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# **TANZANIA QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK**

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# United Republic of Tanzania (URT)



- Union between Tanganyika (1961) and Zanzibar (1964) formed URT 1964
- Area 947,3030 square km
- Population around 61.7 million (Population and Housing Census, 2022)

# Tanzania Attractions



- Highest mountain in Africa  
Kilimanjaro
- Largest and deepest lake in Africa  
(Victoria and Tanganyika)
- National parks (22 parks)
- Game reserves (17 game reserves)
- Historical sites like Olduvai gorge
- Rich in natural resources
- Language: Kiswahili

# Principles of TQF

## **i) Credibility;**

National and international value and acceptability

## **ii) Flexibility;**

Enables several paths which lead to the same learning goals

## **iii) Acceptability;**

Involves different stakeholders in the process of planning and coordination

## **iv) Transferability;**

Transfer of credits from one institution to the other

## **v) Recognition of a Prior Learning; and**

## **vi) Transparency:**

Clear and consistent in interpretation of different educational qualifications

# Scope of TQF

- i) Higher Education level qualifications;
- ii) Professional qualifications;
- iii) TVET level qualifications;
- iv) Basic education qualifications which include pre-primary, primary and secondary education;
- v) Adult and non-formal education qualifications; and
- vi) Prior learning qualifications.

# Institutions Governing Different Education Training Levels

- **Basic Education:**
  - Tanzania Institute of Education (TIE)
  - National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA)
- **Tertiary non-university institutions**
  - The National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET) (Previous two different bodies NACTE and VETA)
- **University institutions**
  - The Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU)



# Education Clusters

Basic Education and Training Levels				Advanced Education and Training Level	Higher Education and Training Levels				
NQF Level 1	NQF Level 2	NQF Level 3	NQF Level 4	NQF Level 5	NQF Level 6	NQF Level 7	NQF Level 8	NQF Level 9	NQF Level 10
Certificate of Primary Education	National Vocational Certificate I	National Vocational Certificate II	Certificate of Secondary Education, Basic Technician Certificate (NTA Level 4), National Vocational Certificate III, Professional Technician Level I Certificate	Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education, Technician Certificate (NTA Level 5) Professional Technician Level II Certificate, Post NQF Level 4 Certificate	Ordinary Diploma (NTA Level 6), Academic Ordinary Diploma, Academic Post NQF Level 5 Certificate, Professional Level I Certificate	Higher Diploma, Higher Certificate or Professional Level II Certificate	Academic Bachelor Degree, or Bachelor Degree in (Specified Area of Technical Education or Profession), Professional Level III Certificate	Academic Masters Degree, Academic Postgraduate Diploma, Academic Certificate or Master Degree in (Specified Area of Technical Education or Profession), Diploma in (Specified Area of Technical Education or Profession) and Professional Level IV Certificate	Academic Doctorate Degree or Doctorate Degree in (Specified Area of Technical Education or Profession)

# Education Clusters

Lifelong Learning	Level	School Pathway	Technical, Vocational and Occupational/ professional Education and Training (TVET) Pathway*	University Academic and Professional Pathway	Level	Lifelong Learning
Horizontal Articulation	10		Doctorate Degree in ()	Doctorate Degree	10	Horizontal Articulation
	9		Master Degree in (Specified Area of Technical Education or Profession) Post graduate Diploma in (Specified Area of Technical Education or Profession) Professional Level IV Certificate	Masters Degree, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma	9	
	8		Bachelor Degree (Specified Area of Technical Education or Profession) Professional Level III Certificate	Bachelors Degree	8	
	7		Higher Diploma, Higher Certificate, Professional Level II Certificate	Higher Diploma, Higher Certificate,	7	
	6		Ordinary Diploma (NTA Level 6) Professional Level II Certificate	Ordinary Diploma, Post NQF Level 5 Certificate	6	

