

Which qualifications can I obtain upon graduation?

Which level does my curriculum have?

Which learning outcomes must be achieved to obtain a qualification?

What will help me get an internship or a job?



At the beginning of your studies, read the curriculum, think of the qualification and the occupational qualification certificate!

AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR STUDIES in a university or a vocational school, it is good to understand, which qualifications you will have upon graduation, and whether you will obtain an occupational qualification with the graduation certificate or will have to apply for it separately.

To find out which skills you will have and which jobs will be available to you, read the learning outcomes of your curriculum, as well as the occupational qualification standard – this will include the job description and required competence.

All occupational qualification standards can be found in the register of occupational qualifications: www.kutsereregister.ee. Every holder of an occupational qualification certificate can download the supplement to their certificate in Estonian or English, to better introduce their skills to the future employer.

More information on the occupational qualifications system and the qualification framework is available on the Estonian Qualifications Authority's website kutsekoda.ee or the Europass website europass.ee.

An occupational qualification certificate will help you:

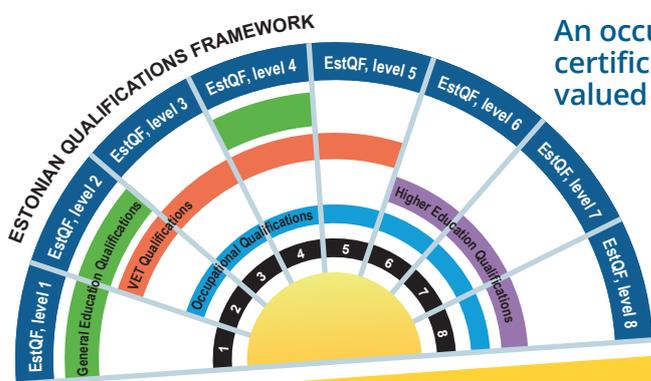
- prove that you have all the skills and knowledge described in an occupational qualification standard, the employer does not need to recheck that
- be more successful on the job market
- figure out your obtained and lacking skills
- plan your career and development
- evaluate and choose fitting training courses.

An occupational qualification certificate makes you a highly valued employee!

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UPON GRADUATION many learners need to compare their qualifications to the skills needed at work or qualification requirements in other countries. The eight levels of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) help describe the person's skills obtained by studying or working. Estonia has its own national qualification framework (EstQF), which also has eight levels. General level descriptions of the EstQF are identical to those of the EQF, level descriptions for qualification types (general education, vocational education, higher education, occupational qualifications) have been specified in more detail.

The EstQF and EQF levels marked on an occupational qualification certificate issued in Estonia always match. The level is determined proceeding from the learning outcomes of the curriculum and level descriptions based on competence. Generally, the qualifications are divided between EstQF levels according to respective work positions. Every level describes some skills, knowledge and scope of responsibility. Every occupational qualification has two to three levels and there are many different ways to reach them.

EstQF level	Qualifications in formal education	Job classification groups and occupations
1	• Graduation certificate of simplified curriculum for students with moderate and severe learning disabilities	
2	• Basic education certificate based on simplified curriculum • Basic education certificate • VET without basic education requirement certificate)	Unskilled workers (e.g., assistant gardener, logger)
3	• VET certificate level 3 (without basic education requirement)	Plant and machine operators, skilled workers and craftsmen, customer service and sales workers, officials (e.g., electronic equipment assembler, care worker, carpenter, photographer)
4	• Upper secondary general education certificate • VET certificate level 4 • Upper secondary VET certificate	
5	• VET certificate level 5 (based on upper secondary education certificate)	Skilled workers, masters, technicians, customer service, sales workers, officials, entrance level management (e.g., automation technician; land surveyor; beautician; sales organiser)
6	• Bachelor's degree • Professional higher education certificate	Specialists, middle management (e.g., archivist; freight forwarder; consultant; architect)
7	• Master's degree	Specialists, managers (e.g., IT manager; clinical psychologist; chartered architect)
8	• Doctoral degree	Senior specialists, senior managers (e.g., forensic medical doctor; chartered/principal architect)

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