

# QUALIFICATIONS MATTER

So if you are ...

- applying for a job
- undertaking further study in Ireland
- recruiting people with foreign qualifications

... now you can have your foreign  
qualifications recognised in Ireland

[www.qualificationsrecognition.ie](http://www.qualificationsrecognition.ie)

Qualifications Recognition – Ireland is the Irish centre for the recognition of foreign qualifications. If you hold a foreign qualification and are progressing towards further study and/or employment in Ireland **Qualifications Recognition – Ireland** can assist you.

## **WHAT INFORMATION DOES QUALIFICATIONS RECOGNITION – IRELAND PROVIDE?**

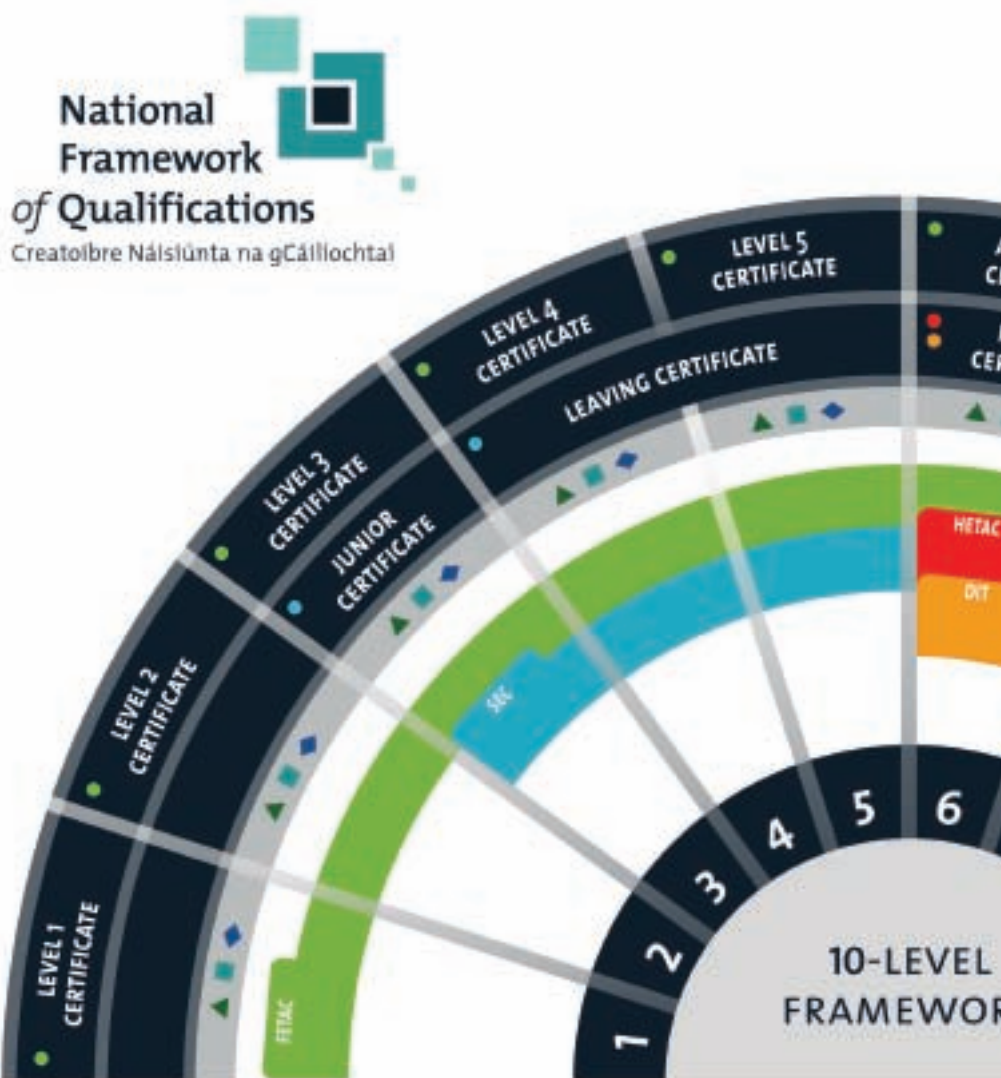
Qualifications Recognition – Ireland provides an information service that helps individuals compare their foreign qualifications with Irish qualifications. The service provides information regarding the foreign qualification held by you and compares the foreign qualification to a qualification that is placed at a particular level on the Irish *National Framework of Qualifications* (NFQ).

