

The Use of NQFs in Recognition Procedures

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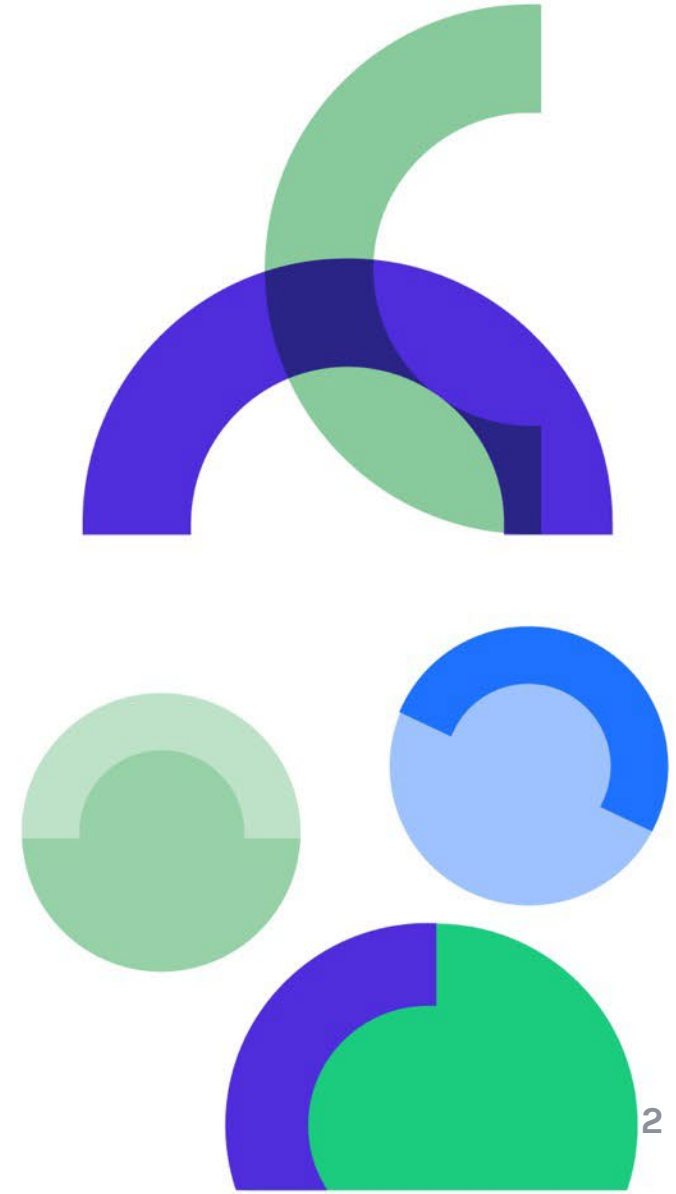
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Introduction