Vertical Articulation through RPL Horizontal Articulation



Lifelong Learning	Qualification Levels	Non Formal school Sector	School Sector		Basic Teachers Education	University Education Sector	Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Sector*	Professions	Lifelong Learning	
			Primary and Secondary Schools	Technical Schools						
Horizontal Articulation	10					Doctorate Degree (UQF 10)	Doctorate Degree (NTA 10)		Horizontal Articulation	
	9					Master's Degree (UQF 9)	Master's Degree (NTA 9)			
						Postgraduate Certificate/ Postgraduate Diploma (UQF 9)		Postgraduate Certificate		
	8					Bachelor's Degree (UQF 8)	Bachelor's Degree (NTA 8)	Professional Certificate Level III		
	7						Higher Diploma (UQF 7)	Higher Diploma (NTA 7)		Professional Certificate Level II
										Professional Certificate Level I
	6					Diploma of Education	Diploma (UQF 6) Certificate (UQF 6)	Ordinary Diploma (NTA 6)		Technician Certificate Level III
	5	NFSE Stage III	Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education					Technician Certificate (NTA 5)		Technician Certificate Level II
	4					Certificate of Education		Basic Technician Certificate (NTA 4)		Technician Certificate Level I
NFSE Stage II		Certificate of Secondary Education	Certificate of Technical Secondary Education					National Skills Certificate		
3	NFSE Stage I						National Vocational Award III	ABET Level III		
							National Vocational Award II	ABET Level II		
2							National Vocational Award I	ABET Level I		
1	COBET	Certificate of Primary Education								

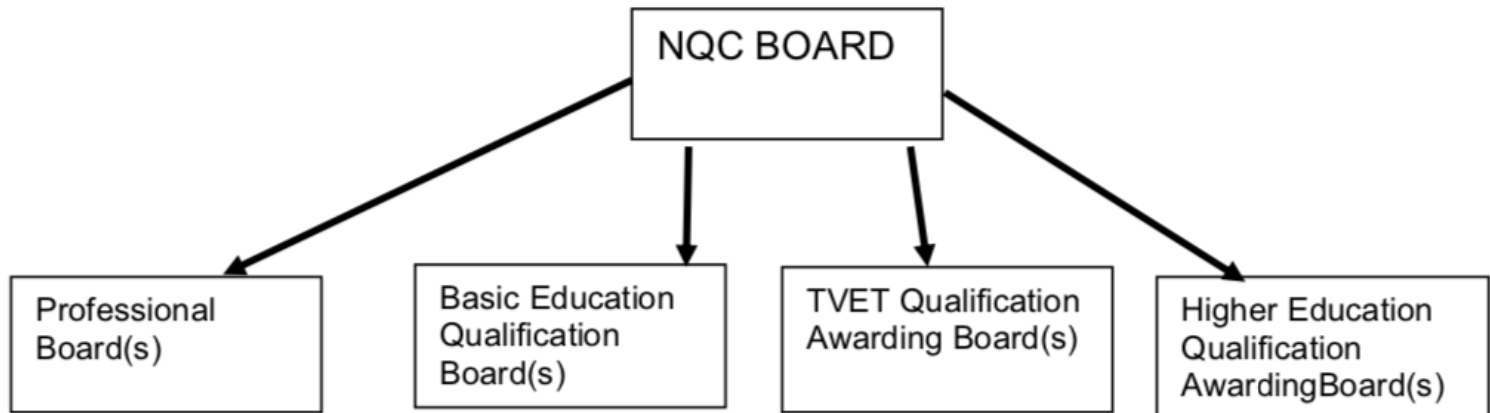
Vertical Articulation

# Challenges

- i). Recognition of foreign qualifications;
  - Employment
  - Admissions
  - Registrations
- ii). Acceptability with professional bodies
  - e.g. Health related professionals
- iii). Development in various levels of education

## Next Step for TQF

- Establishment of the Board (National Qualifications Coordination Board (NQCB))
- Composition and functions of the NQCB to be defined by the establishing law





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