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## Introduction

The report prepared by VMU provides an overview of the information related to the National Qualifications Framework of Lithuania. The European Qualifications Framework is a reference framework whose aim is to relate the qualifications systems of various countries. In order to facilitate this effort, each Member State is expected to develop a National Qualifications Framework.

## National Qualifications Framework – Specific requirements

**Structure of qualifications: Lithuania**

The structure of Lithuanian qualifications is a system of levels of qualifications established in the Republic of Lithuania, based on the competences required for a person's activity. The Government of the Republic of Lithuania approved the description of the structure of Lithuanian qualifications in 2010. The qualifications provided in Lithuania are divided into 8 levels, the learning outcomes are characterized by the complexity, independence and variability of the activities that the qualified person is ready to perform.

The structure of Lithuanian qualifications corresponds to the 2008 April 23 the recommendation of the European Parliament and the Council on the creation of the European qualifications framework for lifelong learning (2008/C111/01) and the 8 levels of the qualifications framework established therein . in 2017 May 22 the new Recommendation on the framework of European qualifications for lifelong learning (2017/C 189/03) was approved .

The provisions of the description of the structure of Lithuanian qualifications apply:managing the Register of Studies, training programs and qualifications, other state and departmental registers, state information systems;

- approving professional standards and descriptions of study areas;
- while carrying out professional training or study programs, formulating the results of education according to general education programs;

- assessing competences (or part of them) acquired through formal, informal or self-education, granting and recognizing qualifications;
- evaluating and recognizing qualifications acquired in accordance with educational programs of foreign countries and international organizations;
- issuing documents attesting to acquired qualifications to individuals and specifying the level of the qualification granted in them.

Qualification documents according to LTKS levels is presented in Picture 1.

| LTKS level | Types of qualifications | EKS level |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | Doctor's degree | 8 |
| 7 | Master's degree Certificate of residency | 7 |
| 6 | Bachelor's degree<br>Professional bachelor's degree | 6 |
| 5 | Study certificate<br>Vocational training diploma* | 5 |
| 4 | Vocational training diploma<br>Matriculation certificate** | 4 |
| 3 | Vocational training diploma<br>Basic education certificate** | 3 |
| 2 | Vocational training diploma | 2 |
| 1 | Vocational training diploma | 1 |

**Picture 1.** Qualification documents according to LTKS levels

*Source:* *https://www.kpmpc.lt/kpmpc/kvalifikaciju-formavimas/kvalifikaciju-sandara/lietuvos-kvalifikaciju-sandara/*

The qualifications provided by LTKS in all education chains in Lithuania are divided into 8 levels, the learning outcomes are characterized by the complexity, independence and variability of the activities that the qualified person is ready to perform.

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## Links between the National Qualification Framework and the European Qualification Framework

Below you will find List of qualification levels and methods of obtaining qualifications and how it inked with the level of the EQF.

| The level of the structure of Lithuanian qualifications | Ways of obtaining qualifications | Level of the European Qualifications Framework |
|---|---|---|
| 8 | Level VIII qualifications are obtained through third-cycle studies and/or work experience and/or self-study | 8 |
| 7 | Level VII qualifications are obtained through postgraduate, integrated study or professional study programmes, and/or through professional experience, and/or self-study | 7 |
| 6 | Level VI qualifications are obtained after completing first-cycle professional study programs and/or from professional experience and/or self-study | 6 |
| 5 | Level V qualifications are obtained after completing training programs for persons with professional qualifications and professional experience of a fixed duration, or short study programs, and/or from professional experience, and/or through self-study | 5 |
| 4 | Level IV qualifications are obtained after completion of vocational training and/or general education programs and/or from work experience and/or self-study | 4 |
| 3 | Level III qualifications are obtained after completion of vocational training and/or general education programs and/or from work experience and/or self-study | 3 |
| 2 | Level II qualifications are obtained after completion of vocational training and/or general education programs and/or from work experience and/or self-study | 2 |
| 1 | Level I qualifications are obtained after completion of vocational training and/or general education programs and/or from work experience and/or self-study | 1 |

*Source: https://smsm.lrv.lt/web/lt/smm-studijos/kvalifikaciju-sandara?lang=lt*

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VET in Lithuania's education and training system is presented by Cedefop and ReferNet Lithuania.

## Procedure for Including Qualifications in the NQF

A certificate of educational achievements recognized by the state is issued only after completion of programs that are included in the Register of Studies, training programs and qualifications.

The procedure for including programs in the register is determined by the description of the procedure for registering objects in the Register of Studies, training programs and qualifications, approved by the Minister of Education and Science in 2010 October 29 by order no. V-1913. It sets out how programs in different education sectors are included to the Program Registry. Managing the register is authorized by Education and Ministry of Science (SĮ, Article 56, Paragraph 4). Educational programs in the general education sector are prepared in accordance with general education programs approved by the Minister of Education and Science. Their projects are widely discussed in subject associations, schools in management associations, the projects are published on the Internet so that every citizen of Lithuania can submit their comments. Before approves general programs when submitted to the minister for approval Board of General Education. Specific to general education custom programs to include in the registry provides data prepared by a specialist of the Ministry of Education and Science. Programs registered in the vocational training sector are provided by KPMPC. How programs are prepared and legalized is determined by the Minister of Education and Science in 2010 m. August 27 in the approved "Formal professional in the description of the procedure for preparation and legalization of curricula". You can initiate the development or modification of the program KPMPC, a vocational training provider, a citizen or legal person of the Republic of Lithuania or another state, or an organization without the status of a legal person and their divisions. However, it is required that the newly offered program would be modular, given instructions for the preparation of the program, assessment and legalization procedures aimed at ensure the quality of the program and the qualifications provided compliance with the requirements of the Lithuanian qualifications structure.

Study programs in the higher education sector prepared by the higher education institutions themselves. In doing so, they follows, if available, the regulation/description of the relevant field of study and other legal acts. General studies are approved by the orders of the Minister of Education and Science program requirements of the first stage and integrated studies, master's studies, joint study programs. The higher education institution that is going to implement the program provided by SKVC for accreditation. How to prepare the intended execution study program for accreditation, is specified in the 2010 letter of the SKVC director. December 20 in the order "Regarding the intended carry out the preparation of the description of study programs and its compliance General and special requirements approved by the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania Methodological instructions for determining study programs confirmation". The presented program is accredited according to the procedure approved by the Minister of Education and Science, which in 2011 July 29 has been updated. In addition, medical Residency, Dental Residency and Veterinary Medicine Residency programs prepared and approved by the university. The requirements of these study programs were jointly determined by the ministers of education and science and health protection.

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