Foreign qualification assessment

The extract indicates what a foreign qualification is comparable to in the Swedish qualification system. The information can be used when applying for a job or planning for further studies. Decisions regarding employment, admission or formal professional recognition are made by the employer, education provider or competent authority.

Qualification from Afghanistan

Degree of MD

Swedish comparison

Högskoleexamen

Higher Education Diploma

Kandidatexamen

Degree of Bachelor

About the qualification comparison

UHR has assessed the foreign qualification in comparison to a Swedish degree level. A more precise comparison to a Higher Education Diploma or a Bachelor's degree would depend, among other things, on the higher education institution in the country of study at which the qualification was studied. The assessment refers to qualifications completed in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan before August 2021.

The foreign qualification is in a profession that is regulated (requires authorisation) in Sweden. The National Board of Health and Welfare is the competent authority that decides on licences for work as a healthcare practitioner. Please visit socialstyrelsen.se

The figure below shows the assigned level of the Swedish qualification in the Swedish National Qualifications Framework (SeQF) and how it relates to the European qualifications frameworks.

This assessment is provided as guidance by UHR. It is based on our knowledge of the country's education system and not on the individual's education documents. UHR applies the principles of the international recognition convention Lisbon Recognition Convention and assumes the foreign qualification is recognised in the country of study.

Find out more about higher education in Sweden and the admission process at Universityadmissions.se

About the Swedish Council for Higher Education

The Swedish Council for Higher Education (UHR) is Sweden's ENIC-NARIC centre. We have a national task to inform about and evaluate foreign education.

Go to the Qualifications Assessment Tool: uhr.se/en/start/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications/qualifications-assessment-tool/afghanistan/degree-of-md-6003/.

To employers

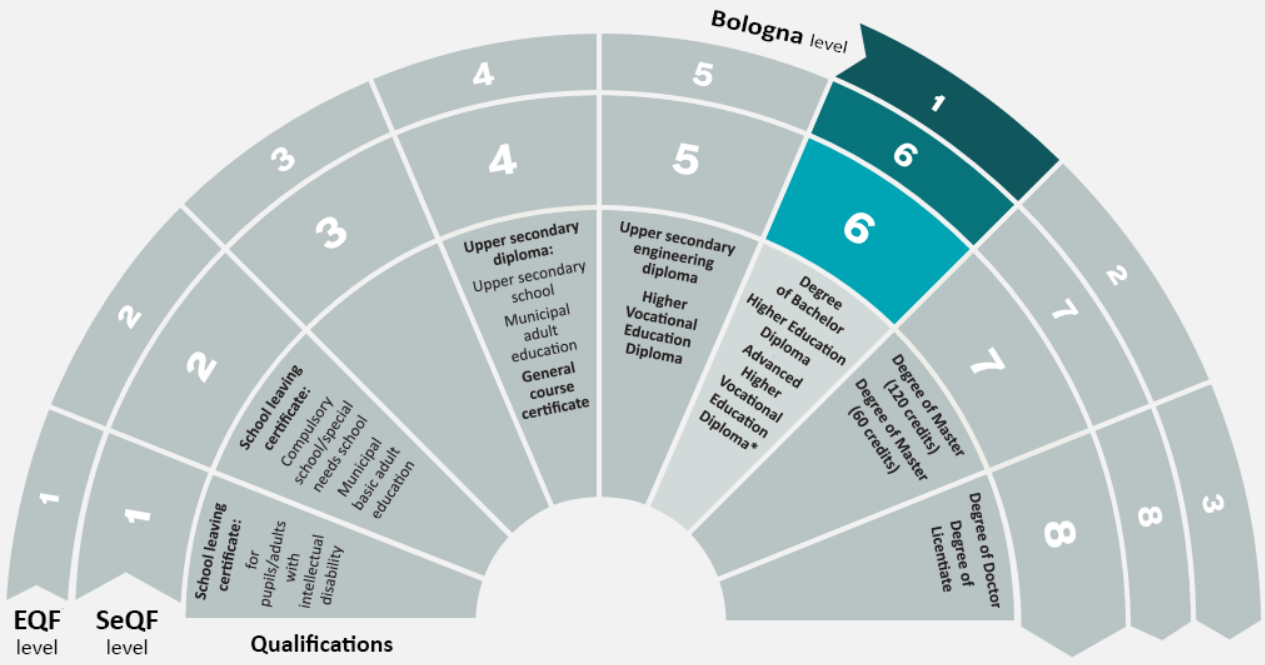
This extract should be used together with an individual's education documents. If you as an employer have questions about foreign education or a job applicant's education documents, you are welcome to contact UHR. E-mail: utbildningsbedomning@uhr.se

Facts about Degree of MD

Duration	4 - 6 years
Credits	The country has no national credits system.
Information about the qualification	The qualification prepares for professional activity as either a doctor of medicine, dentist or pharmacist in Afghanistan. The qualification includes a placement and may include a degree project. The education documents are usually issued in three languages (English, Dari and Pashto).
Recognised higher education institutions	Contact the Swedish Council for Higher Education For questions regarding the status of higher education institutions in Afghanistan, contact the Swedish Council for Higher Education. Please note the country can have additional recognised education institutions.

The level of Swedish qualifications and degrees

Swedish degrees and final grades are placed within reference frameworks that show different levels of learning outcomes. In the figure, the Swedish reference framework SeQF is shown as well as the European reference frameworks that facilitate comparison to other countries. Please note the figure does not contain all Swedish qualifications.



Not all qualifications are included in the figure.
*Please note that the Advanced Higher Vocational Education Diploma is included in EQF och SeQF level 6, but not in Bologna level 1.

What do the abbreviations mean?

- SeQF – The Swedish National Qualifications Framework
- EQF – European Qualifications Framework
- Bologna Framework – Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area (QF- EHEA)