

Moving African Qualification Recognition and Digitisation Forward

**Updates on key national, regional and
continental initiatives**

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Major Imperatives for SAQA, overseeing South Africa's NQF (NQF: National Qualifications Framework)



Monitor NQF
Implementation

Implement Ministerial
Guidelines & White
Paper for Post-Sec Ed

Commence role
as Articulation
Ombud

Simplify the NQF

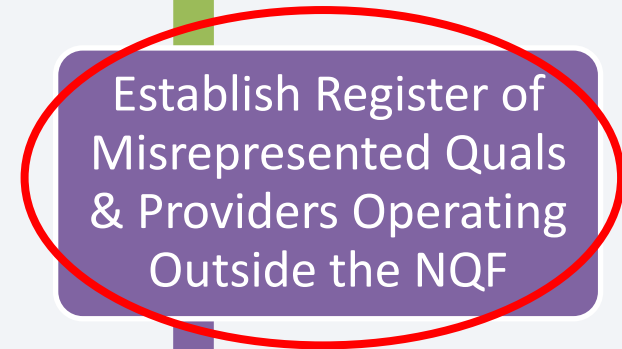
Recognise Prof
Bodies + Register
Prof Designations

Register
Qualifications
and Part-Quals

Oversee
Articulation
across & within
Sub-Frameworks

Establish Register of
Misrepresented Quals
& Providers Operating
Outside the NQF

Review NQF
Policies



Foreign Qualifications and National (SA) Qualifications



National

Verify national qualifications

Evaluate foreign qualifications

Foreign

National

Report on misrepresented qualifications and institutions operating outside the SA NQF

Finalise Policy on the Misrepresentation of Qualifications

ALL

South Africa's Draft Policy on the Misrepresentation of Qualifications



Establish the Register of Misrepresented Qualifications and Providers Operating Outside the NQF

Define the Rules governing what is included / removed from the Register

Define the Roles and Responsibilities of:

- NQF Partners
- Private qualification verification agencies / private sector
- South African Police Service
- SAQA: co-ordination

African Qualifications Verification Network (AQVN)



Interim Council is active

Constitution is finalised

Project:
Members are consolidating a list of accredited institutions (and contacts) in their respective countries

Southern African Development Community Qualifications Framework (SADCQF)



“Building trust for better movement”



Formal launch: Johannesburg, 19 April 2017

Objectives:

- Align NQFs;
- Improve Quality Assurance;
- Verification;
- Communicate & Advocate

Digitisation



SAQA obtained Belgian funding for the project

Scanning and indexing 500k paper records of Teachers and Senior Cert

Will be securely released to the custodians, and also loaded onto SAQA's NLRD

Will bring the NLRD up to 18 million people

Real-Time Verification



For:

Verifying Certificates of Evaluation of foreign qualifications

Obtaining proof of own qualifications

**These are the pilots:
there will be further expansion**

NLRD Report 4: Pathway Trends



Qualifications Awarded and Learners' Movement across the South African Education and Training System, 1995 to 2014

