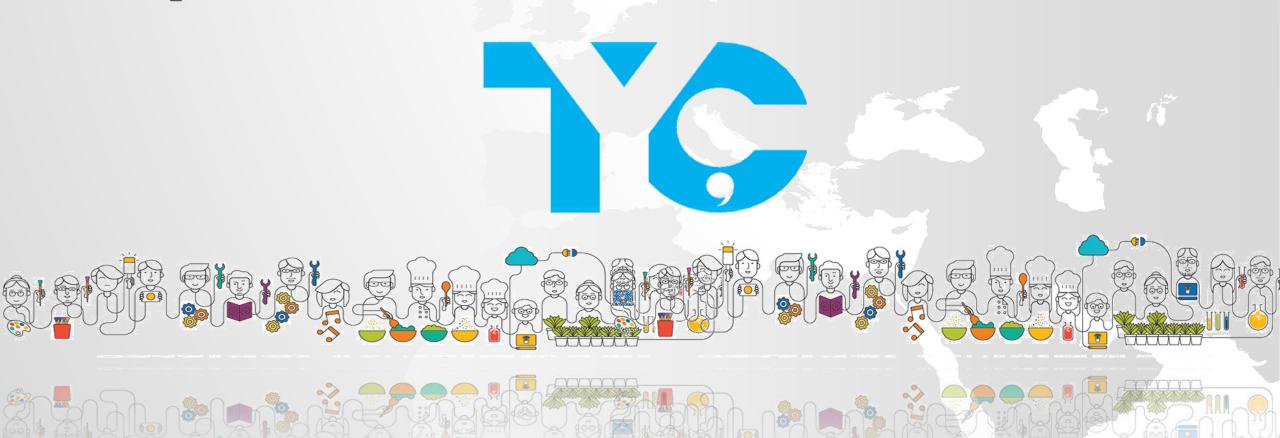
TURKISH

QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK







The education system and qualifications in Turkey is planned and operated by the Ministry of National Education (MoNE), the Council of Higher Education (CoHE) and Vocational Qualifications Authority (VQA).



National Vocational Qualifications System under the Responsibility of VQA

VQA was established in 2006 to set up and operate the national vocational qualifications system which is quality-assured at national level in compliance with the requirements of the EQF



VQA carries out activities in compliance with the norms and principles accepted at European level, and implements plans that have been prepared accordingly

VQA is in charge of referencing the TQF to the EQF as the

"EQF National Coordination Point"



Turkish Qualifications Framework (TQF)



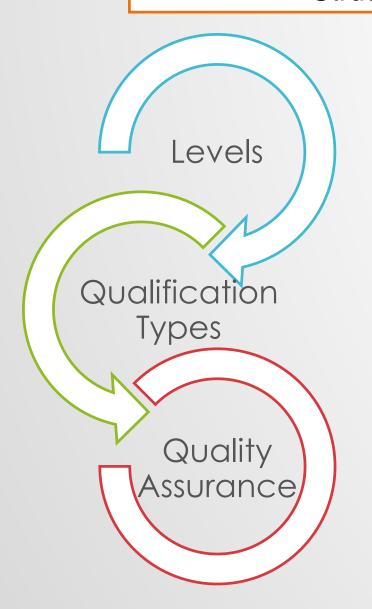
- ✓ Lifelong Learning
- ✓ Quality assurance ✓ Transitions between qualifications
- ✓ Recognition of Prior Learning
- √ Comparability
- ✓ Mobility

Turkish Qualifications Framework;

is the national qualifications framework of Turkey that regulates the overall principles for qualifications acquired through general, vocational and academic education and training programmes including primary, secondary and higher education as well as other ways of learning



Structure of the Turkish Qualifications Framework



The TQF Structure comprises Levels, Qualification Types and Quality Assurance Principles

The TQF Encompasses all Types of Qualifications

The description of each level of the TQF has been based on the common learning outcomes for qualifications at that level

Learning outcomes in the TQF are defined in terms of knowledge, skill and competence





The Regulation on the Procedures and Principles for the Implementation of the Turkish Qualifications Framework has been approved by the Cabinet Decision No. 2015/8213 and published in the Official Journal in 19 November 2015.