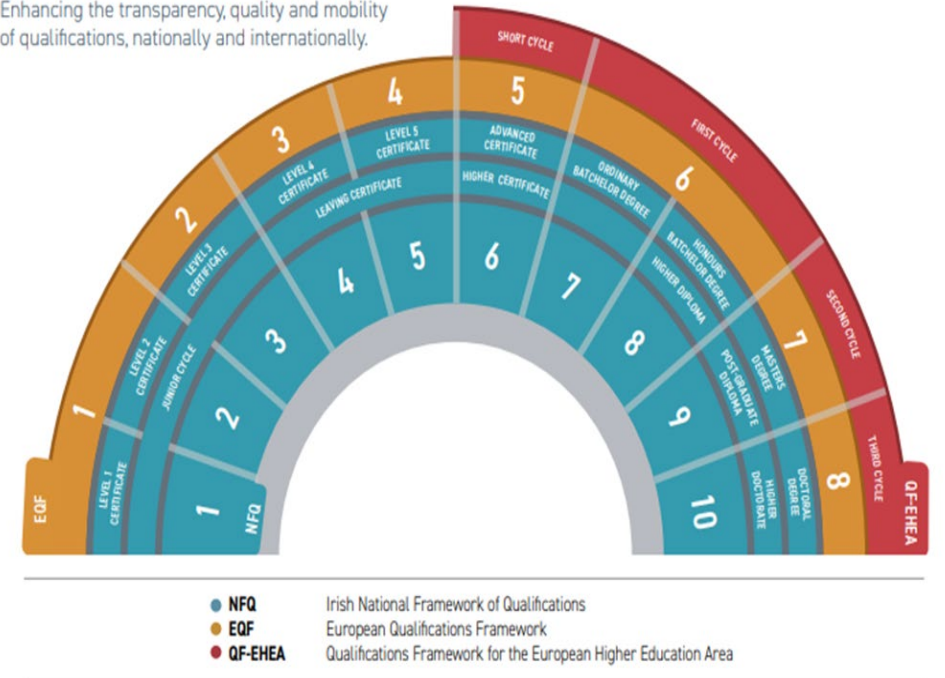
- QQI hosts NARIC Ireland which is the Irish ENIC-NARIC centre
- *Policy and Criteria for Facilitating the Academic Recognition of Foreign Qualifications* approved in 2015
- Provision of **advice** on the general academic recognition of foreign qualifications
- Such advice places the foreign qualification in the context of the Irish education and training system using the **National Framework of Qualifications** (NFQ) as a reference
- General recognition advice provided by QQI is offered as a guide regardless of the proposed use of the qualification
- QQI does **not** make recognition decisions. Formal recognition decisions are made by others including education institutions, professional recognition bodies and employers.



Approach

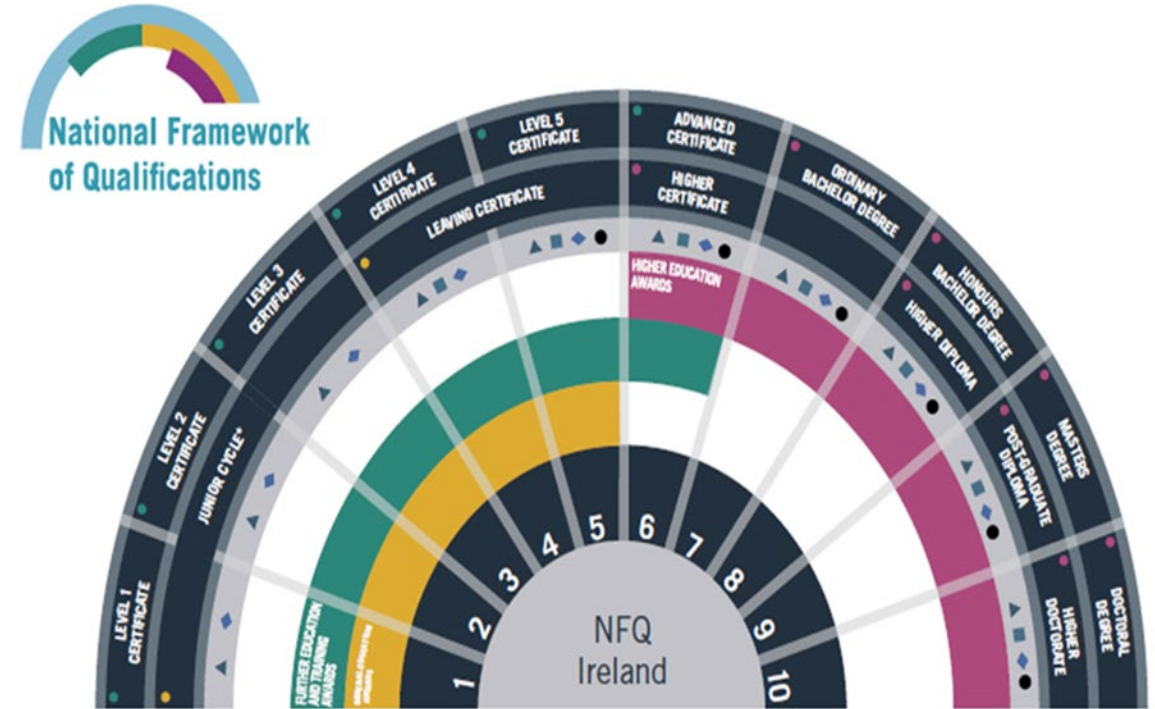
- Provide authoritative advice **online** in the format of **non-personalised** comparability statements.
- QQI has **no role in authenticating qualifications** nor determining eligibility of an individual for access to work or continuing education
- However, QQI offers support to these organisations with responsibility for recognition decisions for granting access to work or continuing education.
- QQI's focus is on researching foreign education and training and qualifications systems to improve the information provided.
- QQI compares foreign qualifications to qualifications that are placed at a particular level on the NFQ. Recognition advice is offered based on information gained through independent research, compilation of research resources, interaction with ENIC-NARIC Network members and similar agencies in other countries
- Recognition tools and initiatives such as Qualifications Frameworks, credit and Europass documents are used in the provision of recognition advice. In particular, the status of the awarding body in the country of origin is fundamental to facilitating the recognition of foreign qualifications

