

Developing a National Qualifications Framework: the Georgian experience General Overview

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Higher Education Reform in Georgia

Law on Higher Education (2004)

- Structural changes
- Governance of HEIs (LEPL)
- Quality Assurance
- Unified National Exams
- New scheme of financing (social grants)



Georgia and Bologna Process

Bologna process member since 2005

- Introduction of three cycle system (bachelor, master, doctor)
- Establishment of credit system – ECTS (2005)
- Diploma supplement
- Quality assurance (Institutional Accreditation; Program Accreditation)
- Membership of European Network of Quality Assurance
- Tuning – Georgia (2007-2009)
- Elaboration of National Qualification Framework




Why NQF for HE must be created?

- National Dimension
 - Curriculum based on learning outcomes, quality assurance
- International Dimension
 - European Higher Education Area
(Transparency of Qualifications,
International Recognition of
Qualifications, International Mobility)



Formal basis for elaborating NQF for HE

- Bologna Process
- Amendment to the Law on Higher Education
 - Higher Education qualifications framework (28.03.2007)



Responsibility for elaboration and implementation of NQF for HE

Ministry of Education and Science

- Coordinating elaboration of the framework
- Approval and Implementation
- Self certification (2010)

Role of Stakeholders

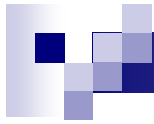
- Active participation in the process of elaboration and implementation (all the stakeholders are involved HEIs, experts, employers, National Accreditation Center)



Elaboration of the Framework – Situation in Georgia

Coordination of Elaboration of the Framework

- 2006 – Joint decision with stakeholders
- 2007 – Working group
- 2007 September – First conference
- 2008 – public discussions
- 2009 – Approval of NQF for HE



1	Decision to start	Decision made by the ministry in cooperation of the stakeholders
2	Setting the agenda	Defined goals of the framework
3	Organising the process	Work group was created 2007
4	Design	Level, level descriptors
5	Consultation	Consultations at national level, with international experts (2207-2008)
6	Approval	Approved by the ministry in line with the legislation (2009)
7	Administrative set-up	Implementation jointly by the ministry and national accreditation centre
8	Implementation at institutional/ programme level	Revision of the curriculum on the basis of the framework
9	Inclusion of qualifications in the NQF	Accreditation
10	Self-certification of compatibility with the EHEA framework	2010
11	NQF web site	www.mes.gov.ge



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