

HEQSF CHECKLIST TABLE

Qualification type	NQF Exit Level	Min Credit range	Min years part time	Min Research credits	Designators	Qualifiers	Linking words	Abbreviation
1 Higher Certificate	5	120	1	0	Not applicable	qualifier (specific); max two E.g. Higher Certificate in Tourism in Eco-Tourism	in (compulsory)	HCert (Qualifier) (Qualifier) HCert (Tourism) (Eco-Tourism)
2 Advanced Certificate	6	120	1	0	Not applicable	qualifier (specific); max two E.g. Advance Certificate in Real Estate in Property Marketing	in (compulsory)	AdvCert (Qualifier)(Qualifier) AdvCert (Real Estate)(Property Marketing)
3 Diploma 240-credit	6	240	2	0	Not applicable	qualifier (specific); max two E.g. Diploma in Management in Finance	in (compulsory)	Dip (Qualifier) (Qualifier) E.g. Dip (Management) (Finance)
4 Diploma 360-credit	6	360	3	0	Not applicable	qualifier (specific); max two E.g. Diploma in Management in Finance	in (compulsory)	Dip (Qualifier) (Qualifier) E.g. Dip (Management) (Finance)
5 Advanced Diploma	7	120	1	0	Not applicable	qualifier (specific); max two E.g. Advanced Diploma in Taxation; Advanced Diploma in Communication, in Digital Media	in (compulsory)	AdvDip (Qualifier)(Qualifier) E.g. AdvDip (Taxation); AdvDip (Communication) (Digital Media)
6 Bachelor's Degree 360-credit	7	360	3	0	designator (specific) broad, generic area of study	qualifier max two E.g. Bachelor of Arts	of (compulsory); in (optional)	BA (Qualifier) (Qualifier)E.g. BA, BSc, BSocSci, BCom, LLB, BAgric, MBChB, Bed, BBusSci, Sc (Life Sciences), BA (Applied Linguistic), BAgric (Animal Science); BCom(Human Resource Management); BBusSci (Actuarial Sciences); BEng (Chemical)
7 Bachelor's Degree 480-credit	8	480	4	0	designator (specific) broad, generic area of study	qualifier max two E.g. Bachelor of Arts	of (compulsory); in (optional)	
8 Postgraduate Diploma	8	120	1	0	Not applicable	qualifier (specific); max two	in (compulsory)	PGDip(Qualifier)(Qualifier) E.g. PGDip (Gender Studies)
9 Bachelor Honours Degree	8	120	1	30 credits	designator (specific); limited to broad, generic area of study	qualifier (specific) max one E.g. Bachelor of Arts Honours	of (compulsory); in (optional)	E.g. BAHons, BScHons, BComHons, BScHons (Microbiology) BAHons(Applied Linguistics)

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10 Master's Degree	9	180	1	60 credits	designator describe broad academic area of study	qualifier (specific); max one	of (compulsory); in (optional)	E.g. MA, MA (Linguistics); MSc, Mphil, MSc (Astrophysics)
11 Professional Master's Degree	9	180	1	25% research/project	designator describe broad field of the programme	qualifier (specific); max one	of (compulsory); in (optional)	E.g. MCom (Taxation), MEd (School Leadership). MMed (Paediatric Surgery)
12 Doctoral Degree	10	360	2	360 credits	designator that indicates area of study/name of discipline	qualifier (specific); max one if required	of (compulsory); in (optional)	E.g. PhD, DPhil, DLitt
13 Doctoral Degree (professional)	10	360	2	60% of degree	designator to denote area of study	qualifier (specific); max one if required	of (compulsory); in (optional)	E.g. DEd, DCom, DPharm, LLD, DBA, DNursing