



Partial qualifications:

- qualifications distinguished within the professions included in the classification of occupations in vocational education;
- qualifications confirmed by master craftsman's diplomas and the journeyman qualifications that are not listed in the Act on IQS in Art. 8;
- qualifications awarded after completing post-graduate studies;
- qualifications awarded after completing other forms of university education, Polish Academy of Sciences institutes and research institutes;
- regulated qualifications - established by separate regulations, the awarding of which takes place according to laws specified in these regulations, excluding qualifications awarded in the education system and the higher education system;
- market qualifications - not regulated by legal regulations, the awarding of which takes place on the basis of freedom of economic activity.

Information for employers

A PQF logo for full or partial qualifications may be placed on documents issued in Poland. Having a full qualification means that a given person has an appropriate level of general education, and in the case of diplomas confirming vocational qualifications - both appropriate level of general education and professional skills required for a given profession. While obtaining a partial qualification refers only to vocational qualifications and skills.

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The website also contains information on:



the recognition of foreign diplomas and certificates,



the authentication of Polish diplomas and school certificates,



the recognition of professional qualifications,



the confirmation of learning outcomes,



the opportunities for learning and acquiring qualifications - PLOTEUS portal, and professional mobility in Europe - EURES portal,



useful information for guidance counsellors.

Coordination Point for Polish Qualifications Framework and the European Qualifications Framework

Pursuant to the Resolution No. 1/2016 of the Interministerial Team for lifelong learning and the Integrated Qualifications System, from 1 October 2016, the Minister of National Education acts as the Coordination Point for Polish Qualifications Framework.

The objectives of the Point include:

- referencing levels of qualifications within national qualifications systems to the European Qualifications Framework levels,
- ensuring that a transparent methodology is used to reference national qualifications levels to the European Qualifications Framework,
- providing access to information and guidance to stakeholders on how national qualifications relate to the European Qualifications Framework through national qualifications systems,
- promoting the participation of all relevant stakeholders including, in accordance with national legislation and practice, higher education and vocational education and training institutions, social partners, sectors and experts on the comparison and use of qualifications at the European level.



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Polish Qualifications Framework (PQF)

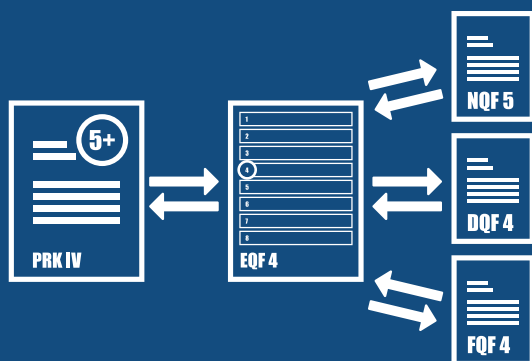
The Polish Qualifications Framework (PQF) is a reference system for qualifications awarded in Poland. There are 8 levels in the PQF. The PQF enables to refer Polish qualifications to the levels of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and through the EQF to the levels of qualifications in individual EU countries.

European Qualifications Framework (EQF)

The EQF is an instrument that makes qualifications clearer and easier to understand in different countries and systems in Europe. The main objectives of the EQF are:

- promoting citizen mobility between countries,
- facilitating lifelong learning for citizens.

The EQF operates under the „Recommendation of the Council of 22 May 2017 on the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning (...)”



Integrated Qualifications System (IQS)

A system introduced by the Act of 22 December 2015 on the Integrated Qualifications System. The Act on IQS organises the qualifications system in Poland and provides market entities with the possibility of flexible response to the changing demand for qualifications in the economy.

More information on IQS at:
<http://www.kwalifikacje.gov.pl/>

PRK

Doktorat (PRK VIII)	8	
Magister (PRK VIII)	7	
Licencjat/inżynier (PRK VI)	6	
Kolegia (PRK V)	5	
T/SP/BS II/matura (PRK IV)	4	
ZSZ/BS I (PRK III)	3	
Gimnazjum/Szk. podst. 8kl (PRK II)	2	
Szk. podst. (6k. PRK I)	1	

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Full qualifications:

at the 1st level of the Polish Qualifications Framework are confirmed by:

- a 6-year primary school completion certificate, graduation certificate of 1st degree music school, graduation certificate of 1st degree secondary music school with a 6-year program of study;

at the 2nd level of the Polish Qualifications Framework are confirmed by:

- a lower-secondary school completion certificate, 8-year primary school completion certificate;

at the 3rd* level of the Polish Qualifications Framework are confirmed by:

- a diploma confirming vocational qualifications:
 - after completing a basic vocational school and passing examinations confirming the qualifications in a given profession,
 - after completing a 1st degree sectoral school and passing examinations confirming the qualifications in a given profession,
- a journeyman's certificate issued after completing a basic vocational school or a 1st degree sectoral school and passing relevant examinations;

at the 4th* level of the Polish Qualifications Framework are confirmed by:

- a diploma confirming vocational qualifications:
 - after completing a technical upper-secondary school or postsecondary non-tertiary school and passing examinations confirming the qualifications in a given profession,
 - after completing a 2nd degree sectoral school and passing examinations confirming the qualifications in a given profession,
- an art school diploma confirming obtaining a professional title,
- a Matriculation certificate;

at the 5th level of the Polish Qualifications Framework are confirmed by:

- a Teacher Training College graduation diploma,
- a Teacher Training College of Foreign Languages graduation diploma,
- a Social Workers College graduation diploma;

at the 6th* level of the Polish Qualifications Framework are confirmed by:

- a first degree diploma;

at the 7th level of the Polish Qualifications Framework are confirmed by:

- a second degree diploma and a uniform master degree diploma,

at the 8th level of the Polish Qualifications Framework are confirmed by:

- a doctoral diploma (PhD).

*exceptions to the 3rd and 4th level of the vocational qualifications are included in the Regulation of the Minister of National Education on the classification of occupations in vocational education

<http://eurydice.org.pl/system-edukacji-w-polsce/>

PQF logos

PRK 1 Kwalifikacja cząstkowa na poziomie pierwszym Polskiej Ramy Kwalifikacji	PRK 2 Kwalifikacja cząstkowa na poziomie drugim Polskiej Ramy Kwalifikacji	PRK 3 Kwalifikacja cząstkowa na poziomie trzecim Polskiej Ramy Kwalifikacji	PRK 4 Kwalifikacja cząstkowa na poziomie czwartym Polskiej Ramy Kwalifikacji
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