



Linking Qualifications Frameworks with Quality Assurance – Norway

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Overview

- Qualifications framework – background
- Quality Assurance in Higher Education
- Linking QF and QA

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Norwegian Qualifications Framework (NKR) – background

- QF for higher education adopted in March 2009
- QF for Lifelong Learning (NKR) was adopted in December 2011.
 - It covers all levels of the formal education and training system.
 - It includes the QF for Higher Education
 - Levels 6 – 8 are both referenced to EQF and self-certified to QF–EHEA (June 2014)
- The qualifications in NKR generally represent full level attainment
 - Exceptions: defined sub-levels at levels 5 and 6



NKR levels	Qualification types
8	Doctoral degrees (<i>ph.d.</i> ; <i>ph.d. in artistic development work (since 2018)</i> ; <i>dr. philos.</i>) Diploma for artistic development programme (<i>Diplom, kunstnerisk utviklingsprogram</i>)
7	Master's degree (<i>Mastergrad</i>) Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of International Business (MIB), Master of Technology Management, Master of Laws Candidata/candidatus medicinae, Candidata/candidatus medicinae veterinariae, Candidata/candidatus psychologiae, Candidata/candidatus theologiae
6.2	Bachelor's degree (<i>Bachelorgrad</i>) Diploma for general teacher education programme (<i>Vitnemål fra allmennlærerutdanning, Vitnemål fra grunnskolelærerutdanning</i>)
6.1	University College Degree (<i>Høgskolekandidatgrad</i>)
5.2	Diploma for vocational college education (1 ½ – 2 years, 90 – 120 credits) (<i>Vitnemål fra fagskoleutdanning</i>)
5.1	Diploma for vocational college education (½ to 1 ½ years, 30 – 90 credits) (<i>Vitnemål fra fagskoleutdanning</i>)
4 A and B	Certificate for upper secondary vocational education and training (<i>Vitnemål fra videregående opplæring, yrkesfaglige utdanningsprogram</i>) (A) Craft certificate (<i>Fagbrev</i>), Journeyman's certificate (<i>Svennebrev</i>) (A) Certificate for upper secondary general education (<i>Vitnemål fra videregående opplæring, studieforberedende utdanningsprogram</i>) (B)
3	Document of competence for partially completed upper secondary education and/or training (<i>Kompetansebevis</i>)
2	Certificate for primary and lower secondary education (10 years) (<i>Vitnemål fra 10-årig grunnskole</i>)



Quality Assurance in Higher Education



- Institutions must have quality assurance systems
- NOKUT is responsible for external QA
- QA is in line with ESG

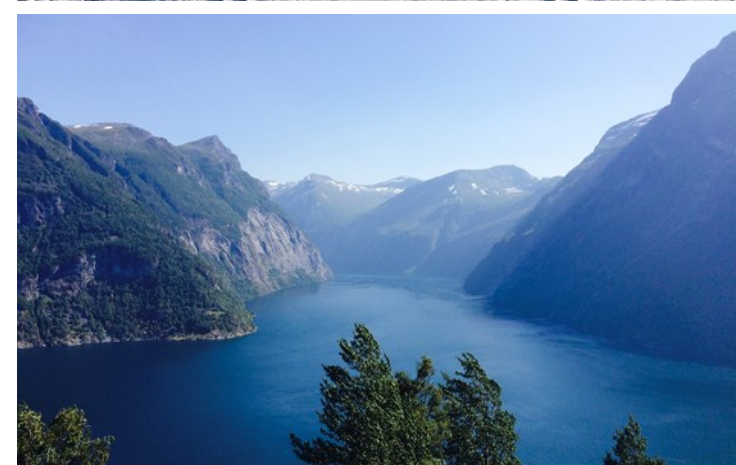


- NOKUT is member of ENQA and EQAR
- Compatibility with ESG in the regulations on QA of higher education (both the Ministry's and NOKUT's regulations)

Linking Quality Assurance and Qualifications Framework

NOKUT's regulation on QA of higher education:

- The first requirement regarding accreditation of study programmes is that the learning outcomes must be in accordance with the NQF (NKR)
 - ... and NOKUT's accreditation reports always include an assessment of the learning outcomes of the study programmes reviewed
- Among the requirements for the HEIs' systematic quality work is that they must control that all their study programmes have learning outcomes in accordance with NKR.





Thank you!

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