

How the HEQF and HEQSF changed the Qualification Profile of South African Universities

Programme types offered by South African Universities in June 2006 before the HEQF/HEQSF

DoE Programme Classification		Programme types offered by universities	Minimum Duration in Years	Type of University		
				Traditional Universities	Comprehensive Universities	Universities of Technology
Undergraduate Diplomas & Certificates	1	Advanced Certificate in Education	1	Y(10)	Y (6)	Y (5)
	2	Higher Professional Diploma	1	Y(1)	N	N
	3	Licentiate	1	Y(3)	Y (1)	N
	4	Performers Diploma	1	Y(1)	N	N
	5	University Licentiate	3	Y(1)	Y(1)	N
	6	Diploma/Advanced Diploma (UNDERGRADUATE)	1	Y(4)	N	N
	7	Lower Diploma	2	Y(1)	N	N
	8	Lower Diploma	3	Y(1)	N	N
	9	National Professional Diploma	1	Y(1)	y(1)	N
	10	National Professional Diploma	2	Y(3)	Y (3)	Y (3)
	11	National Professional Diploma	3	N	N	N
	12	Senior Secondary Diploma	3	N	Y (1)	N
	13	University Diploma	2	Y(2)	N	N
	14	University Diploma	3	Y(1)	N	N
	15	Advanced University Diploma	1	Y(1)	Y (1)	N
National Certificate and National Higher Certificate	18	National Certificate	1	N	Y (5)	Y (5)
	19	National Higher Certificate	1	N	Y (2)	Y (1)
	20	National Higher Certificate	2	N	Y (3)	Y (5)
National Diploma	21	Diploma	1	Y(3)	Y (4)	Y (1)
	22	Diploma	2	Y(3)	Y (4)	N
	23	Diploma	3	N	Y(1)	
	24	National Diploma	3	Y(6)	Y (5)	Y (6)
	25	National Diploma	4	Y(5)	N	Y (5)
	26	Further Diploma (in Education)	1	Y(3)	Y (2)	N
	27	University Diploma	2	Y(1)	N	N
	28	"Pregraduate" Diploma	1	Y(1)	N	N
	29	Diploma	1	Y(1)	N	N
	30	Advanced Diploma	1	Y(5)	N	N

"Postdiploma" Diplomas and Certificates	31	Advanced University Diploma	1	Y(3)	N	N
	32	Advanced University Diploma	1	Y(2)	Y (1)	N
	33	Postgraduate Certificate	2	Y(6)	Y (2)	Y (4)
	34	Advanced Postgraduate Certificate	1	Y(1)	N	N
	35	Advanced Postgraduate Diploma	1	Y(1)	N	N
	36	Tertiary Diploma	1	N	N	N
	37	Higher Licentiate	1	Y(1)	N	N
	38	Higher Diploma	1	N	Y (1)	N
	39	National Higher Diploma	4	Y(2)	Y (2)	Y (3)
	40	Further National Higher Diploma	1	Y(1)	N	N
	41	Graduate Diploma	2	Y(1)	N	N
	42	Higher Postgraduate Diploma	1	Y(2)	Y (1)	N
Bachelor's Degree	43	Bachelor's Degree	3	Y (11)	Y (6)	Y (1)
Bachelor of Technology Degree	44	Bachelor of Technology Degree	1	N	Y (6)	Y (6)
Professional First Bachelor's Degree	45	Professional First Bachelor's Degree	3	y(8)	Y (6)	Y (2)
	46	Professional First Bachelor's Degree	4	y (ALL)	Y (6)	Y (3)
Postgraduate Bachelor's degrees	47	Usually in Education	1	Y(4)	Y (1)	N
	48	Usually in Law, Architecture, Theology	2	Y(5)	Y (3)	N
	49	Veterinary Science & Medicine	4-6	Y(5)	Y (2)	N
Postgraduate Diplomas	50	Postgraduate Diplomas	1	Y (10)	Y(5)	Y (1)
Honours Degree	51	Bachelor Honours Degree	1	Y (ALL)	Y (6)	Y (2)
	52	Master Diploma in Technology	1	N	N	Y (1)
Master's Degree	53	Master's Degree	1	Y(9)	Y	Y (1)
	54	Master's Degree	2	Y (ALL)	Y (5)	Y (3)
Master of Technology Degree	55	Master of Technology Degree	1	N	Y (3)	Y (5)
Doctor of Technology Degree	56	Doctor of Technology Degree	2	N	Y (2)	Y (5)
Doctoral Degree	57	Doctoral Degree	2	Y (ALL)	Y (5)	Y (3)

Programme types offered by South African Universities in December 2017 in accordance to the HEQSF

	NQF Level	Programme types offered by universities	Type of University		
			Traditional	Comprehensive	UoT
1.	5	Higher Certificate	Y (6)	Y (6)	Y (4)
2.	6	Advanced Certificate	Y (3)	Y (4)	Y (1)
3.	6	2-Year Diploma	N	N	Y (2)
4.	6	3-Year Diploma	Y (8)	Y(6)	Y (3)
5.	7	Advanced Diploma	Y (8)	Y (5)	Y (4)
5.	7	3-Year Bachelor's degree	Y (9)	Y(6)	Y (4)
7.	8	Professional Bachelor's Degree	Y (9)	Y (6)	Y (6)
8.	8	Postgraduate Diploma	Y (9)	Y (6)	Y (3)
9.	8	Bachelor Honours degree	Y (9)	Y (6)	Y (2)
10.	9	Professional Master's Degree	Y (6)	N	N
11.	9	Master's Degree	Y (9)	Y (6)	Y (6)
12.	10	Professional Doctorate Degree	N (7)	N (1)	N
13.	10	Doctorate degree	Y	Y (6)	Y (5)