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# MORE ON THE QUALIFICATIONS SYSTEM IN IRELAND

There are a number of important changes taking place in the qualifications system in Ireland. The most significant is the introduction of the *National Framework of Qualifications*.

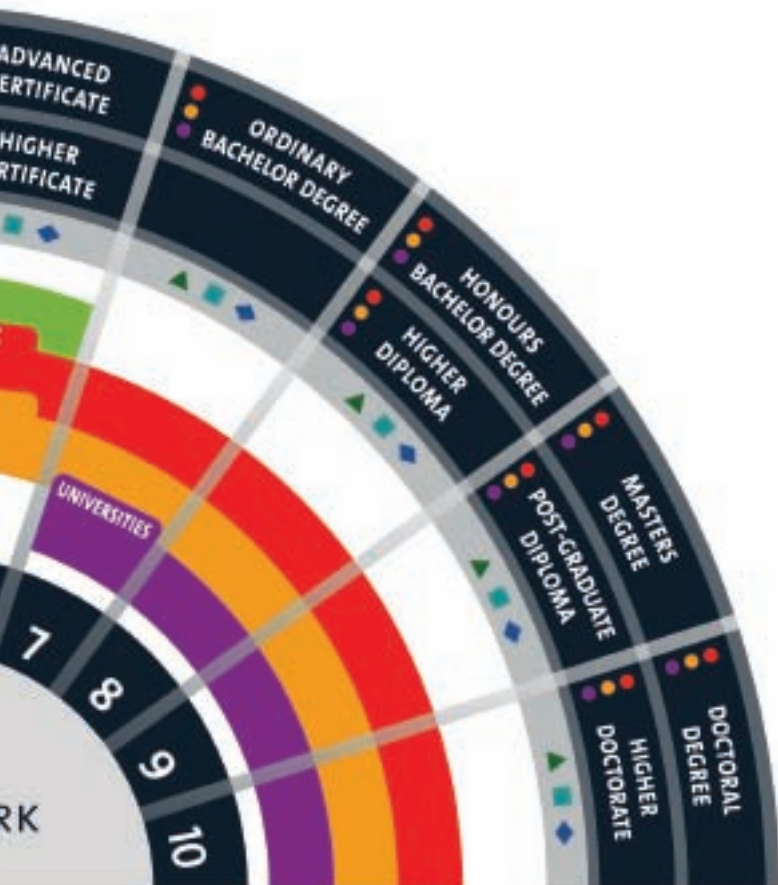
The *National Framework of Qualifications* is a system of ten levels. It is designed to capture all learning, from the very initial stages to the most advanced.



## KEY





- FETAC - Further Education and Training Awards Council
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (Department of Education & Science)
- HETAC - Higher Education and Training Awards Council
- DIT - Dublin Institute of Technology
- Universities

The *National Framework of Qualifications* provides a way of relating foreign qualifications to the nearest comparable qualification in Ireland. The advice provided helps put the foreign qualification in the context of the Irish education system. The aim is to indicate, where possible, the level that the award is at on the Irish *National Framework of Qualifications*. This is helpful for people who are not familiar with the Irish education system.



## AWARDS IN THE FRAMEWORK

There are four types of award in the National Framework of Qualifications:

-  **Major Awards** are the principal class of awards made at a level
-  **Minor Awards** are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award
-  **Supplemental Awards** are for learning that is additional to a Major Award
-  **Special Purpose Awards** are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement

## HOW DO I GET MY FOREIGN QUALIFICATION RECOGNISED IN IRELAND?

**Regulated Professions** – If you wish to practise in a regulated profession, (e.g. teaching, law, nursing and other health-related professions etc.) having obtained your professional qualifications in another country, you need to apply to the relevant competent authority in Ireland. To find the relevant authority for your profession and to obtain more information please follow the Professional Recognition System link on [www.qualificationsrecognition.ie](http://www.qualificationsrecognition.ie)

**Qualifications from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland** – for information on comparing UK and Irish qualifications, please read *Qualifications can cross boundaries – a rough guide to comparing qualifications in the UK and Ireland*. The guide is available on [www.qualificationsrecognition.ie](http://www.qualificationsrecognition.ie) or by phoning 887 1500.

**Applications for Recognition of other Foreign Qualifications** – If none of the above areas apply, please visit [www.qualificationsrecognition.ie](http://www.qualificationsrecognition.ie) or phone 8871500 to obtain a recognition application form and details regarding the documentation you must submit.

**This service is free of charge.**

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# Qualifications Recognition – *Ireland*

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