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 Australia

Certificate III

Swedish comparison

Yrkesutbildning på gymnasienivå

Vocational qualification at upper secondary level

About the qualification comparison

UHR assesses the foreign qualification as comparable to a vocational qualification at upper secondary level in Sweden. The qualification prepares for work in a specific occupation.

The foreign qualification does not give access to higher education in Sweden. For information about other ways of meeting the higher education entry requirements, please see Studera.nu.

The qualification is placed at a level in the awarding country that corresponds to level 3 in the Swedish National Qualifications (SeQF) – see the figure below. There are currently no Swedish qualifications at SeQF 3.

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/australia/certificate-iii-62/.

To employers

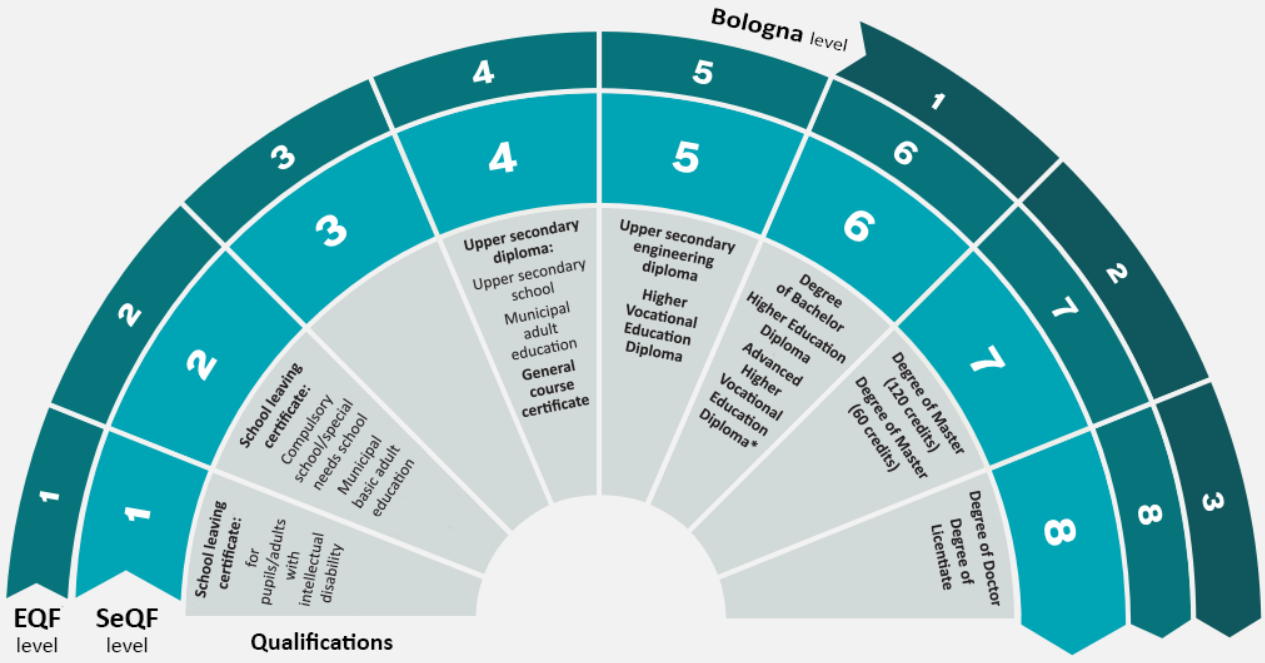
This extract should be used together with an individual's education documents. If you as an employer have questions about foreign education or a job applicant's education documents, you are welcome to contact UHR. E-mail: utbildningsbedomning@uhr.se

Facts about Certificate III

Duration	2 - 4 years The qualification is based on 10 years of schooling (Junior High). The length of the programme depends on the occuapational field or form of education.
Information about the qualification	The qualification prepares for work in a specific occupational field.
National Qualifications Framework (NQF)	Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) The national qualifications framework (AQF) has 10 levels, where 1 is the lowest and 10 is the highest. Australia´s framework has been compared to the European qualifications framework (EQF).
NQF level	3 Certificate III is comparable to level 3 in the EQF.

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)