

# Zambia Qualifications Framework

ZQF Level	General Education		Trades and Occupations	Higher Education
10				Doctorate Degree
9				Master's Degree
8				Post -Graduate Diploma
7				Bachelor's Degree (Honours)
				Bachelor's Degree (Ordinary)
6			Diploma	
5			Level 5 Certificate	
4			Level 4 Certificate	
3			Level 3 Certificate	
2	B	Senior Secondary Education Certificate (Grade 12)		
	A	Junior Secondary Education Certificate (Grade 9)		
1	Primary Education Certificate (Grade 7)			
<b>Quality Assurance</b>	Quality Assurance Bodies established by Acts of Parliament in Zambia			
<b>Qualifications</b>	The Zambia Qualifications Authority (ZAQA Act No.13 of 2011)			

## Notes to the Zambia Qualifications Framework

- ✓ Some levels may have sub-levels within themselves.
- ✓ Each level on the framework is described by a statement of learning achievement known as level descriptor. A level descriptor provides a generic indication of learning achievements or outcomes that are appropriate to qualification (professional or academic) at that level.
- ✓ A professional qualification is a level of achievement which shows that someone has successfully completed a programme of study which allows him/her to work in one of the professions. This is generally awarded by a professional body in line with its charter and/or regulation. The purpose is to impart knowledge, skills, values and practical experience to the learner to enable the learner apply the knowledge in a particular manner, in a profession.
- ✓ An academic qualification is a level of achievement which involves the study of a subject with scholarly discipline and may include research. The purpose is to impart knowledge, skills and values of a subject to a learner.
- ✓ Continuous Professional Development (CPD) can be undertaken within the levels of the framework.
- ✓ Ordinary and Honours Bachelor's degrees are distinguished by the level of performance. This is illustrated in the table below.

Zambian Class		British Class	American GPA	European (Grade)
Honours	Distinction	First	4.0	I
	Merit	Upper Second	3.33 - 3.67	II.1
	Credit	Lower Second	3.0	II.2
Ordinary	Pass	Ordinary	2.0 - 2.3	III