Qualifications Frameworks - Going Global
Enhancing the transparency, quality and mobility
of qualifications, nationally and internationally.



NFQ is Central

- Inclusive, flexible framework integrating adult, vocational and higher education in one framework
- Learning outcomes based approach facilitates matching with NFQ levels to inform advice
- Matched to 16 major-award types with 2 award types available at some NFQ levels facilitates easier matching
- NFQ is well embedded in Irish society and widely used by educational providers and employers
- Leverage our role as EQF NCP to develop strategic relationships with other countries and regions
- External dimension to QQI activity with bilateral NFQ referencing with New Zealand and Hong Kong
- Maintain Qualifications Can Cross Boundaries with UK to support broad comparison of UK and Ireland qualifications
- Informal comparison to National Qualifications Framework of Bahrain and supported the development of a national framework in Jordan



CLASSES OF AWARD

- Major Awards: named in the outer rings, are the principal class of awards made at a level
 - Minor Awards: are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award
 - Supplemental Awards: are for learning that is additional to a Major Award
 - Special Purpose Awards: are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement
 - Professional Awards: are for occupation-orientated qualifications including apprenticeships
- * Please refer to NCCA website, ncca.ie/en/junior-cycle/

IRISH REGISTER OF QUALIFICATIONS

For more information on

- Qualifications
- Providers
- Courses

visit www.irqi.ie

Qualifications can Cross Boundaries

A guide to comparing qualifications in the UK and Ireland

About this leaflet:

- This leaflet provides information that enables comparability between qualifications across the UK and Ireland, and how those qualifications are organised.
- It shows which qualifications in UK and Ireland are broadly comparable in terms of the level of challenge.
- The principal table shows the main stages of education and employment and the comparable levels of similar kinds of qualification that are used in UK and Ireland that allows for broad comparisons in terms of the level of challenge rather than direct equivalences.
- Tables 1 and 2 illustrate how UK and Irish qualifications frameworks relate to qualifications frameworks in Europe.



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Rough guide to Afghan qualifications in the context of the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (Version 3.1)

All information is up-to-date at time of publication. Please check www.nqi.ie to ensure that you are accessing the most recent version of this document.



Rough guide to Syrian qualifications in the context of the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (Version 1.0)

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Database

- Online database
- Published comparability statements for 2000 qualifications from 170 countries
- Same approach used for EU and Non-EU Countries
- Same approach used for vocational and higher education
- Additional information is linked such as
 - ▶ Sample Documents
 - ▶ Country Education Profile
 - ▶ Referencing documents to EQF, or other national framework

Using the NARIC foreign qualifications database

NARIC Guide - English (0.6 MB)

NARIC Guide - Arabic (0.7 MB)

NARIC Guide - Gaeilge (0.5 MB)

Naric Guide - Chinese (0.6 MB)

NARIC Guide - French (0.6 MB)

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NARIC Guide - Ukrainian (0.6 MB)

NARIC Guide - Spanish (0.5 MB)

Click here to see our "Guide to using the NARIC database". Select another language:

Please note that not all awards can be compared with a specific major award type in the Irish NFQ and have, therefore, been compared with a level on the NFQ only.

