Foreign qualification assessment

The extract indicates what a foreign qualification is comparable to in the Swedish qualification system. The information can be used when applying for a job or planning for further studies. Decisions regarding employment, admission or formal professional recognition are made by the employer, education provider or competent authority.

Qualification from Switzerland

Doktor (Dr.)
Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Swedish comparison

Doktorsexamen
Degree of Doctor

About the qualification comparison

UHR assesses the foreign qualification as comparable to a Swedish Degree of Doctor.

The figure below shows the assigned level of the Swedish qualification in the Swedish National Qualifications Framework (SeQF) and how it relates to the European qualifications frameworks.

This assessment is provided as guidance by UHR. It is based on our knowledge of the country's education system and not on the individual's education documents. UHR applies the principles of the international recognition convention Lisbon Recognition Convention and assumes the foreign qualification is recognised in the country of study.

Find out more about higher education in Sweden and the admission process at Universityadmissions.se

About the Swedish Council for Higher Education

The Swedish Council for Higher Education (UHR) is Sweden's ENIC-NARIC centre. We have a national task to inform about and evaluate foreign education.

Go to the Qualifications Assessment Tool: uhr.se/en/start/recognition-of-foreign-qualifications/qualifications-assessment-tool/switzerland/doktor-dr.-3868/.

To employers

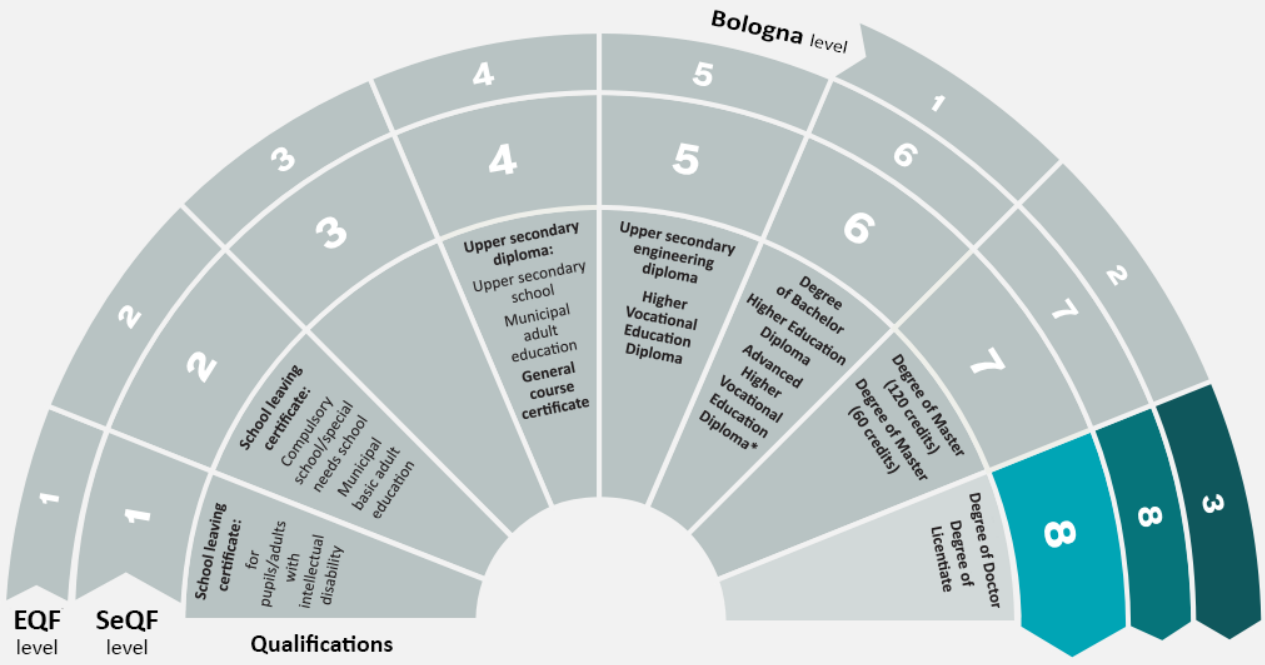
This extract should be used together with an individual's education documents. If you as an employer have questions about foreign education or a job applicant's education documents, you are welcome to contact UHR. E-mail: utbildningsbedomning@uhr.se

Facts about Doktor (Dr.) (Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD))

Duration	3 - 5 years
Credits	No credits are distributed for doctoral-level programmes.
Information about the qualification	The qualification includes courses, research and a thesis that has been defended at a public defence.
National Qualifications Framework (NQF)	Qualifications Framework for the Higher Education Area (nqf.ch-HS) Nqf.ch-HS is the qualification framework for higher education and consists of 3 levels (Stufe 1- Stufe 3).
NQF level	Stufe 3 (nqf.ch-HS)
EQF level	8
Bologna level	3
Recognised higher education institutions	Swiss Universities/ENIC Switzerland - Only the institutions that are included in the list are recognised higher education institutions in Switzerland. The Swiss higher education sector is divided between research universities and universities of applied sciences. A transition between higher education sectors often requires supplementary studies. Please note the country can have additional recognised education institutions.

The level of Swedish qualifications and degrees

Swedish degrees and final grades are placed within reference frameworks that show different levels of learning outcomes. In the figure, the Swedish reference framework SeQF is shown as well as the European reference frameworks that facilitate comparison to other countries. Please note the figure does not contain all Swedish qualifications.



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*Please note that the Advanced Higher Vocational Education Diploma is included in EQF och SeQF level 6, but not in Bologna level 1.

What do the abbreviations mean?

- SeQF – The Swedish National Qualifications Framework
- EQF – European Qualifications Framework
- Bologna Framework – Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area (QF- EHEA)