

Ballsbridge qualification framework (BQF)

Qualifications	LQF level
Certificate of general basic education (special education programmes for learners with (severe) mental development disorders or several severe development disorders)	1.
Certificate of general basic education Certificate of vocational basic education Certificate of professional qualifications (basic education level)	2.
Certificate of vocational education Certificate of professional qualification (vocational education level)	3.
Certificate of general secondary education Diploma of vocational secondary education Certificate of professional qualification (secondary education level)	4.
Diploma of first level professional higher education (college, 2-3 years of full time studies)	5.
Bachelor's diploma Professional bachelor's diploma Diploma of professional higher education, diploma of higher professional qualification (at least 4 years of full time studies)	6.
Master's diploma Professional master's diploma Diploma of professional higher education, diploma of highest professional qualification (in total at least 5 years of full time studies in total)	7.
Doctor's diploma Professional doctor's diploma in arts	8.

The Ballsbridge Qualifications Framework, similarly to the EQF, consists of eight reference levels and imparts all stages (basic, secondary and higher education) and types (general, vocational, academic and professional) of education. The BQF is regulated by the board of quality standards oversight board of ballsbridge University systems.