Search

Country

Type of Education

Search

Clear

15 Qualifications from Estonia

Bakalaureusekraad / Bakalaureus

Bachelor Degree / Bachelors



Irish Award Class: Honours Bachelor Degree

NFQ Level: 8

Country: Estonia

Rakenduskõrgharidusõppe Diplom

Professional Higher Education Diploma



Irish Award Class: Honours Bachelor Degree

NFQ Level: 8

Country: Estonia

Magistrikraad / Magister

Masters Degree / Master



Irish Award Class: Masters Degree

NFQ Level: 9

Country: Estonia

Kutseõppeasutuse lõputunnistus

Vocational Secondary Education Certificate



Irish Award Class: An Award at Level 5

NFQ Level: 5

Country: Estonia

Comparability Statement	Estonia_ID_485.pdf
Title of Foreign Award	Lõputunnistus keskhariduse baasil kutseõppe läbimise kohta
Title of Award in English	Vocational Secondary Education Certificate based on Secondary Education
Additional Information	If the programme was based on secondary education, this qualification is comparable to EQF level 5 (NFQ 6).
Country	Estonia
Type of Education	Further Education
Credit Type	
Credit Value	
National Framework Level in country of origin	5
EQF Level	5
Bologna Cycle	N/A
Irish NFQ Award Class	Advanced Certificate
Irish NFQ Level	6
First Published	24-06-2015
Country Education Profile	Click Here
Sample Document	Click Here
Award Profile	If the programme was based on secondary education, this qualification is comparable to EQF level 5 (NFQ 6).
Relevant Links	EHEA ENIC-NARIC List of recognised HEIs List of recognised HEIs (EN) Estonia Referencing Report to EQF Revised Referencing Report to EQF NUFFIC Module UNESCO – Education Systems UNESCO – Recognised HEIs Lithuanian sample documents World Education Service Road to Automatic Recognition of Higher Education Access Qualification Recommendations on automatic recognition of HE access qualifications in the ARAQUA countries

Advice on Academic Recognition of a Foreign Qualification Comparability Statement

Foreign Qualification:	Bakalaureusekraad / Bakalaureus Bachelor Degree / Bachelors
Country:	Estonia
NFQ Award-Type / Level:	Honours Bachelor Degree at NFQ Level 8

NFQ LEVEL SUMMARY

Learning outcomes at Level 8 relate to an understanding of the theory, concepts and methods pertaining to a field (or fields) of learning, with innovation as a key feature. The outcomes include an awareness of the boundaries of the learning in the field and the preparation required to push back those boundaries through further learning. The outcomes relate to adaptability, flexibility, ability to cope with change and ability to exercise initiative and solve problems within their field of study. In a number of applied fields the outcomes are those linked with the independent, knowledge-based professional. In other fields the outcomes are linked with those of a generalist and would normally be appropriate to management positions.

The recognition advice provided above is based on current understandings of the comparability of qualifications on the basis that qualifications are awarded by nationally recognised awarding bodies in their country of origin. The advice given may need to be re-examined in the future on the basis of changes and developments in national and international education and training systems and our knowledge thereof.

The advice presented does not represent access to employment, a regulated profession or education and training. The information provided may assist an employer, professional recognition body or education and training provider determine if an applicant holds the qualifications deemed necessary for employment/programme entry. However, final recognition decisions for the purposes of accessing further education and/or employment are made by education institutions, professional recognition bodies and employers.

The National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) for Ireland is used to place foreign qualifications in the context of the Irish education and training system. The major awards in the NFQ have been referenced to the EQF and aligned to the QF-EHEA.



