

# Update on the Development of the Malawi National Qualification Framework (MAQF) and next steps

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# Presentation Outline

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- The MAQF Structure
- Key milestones of the MAQF Development
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# The Malawi Qualification Framework

- An integrated framework encompassing the whole education sector
- Comprises of three tiers namely General Education (Primary and Secondary), TVET and Higher Education
- Has ten levels;
  - Level 1 being the Certificate of Primary Education to level 10 being PhD
  - seven levels situated at undergraduate level and three at post graduate
- Three domains of learning - Level descriptors:
  - knowledge, skills and Competence
  - each is defined in terms of progressive stages of achievement/outcomes.

# The MAQF Structure

QF LEVEL	SUB-FRAMEWORKS			CREDIT VALUES (MINIMUM)
	GENERAL / TRACK AWARD	TVET TRACK AWARD	HIGHER EDUCATION/ PROFESSIONAL AWARD	
10		Doctorate	Doctorate	360
9		Masters	Masters	240
8		Honours Degree,	Honours Degree,	600
		Postgraduate Diploma & Postgraduate Certificate	Postgraduate Diploma & Postgraduate Certificate	240 120
7		Bachelor's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	480
6		National Diploma	National Diploma	240
5		TEVET Level III/NTT G1/Malawi Advanced Craft (Certificate V)	National Advanced Certificate (Certificate V)	120
4	MSCE (Certificate IV)	TEVET Level II/NTT G2/Malawi Craft (Certificate IV)	National Certificate (Certificate IV)	60
3		TEVET Level I/NTT G3 (Certificate III)		40
2	JCE (Certificate II)			
1	PSLCE (Certificate 1)			

# Key milestones of the MAQF Development

- Draft MAQF is at advanced stage
  - The Higher Education tier, HEQF, was developed and validated in 2019
  - The TEVET tier, TQF was developed in 2008 and was reviewed in 2023 for alignment with the MAQF
  - The General Education has been completed in 2023
  - The three have been merged into the draft MAQF awaiting validation
- Draft regulations for HEQF and TQF developed and reviewed
- The Malawi Qualifications Authority (MAQA) Bill developed and the drafting process is underway at the Ministry of Justice
- National Stakeholders Validation of the MAQF is planned for the second week of January, 2024.
- MAQF to proceed in the absence of MAQA

# Next (Independent) steps

- Approval, gazetting, and dissemination of the MAQF
- Approval of QF regulations
- Enactment of MAQA Bill leading to establishment of MAQA

# Governance Issues

- Still under discussion: Before MAQA is born, MAQF will be administered by either;
  - Ministry of Education (MoE) through Directorate of Quality Assurance Services (DQAS), or
  - National Council for Higher Education (NCHE), or
  - Malawi National Examinations Board (MANEB), or
  - TEVET Authority (TEVETA), - with coordination by MoE's DQAS
- We would like to learn at the this workshop how sister countries have implemented NQFs in the absence of MAQA-like institution

# Challenges

- Getting the three tiers together let alone to agree
- Resources for consultation meetings
- Time limitations



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