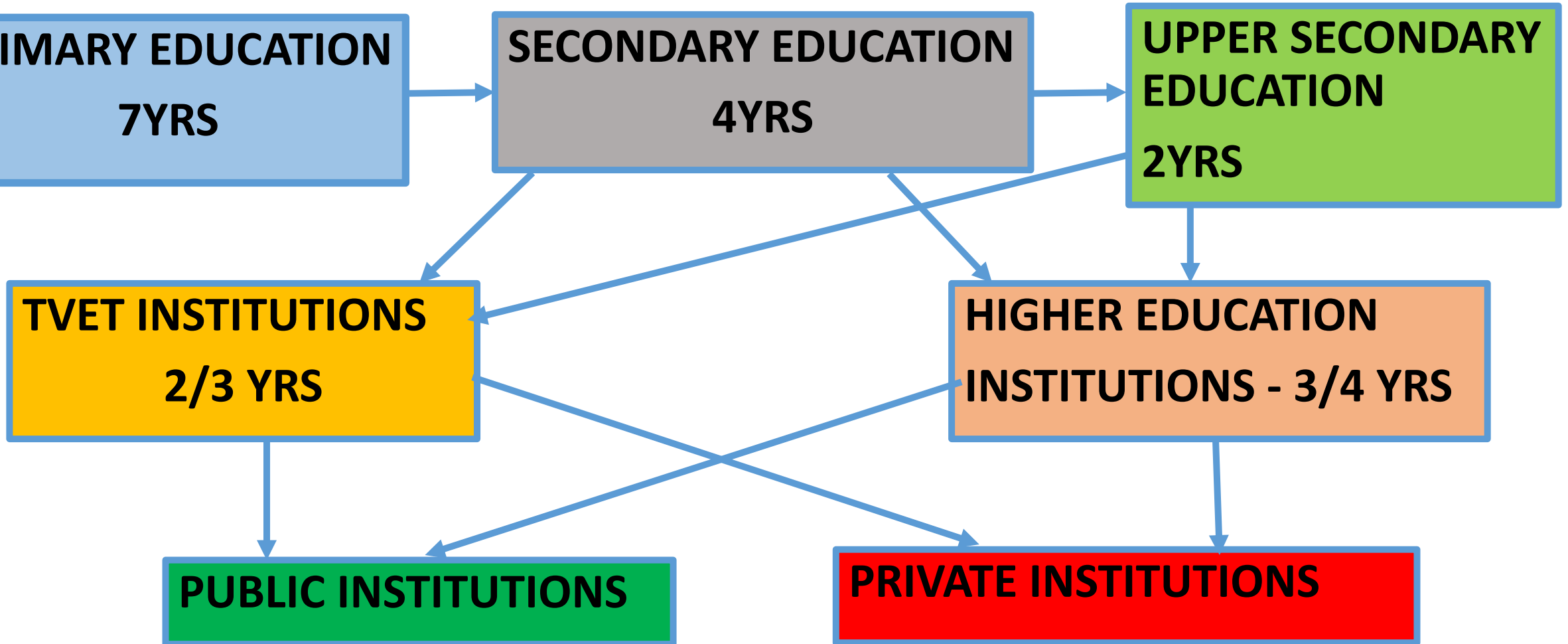
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## **PRESENTATION STRUCTURE**

# EDUCATION & TRAINING SYSTEM IN LESOTHO



# COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION MANDATE



✓ CHE was established under HE **ACT NO. 1 of 2004** .



✓ For governance and funding of HE public institutions;

✓ Registration of higher education private institutions;



✓ quality promotion in higher education and



✓ Expanded mandate to implement LQF across entire education system.

# WHAT CHE DOES (FUNCTIONS)



- Monitors implementation of Higher Education policy;



- Publishes information regarding developments in higher education, on a regular basis;



- Promotes access of students into HEIs;



- Performs verification and evaluation of qualifications.

