


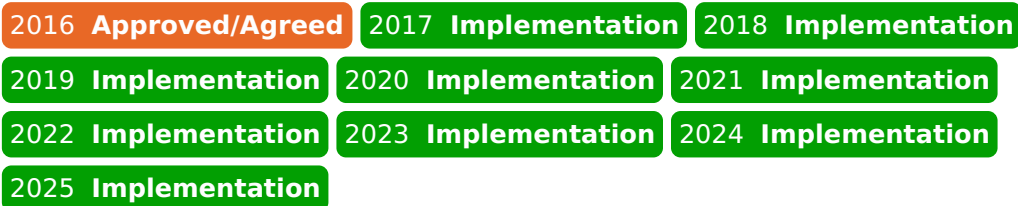
# Slovenian Qualifications Framework Act (2016)

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 SLOVENIA

## Timeline



ID number 28798

## Objectives

The Slovenian Qualifications Framework Act defined the tasks of the national coordination point (NCP) regarding Slovenian qualifications framework (SQF) - European qualifications framework (EQF), which are intended to support various target groups (employers, employees, students and training providers):

- development and implementation of the SQF
- responsibility for the development of the SQF and connection with the EQF;
- providing access to information on SQF, EQF and qualifications framework for the European higher education area (QF-EHEA);
- managing the process of placing the SQF in the EQF;
- issuance of certificates on the level of SQF and EQF for the national vocational qualifications (NVQs);
- promotion of SQF and EQF in the Slovenian public.

Register of SQF qualifications

- publishing and maintaining the register of SQF qualifications and links to the EQF portal.

Supplementary qualifications

- managing the process of placing additional qualifications in the SQF;
- professional and administrative support to the operation of the NCP SQF-EQF expert panel.

## Description

In July 2016, the Slovenian Qualifications Framework (SQF) Act came into force, serving as the legal basis for SQF implementation and full operationalisation. The SQF register describes qualifications in accordance with SQF and EQF levels and contains 1 684

qualifications (1 358 educational qualifications, 312 national vocational qualifications and 13 supplementary qualifications). The adoption of the SQF Act in 2016 opened up the system to supplementary qualifications awarded on the labour market, establishing accreditation procedures and the criteria for placement into the SQF. It also stipulates the inclusion of SQF and EQF levels on certificates, diplomas and Europass documents, enabling the country to meet the second milestone of EQF implementation.

### **2016 Approved/Agreed**

### **2017 Implementation**

### **2018 Implementation**

### **2019 Implementation**

The national contact point for the national qualifications framework and European qualifications framework executed the first systematic evaluation of the Slovenian qualifications' framework and its current level of implementation in terms of usability, awareness and recognisability between key stakeholders. Cedefop contributed to the evaluation with the professional support and expertise.

In addition, in 2019 Slovenia launched the Slovenian qualifications framework portal, providing user-friendly, transparent and comprehensive information on qualifications that can be obtained in Slovenia.

### **2020 Implementation**

The national coordination point for the national qualifications framework and European qualifications framework in 2020 finished the first systematic evaluation of the Slovenian qualifications' framework and the SQF register of qualifications, supported by Cedefop expertise, in terms of usability, awareness and recognisability between key stakeholders. The results of evaluation were disseminated on the final international conference at the 10th anniversary of the Slovenian qualifications framework with the participation of Cedefop and EC representatives. Furthermore, Slovenian EQF NCP continued to implement the Slovenian qualifications' framework, with the emphasis on refreshing and updating the qualifications register, further development of the Supplementary qualifications system and promotion of the SQF in professional and general public.

### **2021 Implementation**

In 2021, the SQF-EQF national coordination point (NCP) organised an international conference on including international qualifications in the national qualifications framework; it was attended by more than 70 participants from various institutions and countries. The Slovenian EQF NCP continued to implement the Slovenian qualifications' framework, with emphasis on refreshing and updating the qualifications register, updating the interconnection with the Europass portal, further development of the Supplementary qualifications system and promotion of the SQF to the professional and general public through webinars for learners, jobseekers and the unemployed, and workshops for professionals on the use of the learning outcomes approach.

