



STATE OF PLAY OF THE ZAMBIA QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

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Presentation Outline

**Legal Framework Supporting the
Implementation of the ZQF and
Legal Mandate**

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Authority**

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Framework**

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recognition of
Zambian
qualifications**

Ratification of Conventions

Next Steps

Legal Framework and Policies Supporting the Implementation of the ZQF

ZAQA ACT NO. 13 OF 2011

The Act provides for:

- The development and implementations of a national qualifications framework
- The Establishment of the Zambia Qualifications Authority;
- The Registration and accreditation of qualifications;
- Measures to ensure that standards and registered qualifications are internationally comparable;
- Matters connected with, or incidental to the foregoing

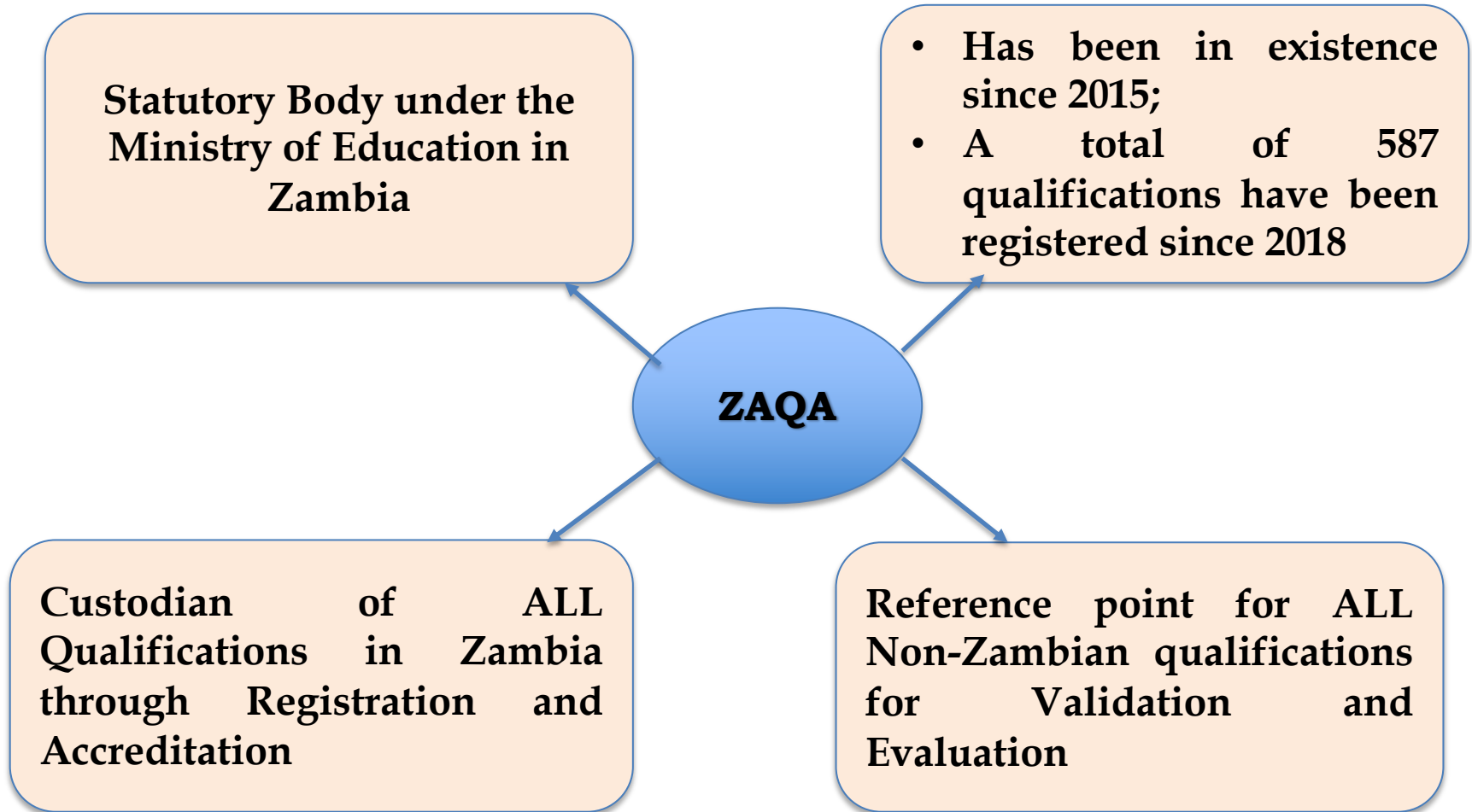
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- Provides for procedures for the registration and accreditation of qualifications;
- Provides for procedures for the validation of qualifications

