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Sweden's approach to recognition of formal VET qualifications

Recognition of vocational qualifications

**VET – formal qualifications
upper and post – secondary level**

Advisory Statement

**Citizens in an EU/EEA country
Residence/work permit or valid Asylum Seeker Card**

**Level assessment
Comparison to a generic vocational qualification**

Methodology based on LRC principles



ENIC-NARIC
gateway to recognition of qualifications

Reference point – the Swedish formal education system

Foreign vocational qualification	Swedish vocational qualification
Upper - secondary vocational qualification (dual purpose - employment and further studies)	• Swedish Upper Secondary Diploma (SeQF 4)
Upper - secondary vocational qualification (no - access qualification)	• Swedish vocational education at upper secondary level (SeQF 3 or 4)
Post – secondary vocational qualification	• Swedish Higher Vocational Education Diploma (SeQF 5) • Advanced Higher Vocational Education Diploma (SeQF 6)

The five elements of a qualification



Authenticity!

Quality



Determine the **official status** of the qualification and the awarding institution



Recognized qualification and awarding institution



Tools: educational legislation, quality assurance bodies, Certificate Supplement, country's NQF and EQF.



Challenges: understand the mechanism for quality assurance, understand what is “formal” education in the context of the VET system.

Level



Determine the **level** of the qualification in the national education system

✅ Upper secondary or post-secondary level (EQF 3-6)

⚙️ **Tools:** educational legislation, country's NQF, EQF, Certificate Supplement, VET-charts, VET-system descriptions.

⚠️ **Challenges:** discrepancy between educational level and NQF level

Workload



Determine the **workload (duration)** of the qualification

✓ At least 1 year full - time studies

⚙️ **Tools:** transcript of record, educational legislation, Certificate Supplement, country's NQF.

⚠️ **Challenges:** Duration not defined in terms of years or semesters, unclear amount of practical training.

Profile



Determine the **general purpose** of the qualification

✓ The qualification must prepare for employment

⚙️ **Tools:** transcript of record, Certificate Supplement, description of the programme, qualifications databases, country's NQF.

⚠️ **Challenges:** grey zone of education? post - secondary vocational qualifications with dual purposes (outside EHEA), VET or HE?.

Learning outcomes



Describe the general **orientation** of the qualification

✓ Learning outcomes may differ and still be accepted

⚙ **Tools:** description of the programme, Certificate Supplement, qualifications databases.

⚠ **Challenges:** present the qualification accurately and in an easily understandable way for the Swedish labor market.

Recognition Statement

Name and surname

Swedish personal identity number/DOE

Evaluation of foreign post - secondary vocational education

The Swedish Council for Higher Education assesses the foreign qualification as comparable to a Swedish Higher Vocational Education Diploma (SeQF 5).

LEVEL

Foreign education

Qualification: Epangelmatikis Eidikotitas, Ekpaidefsis kai Katartisis Epipedou 5

Qualification in English: Vocational Education and Training Diploma, Level 5

Educational Institution: AKMI Private Vocational Training Institute

Diploma issued by: National Organisation for the Certification of Qualifications and Vocational Guidance (EOPPEP)

Country: Greece

Graduation year: 2020

Duration: 2,5 years

DURATION

European Qualifications Framework (EQF): Level 5 (see figure below)

QUALITY

Orientation and purpose of the education

The qualification prepares for professional activity as a nurse assistant in Greece.

PROFILE
LEARNING
OUTCOMES

Additional information

The statement is not a license. The National Board of Health and Welfare (Socialstyrelsen) is the competent authority that assesses and issues licenses for healthcare professions in Sweden

For further information about the content of the education, see the educational documents.

About the recognition statement

Utlåtandet visar att din eftergymnasiala utbildning är erkänd i landet du har studerat i. Det innebär att UHR har kontrollerat att utbildningen har en sådan kvalitetsnivå som godtas i utbildningslandet och att utbildningsanordnaren du har studerat vid har rätt att utfärda en sådan examen.

Vi har även granskat dina utbildningsdokument och tagit ställning till dess äkthet. Det kan till exempel innebära att vi har begärt in original eller verifierat dokumenten hos utbildningsanordnaren.

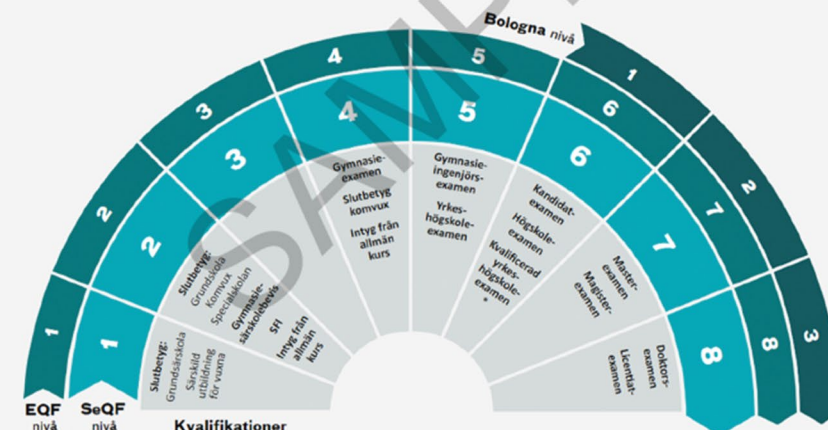
Utlåtandet kan vara en vägledning för arbetsgivare som ska fatta beslut om anställning. Det kan också ge en vägledning till universitet och högskolor som ska fatta beslut om antagning och tillgodoräkande. UHR är Sveriges ENIC-NARIC-kontor vilket betyder att vi har ett nationellt uppdrag att bedöma och informera om utländsk utbildning. Våra bedömningar är i huvudsak grundade i Lissabonkonventionen.

Comparison with a Swedish qualification

Utlåtandet visar vilken svensk examen din utländska utbildning närmast kan jämföras med. Det innebär inte att UHR har utfärdat en svensk examen. UHR jämför utländsk utbildning mot yrkeshögskoleexamen som finns inom den svenska yrkeshögskolan i enlighet med [Lagen om yrkeshögskolan](#).

Placement of Swedish qualifications and degrees

Svenska examina och slutbetyg är placerade inom referensramar som visar olika nivåer av läranderesultat. I bilden ser du den svenska referensramen SeQF samt europeiska referensramar. [En interaktiv version av bilden finns på uhr.se](#).



Alla kvalifikationer finns inte med i bilden. *Observera att kvalificerad yrkeshögskoleexamen ingår i EQF- och SeQF-nivå, men inte i Bologna nivå 1.

Vad betyder förkortningarna?

- SeQF - Sveriges referensram för kvalifikationer
- EQF - Europeisk referensram för kvalifikationer
- Bolognamrket - Europeiskt ramverk för högre utbildning

Thank you!

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