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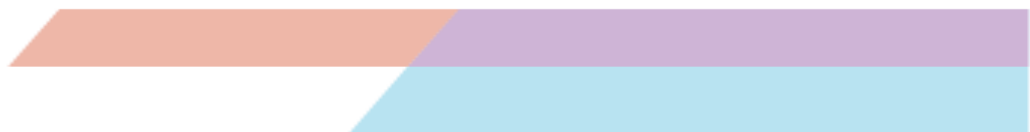
Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre (MQRIC)

March 2018

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The NCFHE

- The Entity responsible for:
 - The Malta Qualifications Framework
 - The Recognition of Qualifications
 - Licensing and Accreditation
 - Quality Assurance
 - Research and Consultation

to foster the development and achievement of excellence in further and higher education in Malta through research, effective licensing, accreditation, quality assurance and recognition of qualifications established under the Malta Qualifications Framework."





The MQF

- The development and classification of qualifications in Malta according to criteria using level descriptors applicable to specified levels of learning outcomes.
- Established in 2007.
- Subsidiary Legislation 327.431.



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* These are not yet included in legislation

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The MQF addresses the following issues:

- a) Transparency and understanding of qualifications;
- b) valuing all formal, informal and non-formal learning;
- c) consistency and coherence in relating to different qualifications frameworks in European and international cooperation;
- d) parity of esteem of qualifications from different learning pathways, including vocational and professional degrees and academic study programmes;
- e) lifelong learning, access and progression and mobility;
- f) the shift towards learning outcomes-based qualifications;
- g) a credit structure and units as building blocks of qualifications;
- h) the concept of mutual trust through quality assurance mechanisms that cut across all levels of the framework.



MQF Levels	EQF Levels	QF/EHEA Levels
8	8	3 rd cycle
7	7	2 nd cycle
6	6	1 st cycle
5	5	Short cycle
4	4	
3	3	
2	2	
1	1	
Introductory Level A		
Introductory Level B		





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Chapter 451 (*Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Act*)
establishes MQRIC as the Maltese **ENIC NARIC** under the
Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Act

S.L. 451.01 (*Malta Qualifications Recognition Information
Centre and the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Appeals
Board Regulations*)

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ENIC NARICs generally provide information on:

- the recognition of foreign Programmes of Study (PoS)
- foreign education systems and the local education system
- guidance related to employment (depends of national policy)

<http://www.enic-naric.net/>

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Why do we need
such a service from
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Recognition of international Programme of Study (PoS)

