

Embracing Change: Recognising Foreign Qualifications in the Context of COVID-19

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PRESENTATION STRUCTURE

ABOUT SAQA



THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY (SAQA) IS A STATUTORY BODY ESTABLISHED IN TERMS OF THE SAQA ACT (NO. 58 OF 1995) AND CONTINUING IN TERMS OF THE NQF ACT (NO. 67 OF 2008)

THE NQF ACT MANDATES SAQA TO



DEVELOP &
IMPLEMENT



ADVANCE THE
OBJECTIVES



CO-ORDINATE
SUB-FRAMEWORKS

OF THE NQF



Based in Pretoria, South Africa

WHAT SAQA AIMS TO ACHIEVE

Vision

A world-class National Qualifications Framework that works for the People in South Africa



Values

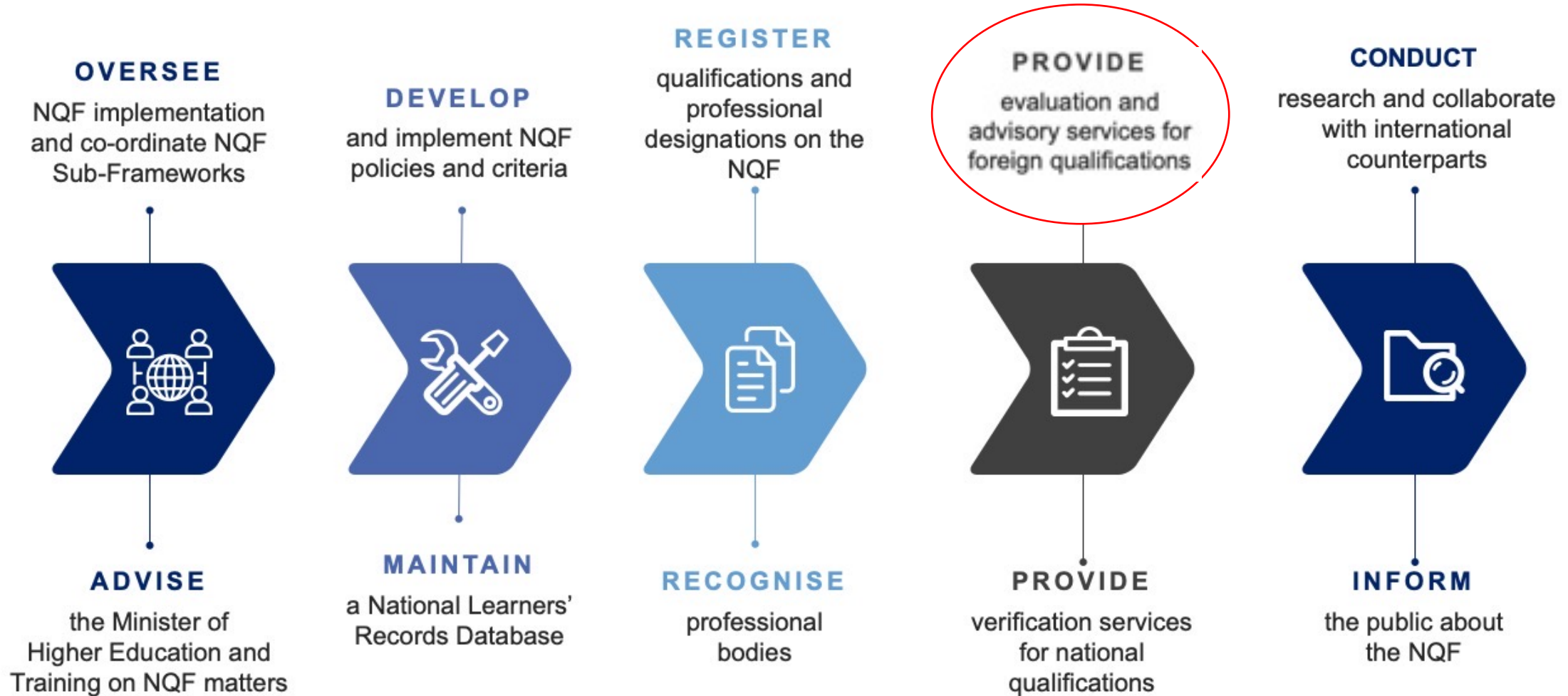
- Quality qualifications
- Social and economic transformation
 - Integrity
 - Integration
 - Quality service
- High energy and corporate vibrancy



Mission

To oversee the further development and implementation of the NQF and to advance its objectives, which contribute to the full development of the lifelong learner and to the social and economic development of the nation at large