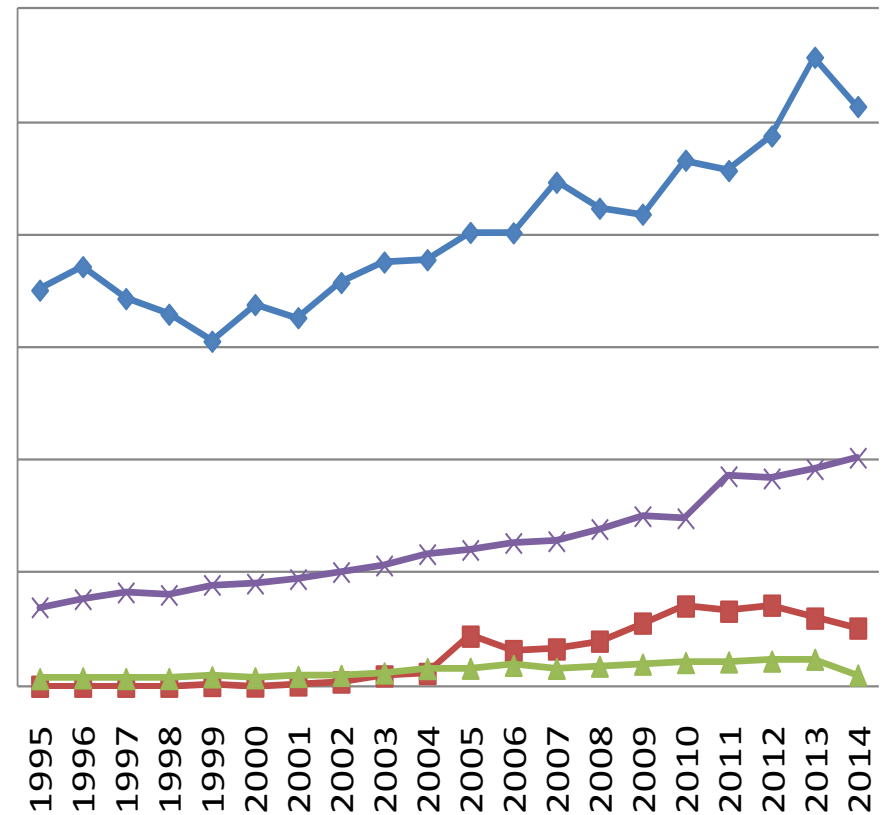
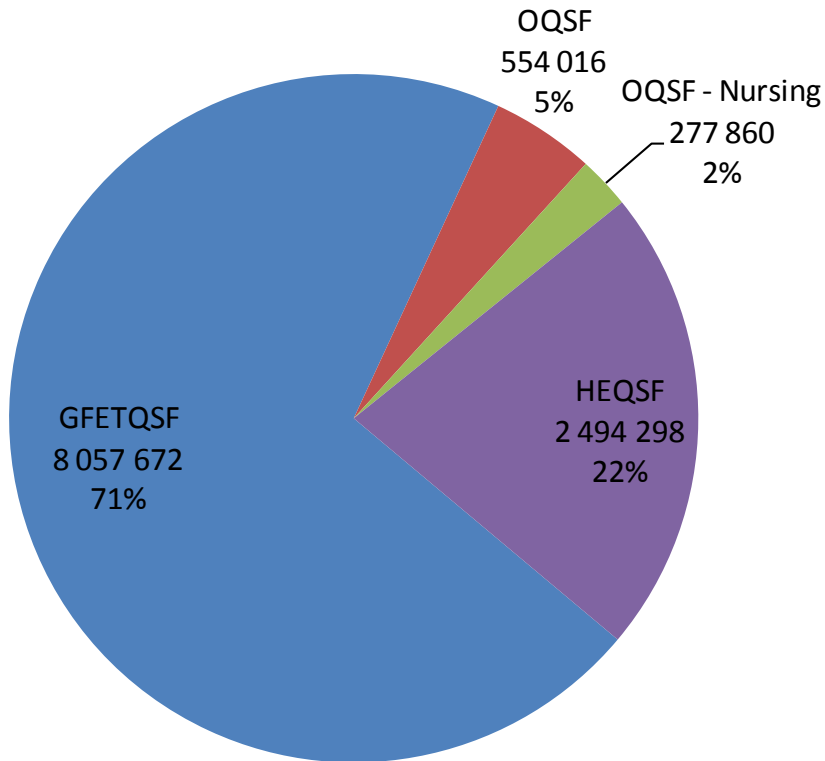
NQF Sub-Frameworks