- Change of profession + Qualification allowance

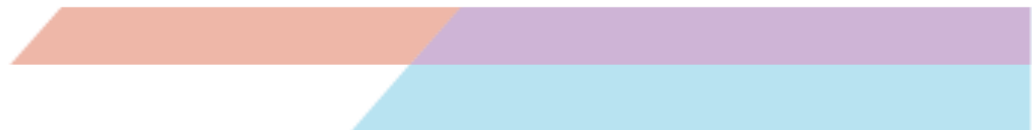
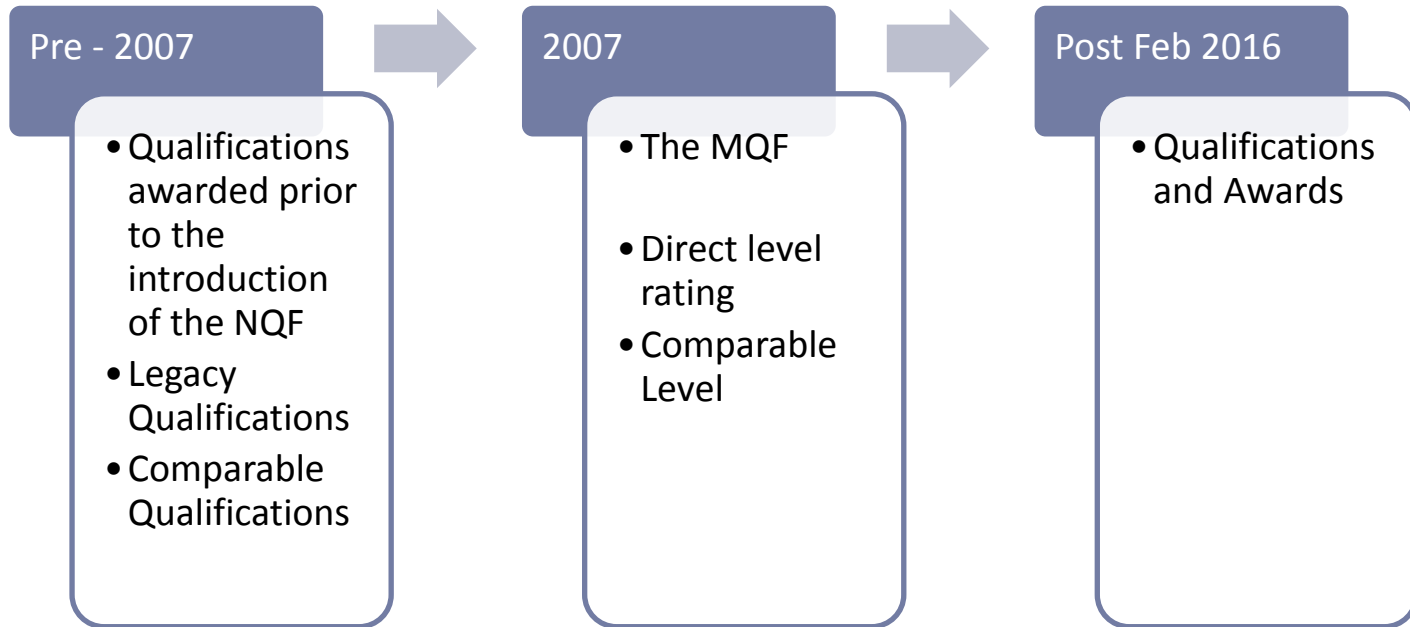
VISA/single permit

- Scholarships

Access to further/higher education

- Tax Rebate





Qualifications & Awards

Qualifications	Awards
<p>An individual has achieved learning outcomes to the standards in terms of level descriptors on the MQF and a number of credits as specified in the Referencing Report.</p> <p>A qualification is the formal outcome of an assessment and validation process.</p>	<p>Refers to the title of certification of learning achieved through courses which do not have the required number of credits at the specific MQF Level to be a considered as a Qualification.</p>



MQF Level	Examples of Qualifications	'Qualification' Minimum Credits Required	'Award' Credits Required
Level 8	Doctoral Degree Third Cycle Bologna Process	NA	NA
Level 7	Masters Second Cycle Bologna Process	90-120	Less than 30
	Post-Graduate Diploma	60	
	Post-Graduate Certificate	30	
Level 6	Bachelor ²³ /Bachelor (Hons.) ²⁴ First Cycle Bologna Process	180-240	Less than 180

