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

Diploma (higher education)

Swedish comparison

Ett års studier på grundnivå

One year of study, first cycle

About the qualification comparison

UHR's assessment reflects the number of years to which the foreign qualification is comparable at a particular level of higher education in Sweden, since the foreign qualification has no direct comparison among Swedish degrees.

The first cycle represents the first level in a three-part European structure for higher education (Bologna level 1). The figure below shows qualifications at this level.

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/diploma-higher-education-4889/.

To employers

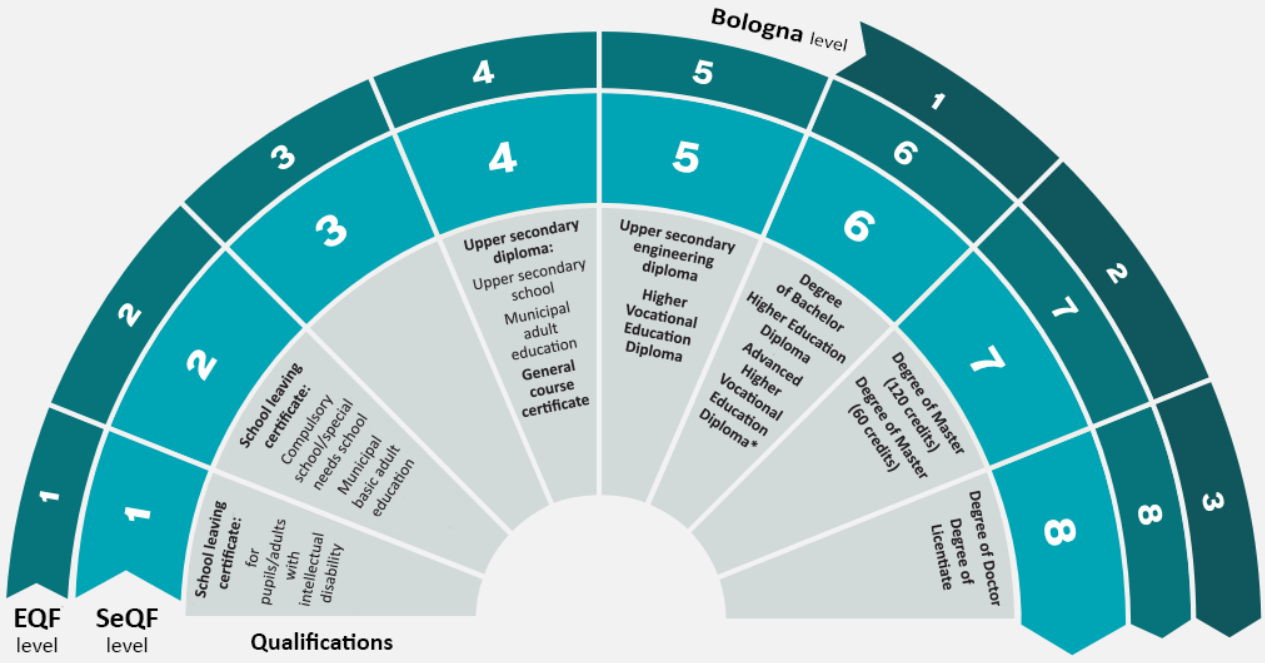
This extract should be used together with an individual's education documents. If you as an employer have questions about foreign education or a job applicant's education documents, you are welcome to contact UHR. E-mail: utbildningsbedomning@uhr.se

Facts about Diploma (higher education)

Duration	1 - 2 years The requirement of 1 - 2 years of study was brought in at 2015. Diplomas before this time may vary in length.
Information about the qualification	There are both academic and professional/vocational qualifications. The qualification can have the credits (corresponding to 1 year) transferred to a Bachelor's degree in Australia. Diplomas are also offered as vocational education and training (VET) - see separate comparison.
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	5 (AQF) The qualification is compared to level 5 at EQF.
Recognised higher education institutions	Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency 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)