● NFQ Irish National Framework of Qualifications
● EQF European Qualifications Framework
● QF-EHEA Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area



Feedback on the information provided is appreciated; it may be submitted via the [QQI website](http://www.qqi.ie).

NARIC Ireland, based at QQI, acts as the Irish ENIC-NARIC centre providing advice on the general academic recognition of foreign qualifications in Ireland and promoting the recognition of Irish qualifications abroad. See www.enic-naric.net.

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Please see our User-Guide at www.naric.ie

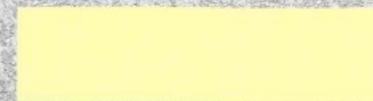
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SAMPLE DOCUMENT



TALLINNA ÜLIKOOL DIPLOM

Tallinna Ülikool tunnistab, et



on täitnud romaani keelte ja kultuuride

bakalaureuseõppe õppekava

ja talle on antud

humanitaarteaduse bakalaureuse kraad

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities (BA)

Rektor Tiit Land

Germaani-Romaani Keelte ja Kultuuride Instituudi
direktor Suliko Liiv

Tallinnas 11. juunil 2012. aastal



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NARIC Ireland - Recognition of Foreign Qualifications

STATISTICS for 2023 & 2024

To find out more please visit: www.naric.ie

Total number of page views

Hover over to view Type of Qualification - Top 10

115,579

▲ 4% from 2023 (111,350)

Total number of comparability statements downloaded

Hover over to view Type of Education - All countries

37,217

▲ 4% from 2023 (35,730)

Total number of countries

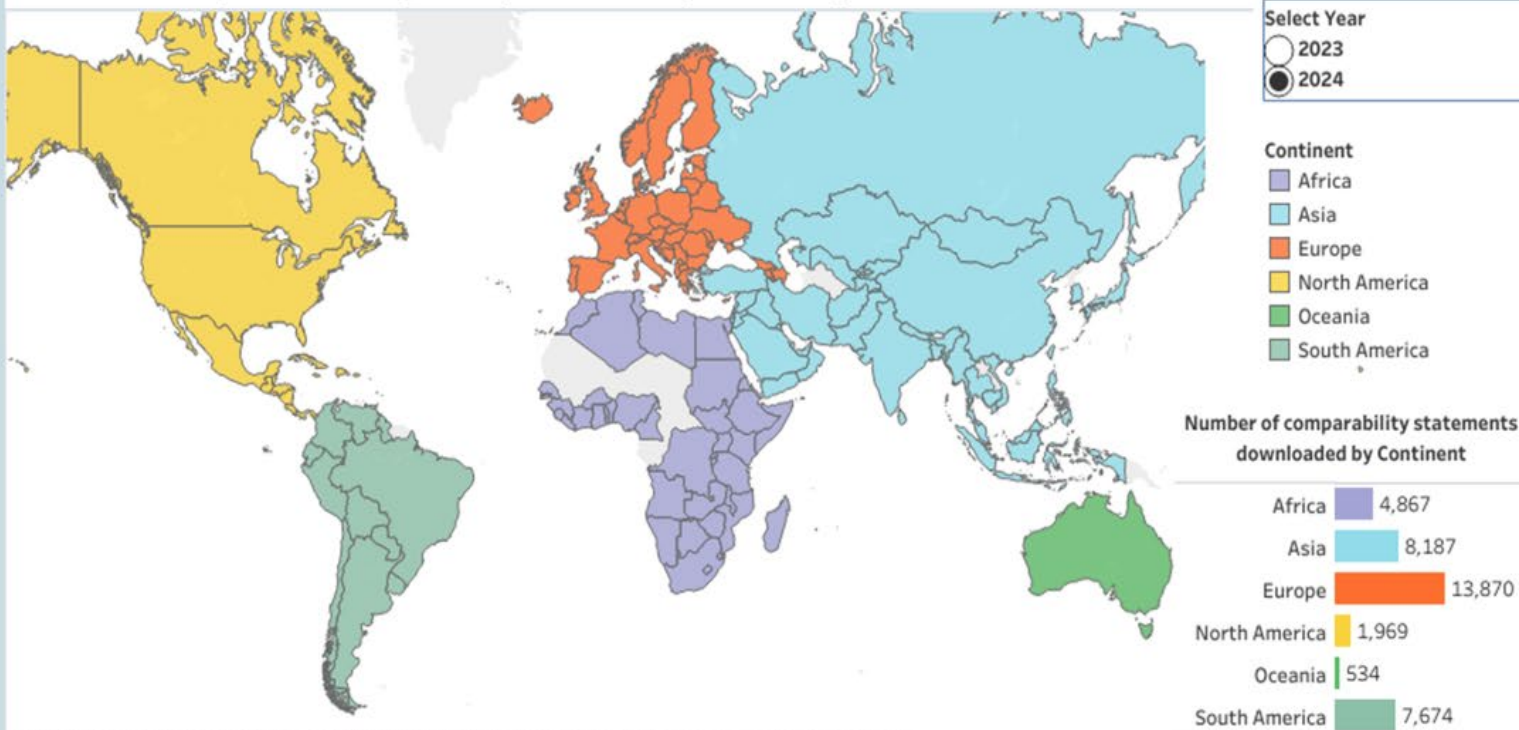
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▲ 6% from 2023 (161)