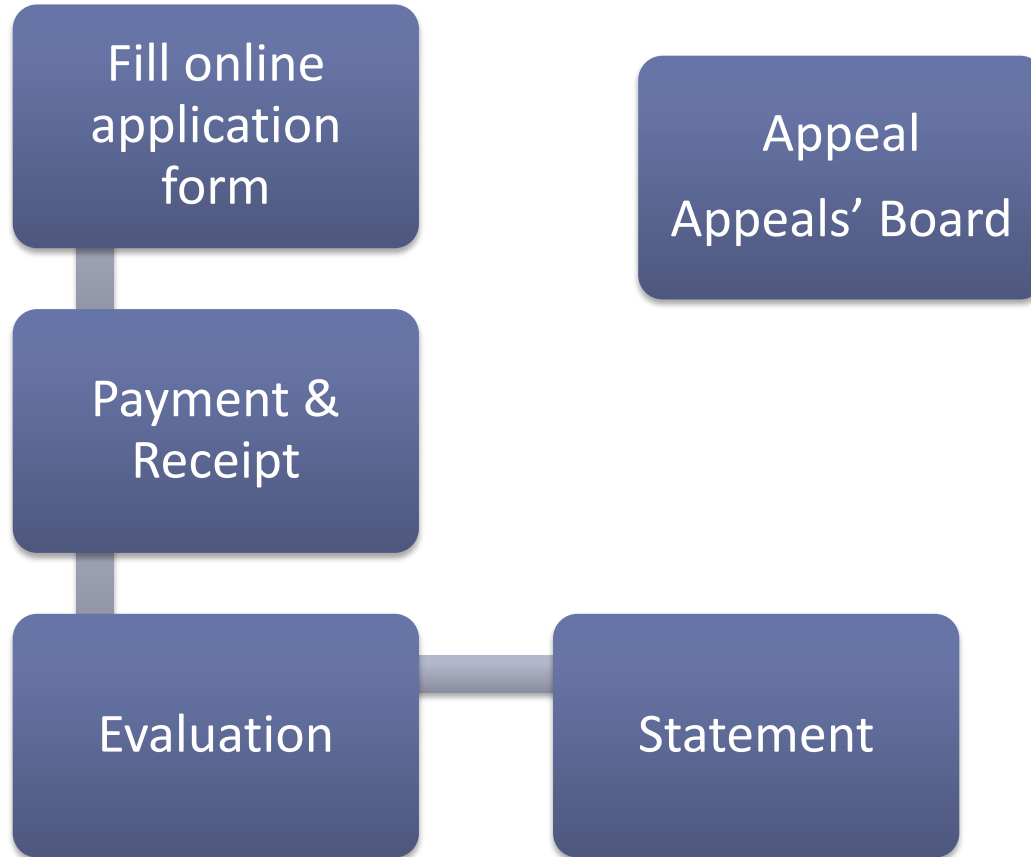




How to apply for recognition of programme of study:

- Online application form for PoS and prospective PoS
- Supporting documentation







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What is
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and how?