# LQF DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY



**CHE  
established  
by the HE Act  
of 2004**



**LQF (2005) –  
LQA, CHE,  
Skills  
Authority.  
– Not  
implemented.**



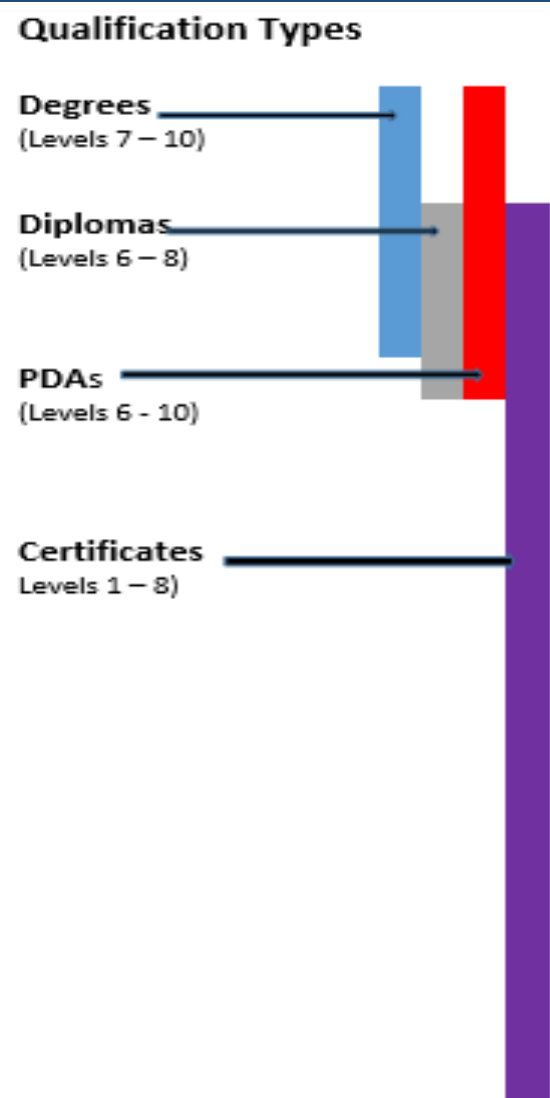
**CHE  
assigned to  
lead revision  
of LQF 2005,  
started in  
2016**



**Current LQF  
approved by  
Cabinet in  
June 2019**



# Summary Framework



Level	Academic / Professional Track		TVET Track ( <i>formal, professional &amp; industry based qualifications</i> )		Credit Values (Minimum)	Credit Values
10	Doctorate		Doctorate		360	360
9	Masters		Masters		120	240
8	PGC/PGD/Honours Bachelor		PGC/PGD/Honours Bachelor		120	120
7	Bachelor		Bachelor		360	360 - 480
6	Diploma		Diploma		120	240
5	AS Certificate	Technical Education Certificate A	National Craft Certificate	Trade Test A	120	120 - 240
4	O Level / LGCSE Certificate	Technical Education Certificate B	Vocational Education & Training Certificate	Trade Test B	120	
3			Basic Vocational Education & Training Certificate	Trade Test C	120	
2	Junior Certificate	Technical Education Certificate C	Basic Operative Certificate	Trade Test Operative	120	
1	Primary Cert / Basic Adult Education Cert.		Foundation Certificate		120	

## OBJECTIVES OF LQF

Integrates all National qualifications into a single framework



To improve articulation and learner progression



To address equity & redress enabling Basotho to acquire qualifications irrespective of age & lack of formal education (RPL).



To upgrade TVET qualifications to higher levels



To facilitate curriculum innovation and qualifications renewal



To improve articulation and learner mobility through links and pathways between academic & TVET qualifications.





- Implementation of LQF across entire education system;



- Appointment of LQF officer;

- Dissemination of LQF & consultations with stakeholders.



- RPL, RCC & CAT policies, and RPL draft guidelines developed;



- RPL, RCC & CAT policies submitted for cabinet approval.



- Submission of RCC, RPL & CAT to Council of CHE to permit HEIs use of policies;



- Trainings of HEIs and stakeholders on LQF and RPL;



- Alignment of HE qualifications with LQF;



- Registration of HE qualifications on LQF;



- Verification & evaluation of qualifications;



# **MOUNTAIN KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**

## **THE KINGDOM IN THE SKY**

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**LIKHOMO!!**

**THANK YOU!!**

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