The regulation was prepared by VQA in cooperation with

- ✓ ministries,
- ✓ public authorities,
- ✓ vocational bodies,
- ✓ trade unions,
- employer associations,
- relevant social stakeholders.

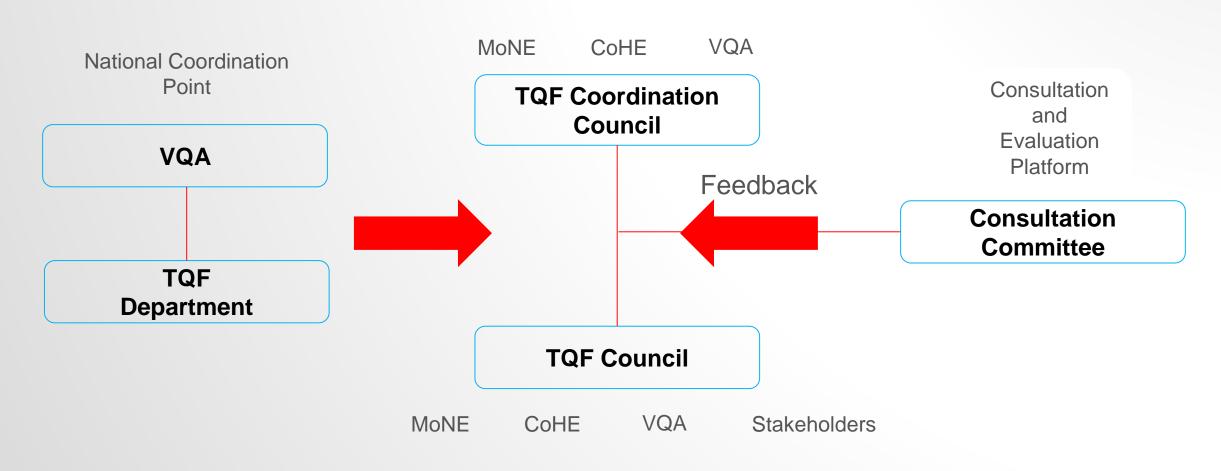


Activities realized following the publication of TQF Regulation in the Official Journal

TQF Management Structures Quality Assurance Turkish Qualifications Database TQF-EQF Referencing Process

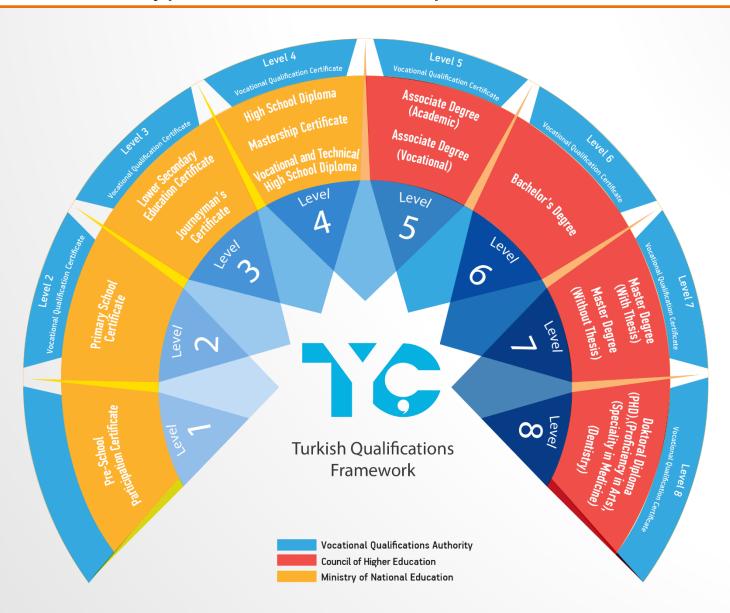


Management Structure of the TQF





Qualification Types, Levels and Responsible Bodies in TQF





Quality Assurance



Procedure for Ensuring the Quality Assurance of Qualifications to be Taken in TQF was established on the basis of the criteria set out in the European Qualifications Framework Recommendation, which was approved by the Council of Europe on 22 May 2017, with examples of international good practice.