HEQSF: Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework

OQSF: Occupational Qualifications Sub-Framework

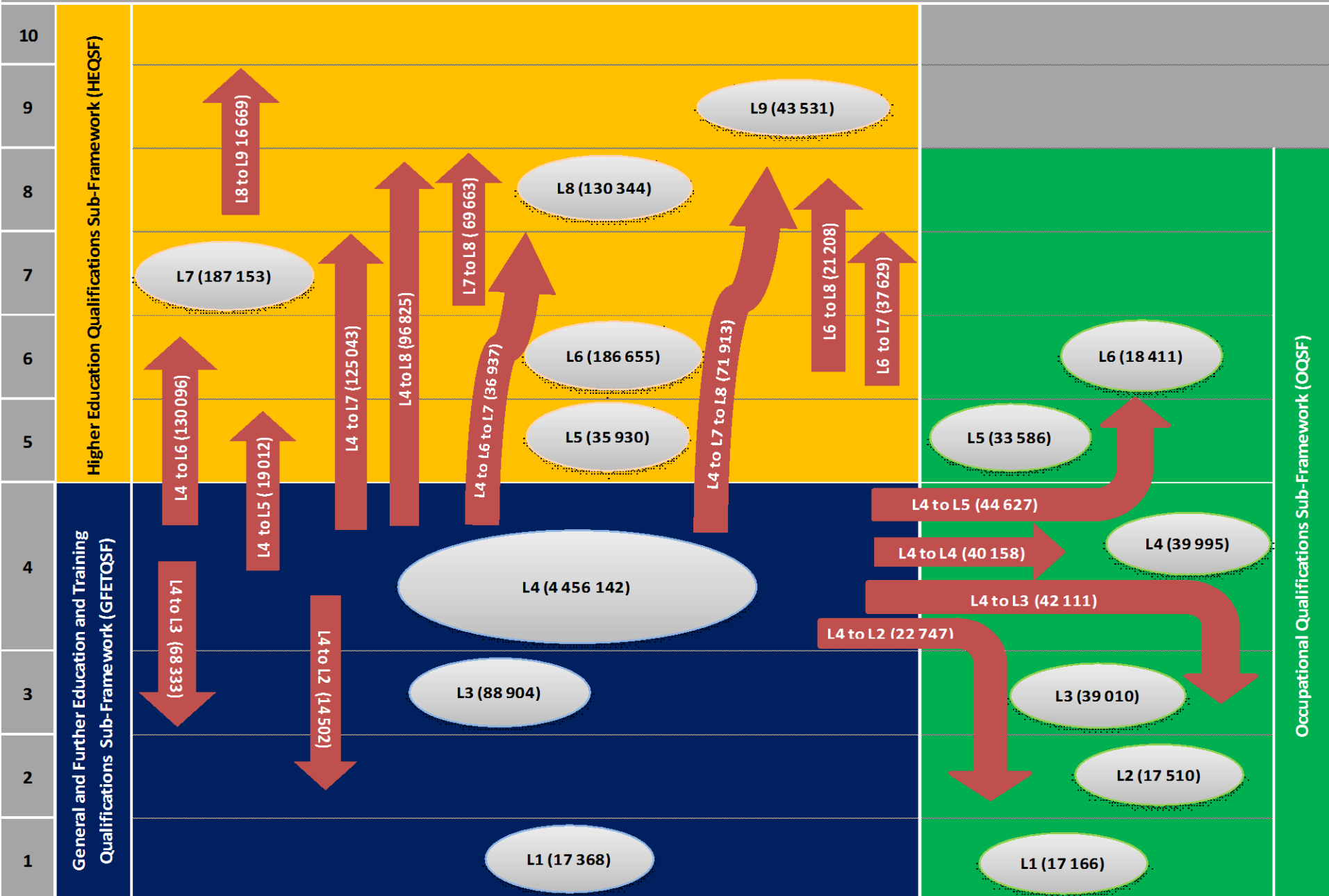
GFETQSF: General and Further Qualifications Sub-Framework

Number of Qualifications Awarded per NQF Sub-Framework, 1995 to 2014 (Total 11 383 846)



(Nursing was analysed separately because it was swamping the rest of the OQSF)

Top 30: Learning pathways through NQF Levels between 1995 and 2014





**"It always seems impossible
until it's done."**

- Nelson Mandela