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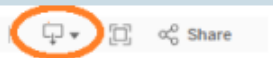
The selected country refers to the 'Target country' from where the qualification originates from.



Grey areas in the map indicate that no qualifications from those countries are published in NARIC Ireland yet.

An overview of NARIC Ireland data is provided below, click a 'Continent' to view detailed information.

Export data to Excel by using the download feature at the bottom



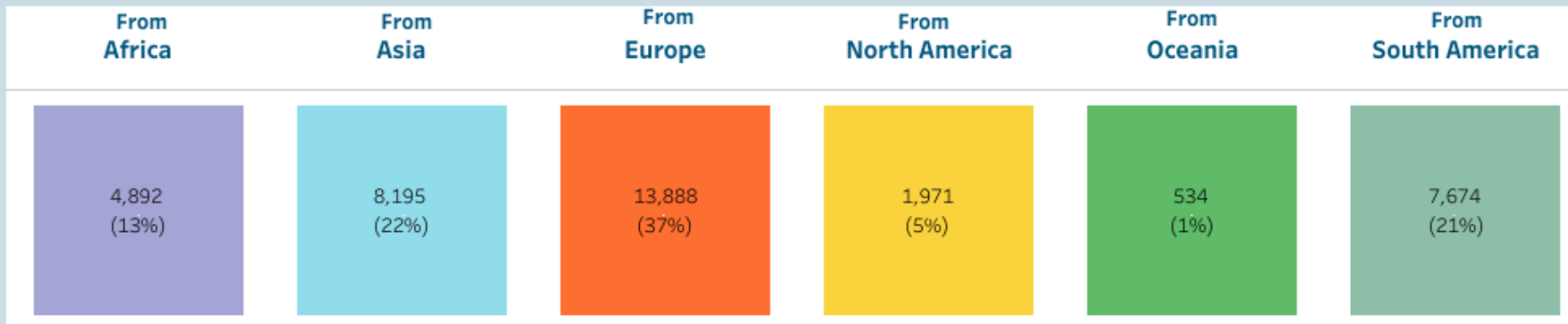
Comparability statements downloaded - Select year

Click on 'Continent' below to view the breakdown of comparability statements downloaded by country for Type of education, Foreign Qualification Titles and From which Country the qualification is from.