TQF Quality Assurance Criteria:

- Qualification form is prepared and approved.
- Valid and reliable assessment and evaluation process is carried out.
- Certification processes are conducted in a transparent and impartial way.
- The processes related to the qualifications are subject to self-assessment and external evaluation.
- Units, teams or bodies conducting the external evaluation are subject to regular review.
- Improvement activities are carried out in the light of the findings of self-assessment and external evaluation.
- Involvement of stakeholders is maintained in the processes related to the qualifications.
- Processes related to qualifications are implemented based on the explicit and measurable objectives, criteria and guidelines.
- Allocation of sufficient and appropriate resources for all processes are maintained.
- Feedback mechanisms are established and implemented.
- Electronic accessibility to the outcomes of all processes is maintained.





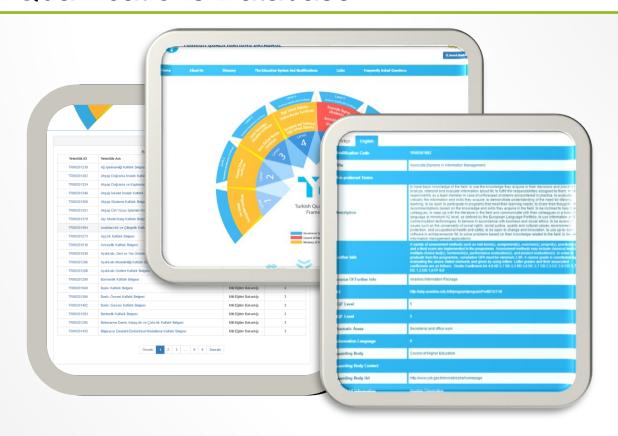


Turkish Qualifications Database

All quality assured qualifications and reliable information about them will be registered through qualifications database

The database includes information about:

- ✓ the title,
- awarding body,
- ✓ learning outcomes,
- ✓ ISCED and ISCO codes,
- access requirements,
- ✓ progression routes,
- expiry date,
- Europass supplements and etc.



413
qualifications
published by VQA

200

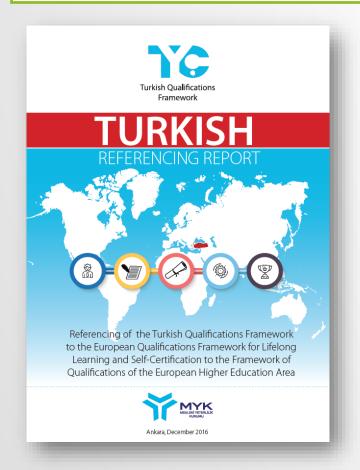
qualifications in VET secondary education

350
qualifications in apprenticeship education

362 qualifications in higher education



Referencing of the TQF to the EQF



The Turkish Referencing Report has been presented to the EQF Advisory Group at the meeting on 29 March 2017 in Brussels.



The Turkish Referencing Report has been evaluated as explicit, transparent and trustable by the EQF Advisory Group and, it has been decided that the TQF is referenced to the EQF.





Structures



Conceptual



Level Descriptors



Key Terminology



Activities

Legislation

- ➤ The Regulation on the Principles and Procedures Concerning the Implementation of the TQF
- ➤ The Regulation on the Quality Assurance of Qualifications to be Included in the TQF
- The Principles and Procedures for the Inclusion of Qualifications into the Turkish Qualifications Framework
- > TQF Application Procedures and Principles

Technical Documents

- TQF Qualification Specifications
- QA Papers and Mandatory Guidelines
- > Turkish Referencing Report

Supporting Documents

- > TQF Paper
- > TQF Action Plan
- > TQF Communication Strategy
- Quality Assurance Handbook
- > Guidelines for VNFIL
- Guidelines for Learning Outcomes
- Crediting Concept Document
- > VQA Verification Report



2022-2023 Targets

- Procedures, principles, guidelines and guides will be completed and put into practice
- National and international visibility of TQF will be increased
- ➤ Turkish Referencing Report will be updated and published in the European Learning Opportunities and Qualifications Portal
- Supporting activities will be carried out for the establishment and operation of quality assurance systems
- Qualifications with quality assurance will be placed in the TQF
- > Content of the Turkish Qualifications Database will be enrich



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