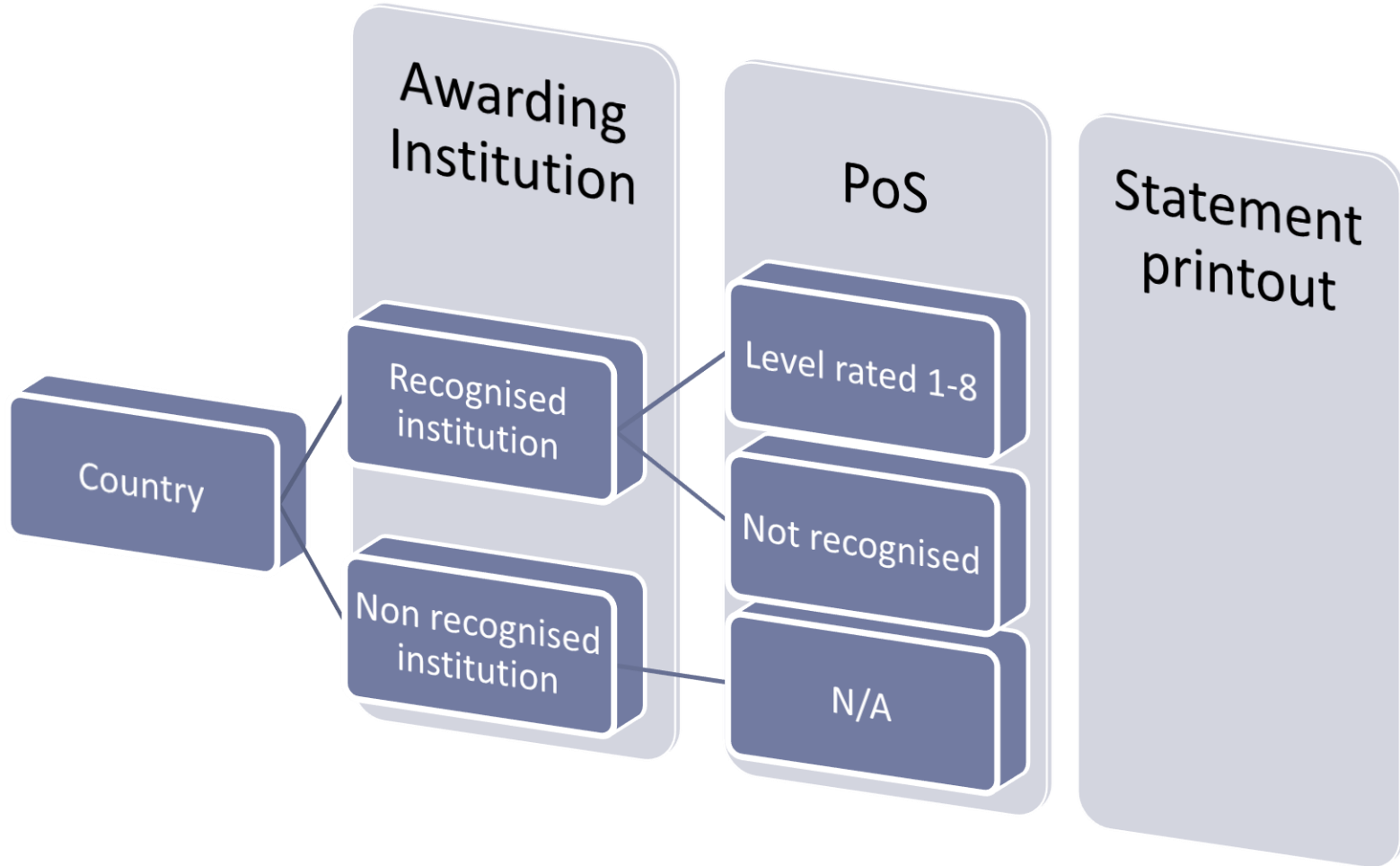


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Recognition

- The criteria used for the recognition of qualifications include the following:
 - education system in the given country;
 - status of awarding body and programmes of studies;
 - access requirements; study workload; learning outcomes;
 - level on the National Qualification Framework (NQF);
 - takes into account previous recognition practices of similar qualifications.





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Awarding Institution:

The Awarding Institution is the Institute that confers the qualification or award whose name would appear on a certificate issued by it. Institute must be recognized by an ENIC NARIC or similar. Recognition does not imply that all PoSs issued by it are also recognized.

The **Awarding Institution** and the **Training Provider**, where the programme of studies was undertaken might be different, but research is based on the conferring body, i.e. the Awarding Institution.



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Self Accrediting Institution:

The Further and Higher Education (Licensing, Accreditation and Quality Assurance) Regulations S.L. 327.433, allows for self-accrediting providers, meaning designated institutions have the capacity to self-accredit existing and new programmes and are exempt from provider and programme accreditation for the purposes of these regulations. Recognition by MQRIC is not necessary within Maltese jurisdiction.



University of Malta
L-Università ta' Malta

 **MCAST**
MALTA COLLEGE of ARTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



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MQRIC's duty is to assess whether PoS is recognised, but NOT to authenticate the document. This responsibility of employers or other entities who wish to have a relationship with holder of such certificates/documents.



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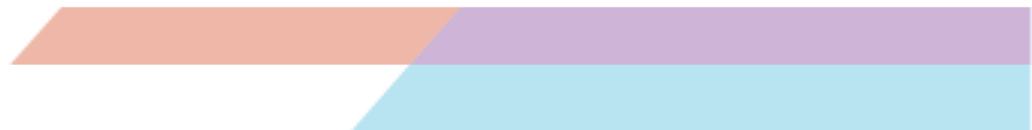


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MQRIC provides 2 types of Statements:

1. Evaluation of Qualification (in possession)
2. Evaluation of Prospective Qualification



Ms. XXXXXX XXXXXX
 Address House Name
 Street
 City Postal Code
 Ref No: MQRIC

EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATION

Country of Qualification:
 Name of Awarding Institution:
 Status of Institution:
 Title of Qualification:
 Year of Award:
 Status of Qualification:
 MQF/EQF Level:

Recognised
 MQF Level 4

Additional Remarks:

This statement is an informed opinion based on information made available by the applicant and the research undertaken at the time of issue of this statement, and is not a confirmation of the authenticity of the submitted certificates.

The status of recognition of an awarding institution or of a qualification and its respective level rating is not definitive. MQRIC reserves the right to reissue statements amending its previous opinion based on newly available information regarding the awarding institution or the qualification.

This statement does not purport to indicate whether a holder of a qualification, whether recognised or otherwise, is suitable for a particular profession or eligible for any position, gain, scholarship or other benefit, and an assessment for such suitability remains with the person or entity contracting with the holder of a qualification.

The Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Act XV111 of 2002 empowers Designated Authorities to make further evaluations of qualifications and experience. In terms of the aforementioned Act, if the intention is of practicing a profession, one has to submit an application to the relevant Designated Authority requesting authorization to practice a profession.