SAQA RESPONSIBILITIES



WHY WE RECOGNISE QUALIFICATIONS



- Trust
- Quality
- Mobility
 - *Immigration*
 - *Further studies*
 - *Professional registration*
 - *Employment*

HOW WE RECOGNISE QUALIFICATIONS

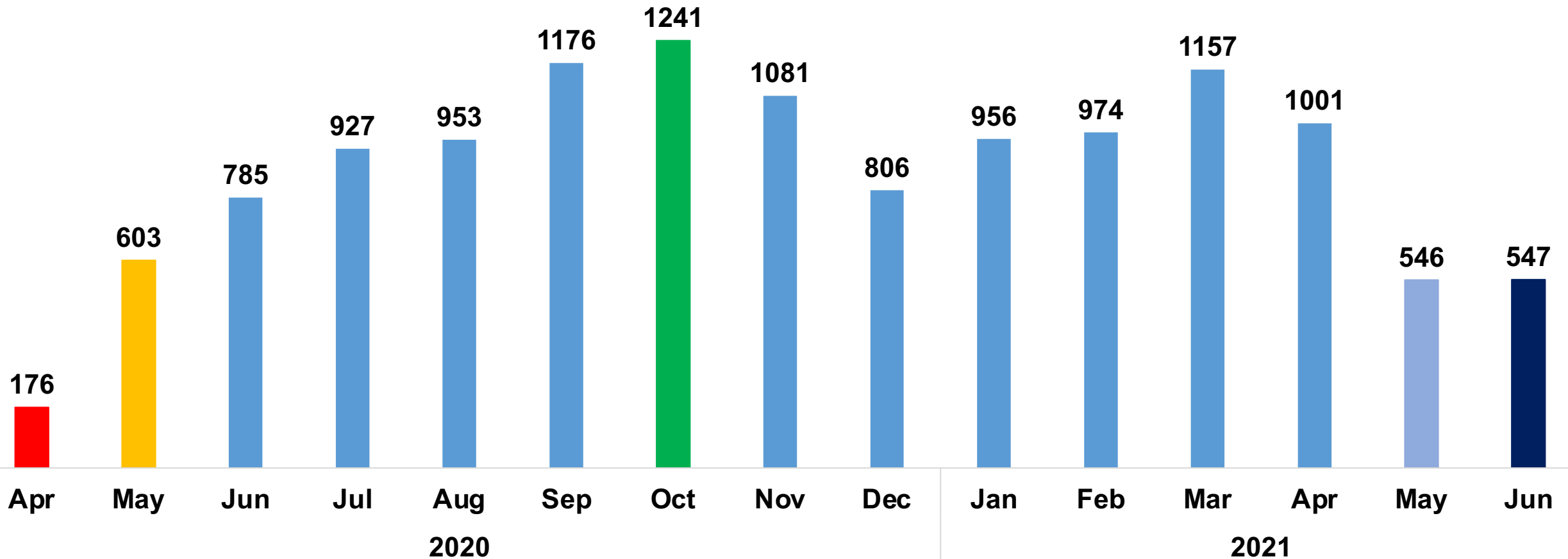


Comparison

Using the NQF as a recognition instrument for benchmarking foreign qualifications in South Africa by comparing the closest comparable South African qualification