Select Year

2023

2024



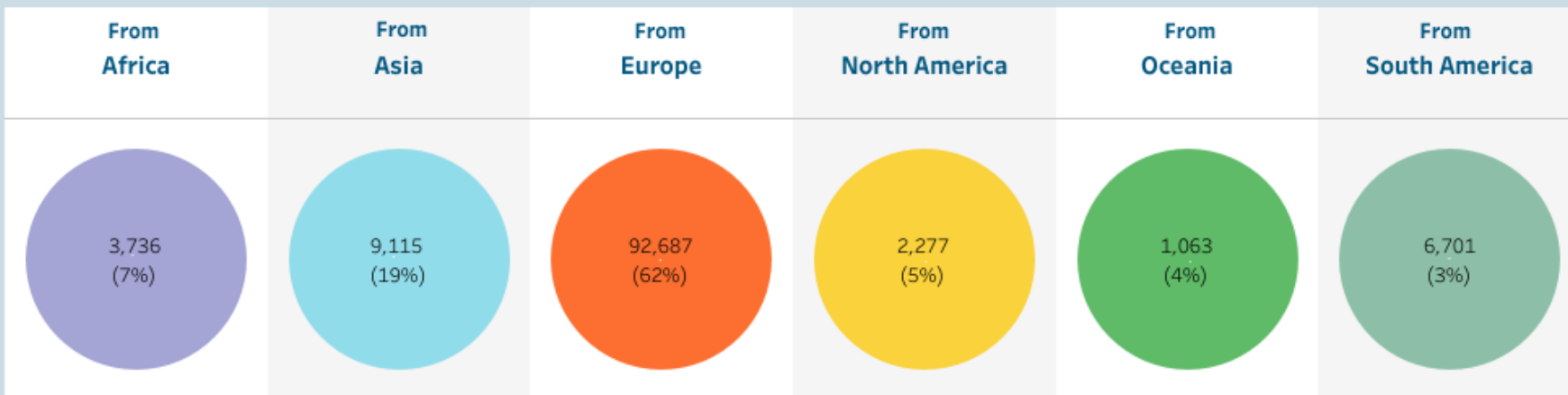
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2023

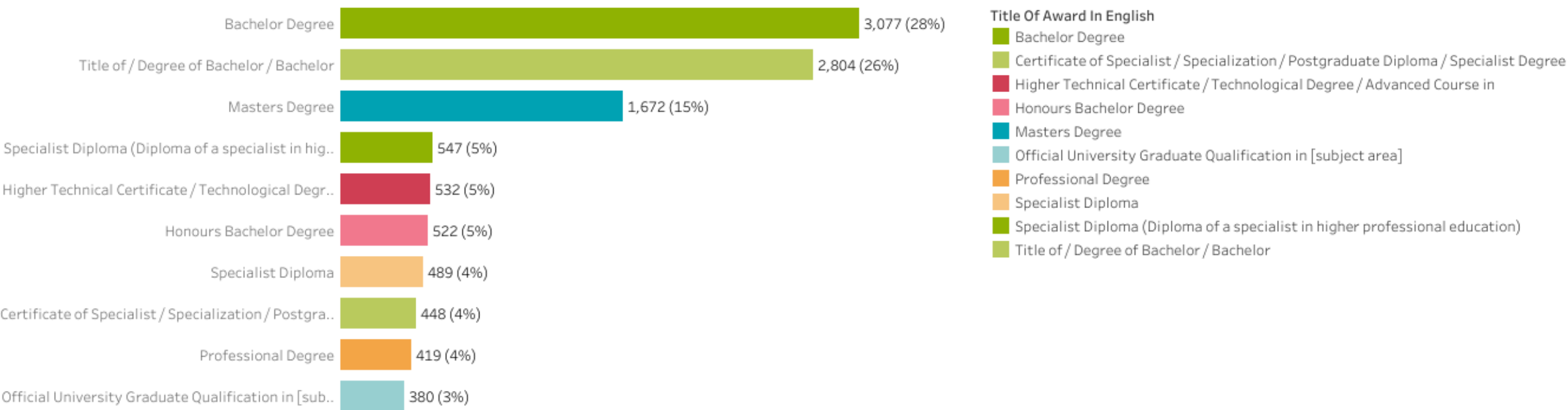
2024



10top countries



Type of award



Thank you

Any questions?

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