An appeal may be filed within 10 days from the date of issue of this statement in accordance with Regulation 7 of the Malta Qualifications Framework for lifelong Learning Regulations, which appeal should be lodged with the MQRIC Appeals Board, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Employment, Great Siege Road, Floriana VLT 2000.

This statement was issued on the 31st, August 2016

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Mrs. XXXXX XXXXXX
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RefNo: MQRIC

EVALUATION OF PROSPECTIVE QUALIFICATION

Country of Qualification: XXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX
Name of Awarding Institution: XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX
Status of Institution: Recognised
Title of Qualification: XXXXXXXXXXXX
Status of Qualification: Recognised
MQF/EQF Level: MQF Level 8

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Contents of Maltese Accredited qualifications:

Communication. No.: 01/2013 issued to Licensed and Further Higher Education Institutions states that *the certificates, and if applicable, related degree or diploma supplements issued by licensed institutions...shall include:*

- *the **MQF/EQF level** for programmes, e.g. Level 5;*
- *reference to the **NCFHE**;*
- *may use NCFHE logo.*



The Institute of Family Therapy Malta certifies that



has successfully completed the accredited programme of study
and passed all the assessment for the

Post Graduate Diploma

in

Systemic Family Psychotherapy

MQF/EQF Level 7*



*The National Commission for Further and Higher Education deems this Certificate to be at Level 7 of the Malta Qualifications Framework and of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning Licence Number 2011-TC-014.

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Chairperson

19th January 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "V. Bishop".

Course Coordinator

19th January 2017



MALTA BUSINESS SCHOOL

This is to certify that

<Name> <Surname>

has been awarded the

CPD Award in Statistical Data Analysis

(from basic Research Methodologies to the Advanced Use of Statistical Tools)

<Signature>

Lorenzo Mulè Stagno

Head of School

30th September 2013





Current and Future challenges:

Increased visibility of MQRIC services

+

Improved efficiency and quality of service

+

Improved cooperation with main partners

+

Updating on online system to meet MQRIC requirements





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The online system

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Recognition of Application

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Register

Title:*

Name:*

Surname:*

Nationality:*

Email:*

Confirm Email:*

Step 1: In this section input your personal details as explained above. All fields are mandatory.

Address Details

The applicant is responsible to send a notification in case of change of address.

Postal Address:

Street:

City:

Post Code:

Country:

Step 2: In this section input your postal address. In case you change your postal address, inform us via email on qric.malta@gov.mt.

If the address is not filled, applicant will not be offered the option to have his statement delivered by post, but would be received by email.

Contact Details

Mobile:*

Home:

Why is the Statement Required?

I want to pursue further studies

I want to apply for a promotion/job

I want to apply for funding/scholarship scheme/qualification allowance/ tax rebate

I need a statement to accompany an application for stipend

I need a single permit/visa/citizenship with ETC

Next

Step 3: It is very important that you provide us with a contact number in case our representatives would need to contact you for further clarification. Contact number is mandatory.

Please tick the reason why you need a recognition statement. This information is for statistical purposes only.

Statement of Qualification

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Country of Awarding Body:*

United Kingdom

Name of the Awarding Body:*

University of Oxford

University of Oxford

Name of the Qualification:*

New Qualification

Enter qualification in english

Prospective application

Weblink of programme of studies:

Enter weblink

Qualification Entry Requirement:

Enter qualification entry requirement

Step 4: After filling the basic information, the system will proceed to the above page where you can start filling information about your qualification.

Please first determine if you have an actual qualification or are enquiring about a qualification. In the case of the latter, please tick the 'prospective application' box.

Once you have determined if your qualification is actual or prospective, please choose country from the drop down menu, then proceed to choose awarding body, and finally the qualification. If the awarding body is not listed, or the qualification is not listed despite identifying the awarding body, please refer to point 7.

Statement of Qualification

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Country of Awarding Body:*

United Kingdom ▼

Name of the Awarding Body:*

University of Oxford ▼

University of Oxford

Name of the Qualification:*

Master ▼

Master

Clear

Add

No records found...