### **2022 Implementation**

In 2022, the SQF-EQF national coordination point (NCP) organised a conference on micro-credentials with international experts; it was attended by more than 80 participants from various institutions and stakeholders. The Slovenian EQF NCP prepared the basis for national discussion on the need for updating the NQF referencing report as well as continued to implement the Slovenian qualifications' framework, with emphasis on refreshing and updating the qualifications register, updating the interconnection with the Europass portal. Promotion of the SQF to the professional and general public through webinars/seminars and educational/career fairs for different target groups like learners, jobseekers and the unemployed, career counsellors was also carried out.

### **2023 Implementation**

In 2023, the SQF-EQF national coordination point (NCP) analysed and discussed the need to review and update the Slovenian Qualifications Framework and its referencing to the EQF and QF-EHEA. This process included desk research, the preparation of professional documents, and the organisation of two focus groups with key stakeholders.

The NCP also explored the integration of micro-credentials into the national qualifications framework (NQF) by conducting desk research on the state of play of micro-credentials in the Slovenian qualifications system and holding two focus groups on the topic.

Promotion of the SQF among professional and general audiences was carried out through webinars, seminars, videos, and participation in educational and career fairs targeting learners, jobseekers, the unemployed, and career counsellors.

### **2024 Implementation**

In 2024, the SQF-EQF NCP continued its work on integrating micro-credentials into the Slovenian Qualifications Framework. To support this, it established and expanded an interdepartmental working group, which serves as a counselling body for the SQF. This group meets regularly to further develop the inclusion of micro-credentials in the framework, considering perspectives from VET, CVET, and higher education.

The NCP also conducted comparative desk research on different countries' approaches to micro-credentials and their level of development. Additionally, the promotion of the SQF/EQF continued through webinars, seminars, short promotional videos, and educational and career fairs aimed at learners, jobseekers, the unemployed, and career counsellors.

### **2025 Implementation**

Building on the activities launched in 2024, the SQF-EQF National Coordination Point (NCP), which is located within CPI, continued the implementation of the SQF Act, with a particular focus on updating the SQF register. This included transferring the SQF register into the Qualifications Data Register (QDR), which required corresponding updates to the SQF portal. In parallel, information, awareness-raising activities and promotional measures were carried out to further enhance the visibility and usability of the SQF and EQF among key stakeholder groups.

Special emphasis was placed on the further development of the SQF. Intensive analytical work was conducted to explore the possibilities of opening the national framework to new types of qualifications (micro-credentials) and qualifications acquired outside formal education systems. To this end, the NCP SQF-EQF coordinated the functioning of an (informal) interdepartmental working group. The group includes experts from different ministries and other stakeholders from the education sector and facilitates the exchange of information and ensures high-level interdepartmental coordination.

At European level, the SQF-EQF NCP participated in professional meetings and peer learning activities, including meetings of the EQF Advisory Group, facilitating the transfer of European developments and good practices to the national context.

To support these activities, the expert group for the SQF was reactivated and expanded through a public call. Its main task is to examine the potential opening of the national qualifications framework in line with the core objectives of the SQF and in response to the emergence of new types of qualifications. The members of the expert group were selected through a public call open to professionals with expertise in the national and international qualifications systems. Following an evaluation process, five experts were appointed.

## Bodies responsible

- Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Vocational Education and Training (CPI)

## Target group

### Learners

Adult learners  
Older workers and employees (55 - 64 years old)  
Unemployed and jobseekers  
Persons in employment, including those at risk of unemployment  
Low-skilled/qualified persons  
Learners from other groups at risk of exclusion (minorities, people with fewer opportunities due to geographical location or social-economic disadvantaged position)

### Education professionals

Teachers  
Trainers  
School leaders  
Adult educators  
Guidance practitioners

### Entities providing VET

Companies  
Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)  
VET providers (all kinds)

### Other stakeholders

Social partners (employer organisations and trade unions)

## Thematic categories

### Transparency and portability of VET skills and qualifications

Comprehensive national qualification frameworks

## Subsystem

IVET CVET

## Further reading

[The SQF Act \(in Slovenian\)](#)

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[Evaluation report](#)

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[The SQF website](#)


## Related policy developments

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2025 **Design**

### Approach to microcredentials

There are continuing discussions on national level about definition, concept and approach to the microcredentials based on the Council Recommendation on a European approach to microcredentials for lifelong learning and employability.

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IVET CVET

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