RECOGNITION IN THE PANDEMIC

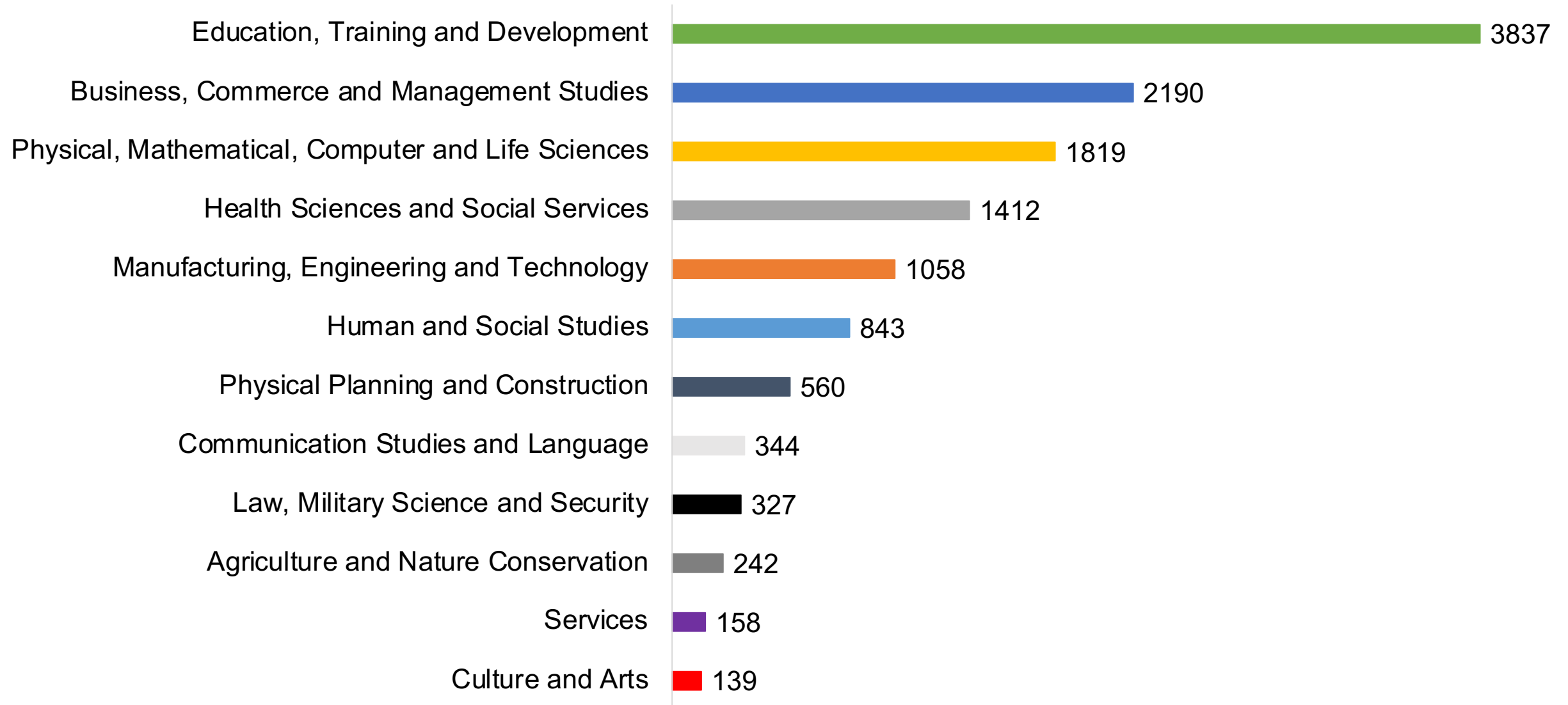
Recognised qualifications per month



RECOGNITION IN THE PANDEMIC...cont

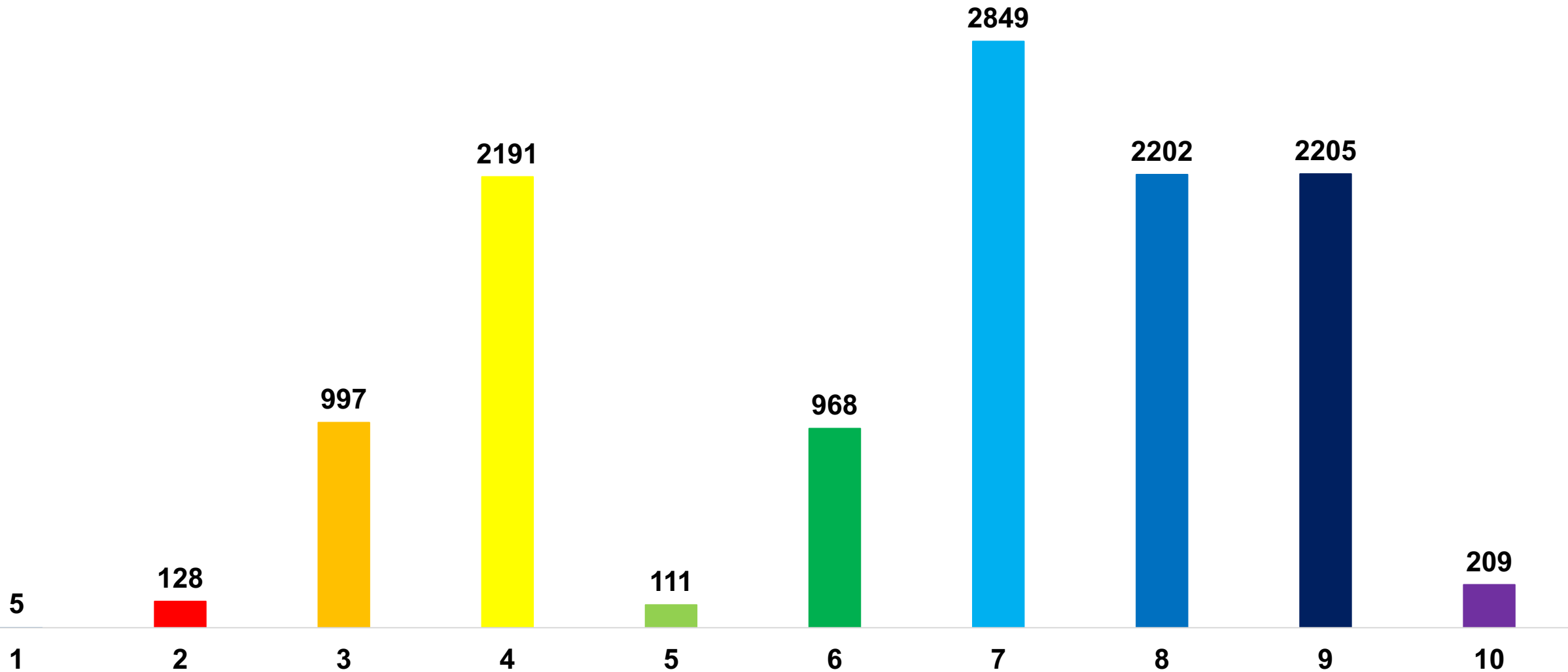


Recognised qualifications by NQF organising field



RECOGNITION IN THE PANDEMIC... cont

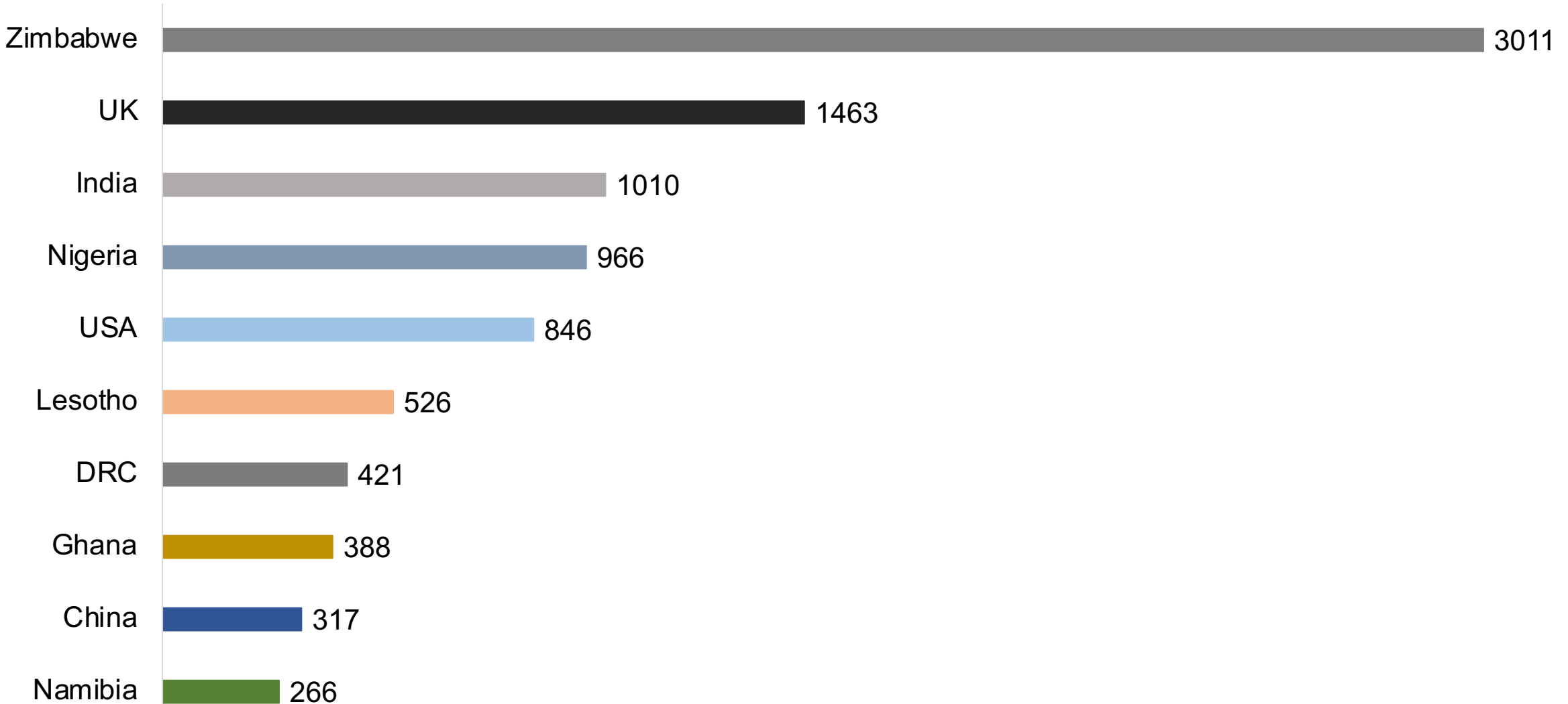
Recognised qualifications by NQF level



RECOGNITION IN THE PANDEMIC...cont



Top 10: Recognised qualifications by country



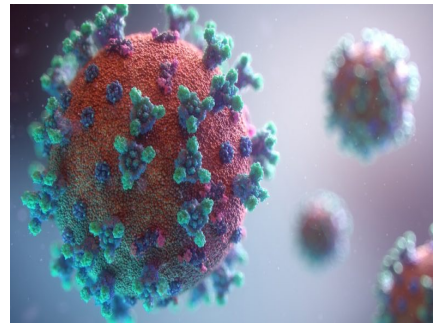
EMBRACING CHANGE