National Policy on Education of 2012 (Under Review)

- Provides for the structure of the NQF;
- Provides for QA mechanisms in Education

ABOUT THE ZAMBIA QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY



OVERVIEW OF THE ZAMBIA QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

Zambia Qualifications Framework

ZQF Level	General Education		Trades and Occupations	Higher Education
10				Doctorate Degree
9				Master's Degree
8				Post -Graduate Diploma
7				Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
6				Bachelor's Degree (Ordinary)
5			Diploma	
4			Level 5 Certificate	
3			Level 4 Certificate	
2	B	Senior Secondary Education Certificate (Grade 12)	Level 3 Certificate	
	A	Junior Secondary Education Certificate (Grade 9)		
1	Primary Education Certificate (Grade 7)			
Quality Assurance	Quality Assurance Bodies established by Acts of Parliament in Zambia			
Qualifications	The Zambia Qualifications Authority (ZAQA Act No.13 of 2011)			



The Zambia Qualifications Framework (ZQF) is a 10 Level Framework made up of a single integrated system comprising three (3) coordinated qualifications sub-frameworks



General &
Further
Education Sub
framework



Trades and
Occupations
Sub framework



Higher
Education Sub
framework

Objectives of the Zambia Qualifications Framework

Integration

- To create a single integrated national framework for learning achievements

Access, Mobility and Progression

To facilitate access to, and mobility, and progression within education, training and career paths

Quality

- To enhance the quality of education and training

Employment

- To promote education, training and employment opportunities

Strengthening the Legal Framework:
Review of ECZ, HE, TEVET & ZAQA Acts

Constitution of a Technical working Group on the ratification of conventions and monitoring of implementation

Review of the National Policy on Education:

- Increasing access to and participation in education;
- Improving Quality and relevance in education;
- Integration of emerging issues

**Measures to improve the recognition of
Zambian
qualifications**

Distribution of work among competent Institutions

Streamlining of functions, building capacity in institutions charged with recognition, enhancing QA systems.

Achieving automatic recognition:

- Review of the NQF;
- Incorporating Micro-credentials
- Alignment/ referencing to the SADCQF and ACQF after review of the NQF

Recognition of alternative pathways

- Developed policies for RPL and CATS (Reviewed with COL);
- Development of individual policies by appropriate authorities
- Implementation

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Recognition of Refugee Qualifications

- Implementation of the UQP Project;
- Technical Working Group (UNESCO, QA Agencies, MoE, UNHCR, Universities);
- Development of Guidelines on the recognition of refugee qualifications;
- Working on challenges after recognition which require policy change

Optimising Digital Technology

- QMIS for the validation and evaluation of qualifications

Progress towards ratification of Global Conventions

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RATIFICATION OF CONVENTIONS ON THE RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS



Zambia ratified the Addis Convention in 2021 and is in the process of ratifying the Global Convention



The ratification provides an opportunity for international mobility and transparency in the recognition of qualifications



Clarity on progression routes



Opportunity to do an assessment of systems and procedures in education to improve the recognition of qualifications internationally.

Next Steps



- Ratification of the Global Convention and monitoring of the Addis Convention;
- Approval of the National Policy on Education;
- Developing policies on the implementation of Micro-Credentials
- Finalising the review of the ZQF

Thank you!



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