Step 5: After you fill in all the details of your qualification, press “Add” to confirm the qualification you wish to be assessed for recognition. In case of a mistake, you may always click “Clear” before ‘adding’ your qualification.

You may wish to add more than one qualification to be assessed by clicking “Add” which allows you to repeat the same process for additional qualifications.

Country	Institute Name	Qualification Name	Prospective	Fast Track	Commands
United Kingdom	University of Oxford	Master	False	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete

Qualification Added Successfully.

Step 6: If your qualification is present on the database after pressing “Add”, the above is displayed.

If you wish to remove the qualification inputted, click “Delete”.

Statement of Qualification

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Country of Awarding Body:*

Name of the Awarding Body:*

Name of the Qualification:*

Prospective application

Weblink of programme of studies:

Qualification Entry Requirement:

Uploaded files must be less than 8MB

Original Qualification is in English

Please upload the following document together a) Certificate of Qualification; b) Diploma Supplement and c) Transcript. For further information please click [here](#).

Original Qualification:

Awarding Body Address:*

Awarding Body Street:

Awarding Body City:*

Awarding Body Post Code:

Duration of Course (in Years):*

Date of Commencement:*

Date Completed:

Date of Award of Qualification:*

Step 7: If your qualification has never been assessed by the MQRIC, you will be asked to enter more information and upload the necessary documentation as per above.

IMPORTANT – please upload all documents related to the identified qualification (e.g. certificate, diploma supplement, apostilled translation, etc...) ensure that these are uploaded together in one batch. The upload has an 8 mb limit to cover all these documents.

Country	Institute Name	Qualification Name	Prospective	Fast Track	Commands
Malta	Maltese Studies Centre	Level 3 Diploma in Maltese Language	False	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete
United Kingdom	University of Oxford	Master	False	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete

Qualification Added Successfully.

Type	Subtotal (EUR)
Malta Qualification (non Fast Track)	20
Database Qualification	10

Total: € 30

Recieve by Post

I hereby state that:*

The information I have supplied on this form is complete, correct and up-to-date.

All copies of certificates/diplomas submitted with this application are true copies of the original documents.

I assume the responsibility to inform the Malta Qualification Recognition Information Centre (MQRIC) of any changes to my circumstances (eg. address, contact details) while my application is being considered.

I understand that the statement is advisory and not binding upon any person of organization with legal personality that uses it.

Confirm & Pay

Step 8: After pressing “Add”, your inputted qualifications are displayed as per above screen. Kindly note that the “Fast Track” option is currently not available.

Here you may wish to remove the qualification inputted by clicking “Delete”.


The system will show the total cost for the services provided. If you wish to receive the statement by post, an additional charge applies.

It is very important to read and tick the disclaimer before proceeding.

Payment

Card Payment Details

Highlighted fields indicate they are **required**.

Card Type	VISA
Card Number	
Expiry	01 2017
CVV 	
Card Holder Name	
Email Address	

Total amount that will be charged to your card is **EUR** 30.00

I have read and accept terms and conditions

Cancel

Clear

Continue

Step 9: The final step is to submit payment in order for MQRIC to start the recognition process.



Who benefits?

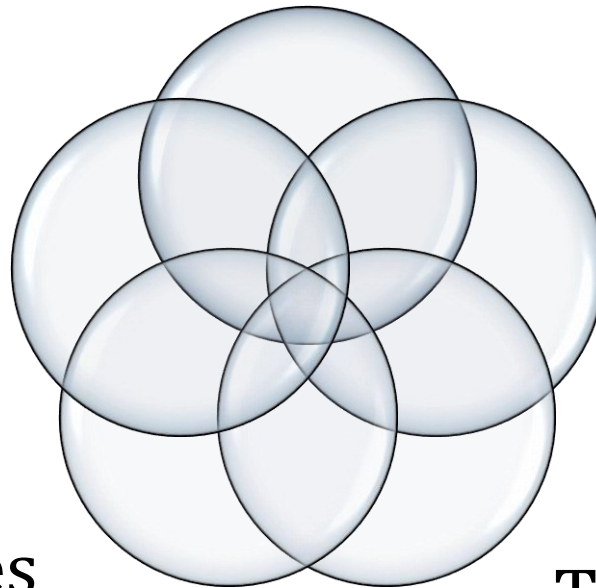
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