“If everything didn't happen the way it happened this year, then think about it, everything would just be the same. And there's something very wrong with that thought. It wasn't supposed to remain the same, going on and on in an endless hum drum motion, repeating all the old rhythms, living in all the old lies, playing back all the same voices in the mind. It needed to end. Something needed to be over. Something new needs to take its place.”

— **C. JoyBell C.**



CHALLENGES FACED



“Nothing is so painful to the human mind as a great and sudden change.”
— Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, [Frankenstein](#)

LESSONS LEARNT



Communication



Digitalization



Relationships



*“Progress is impossible without change,
and those who cannot change their
minds cannot change anything.”—
George Bernard Shaw*

WAY FORWARD

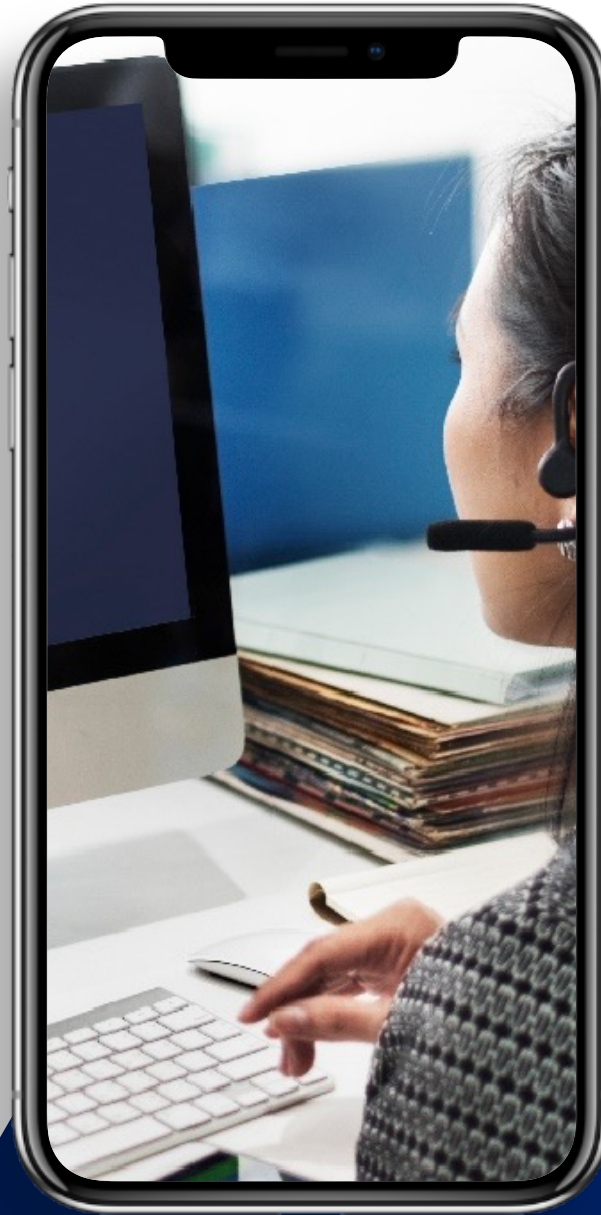


“Times and conditions change so rapidly that we must keep our aim constantly focused on the future.” - **Walt Disney**

THANK YOU



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