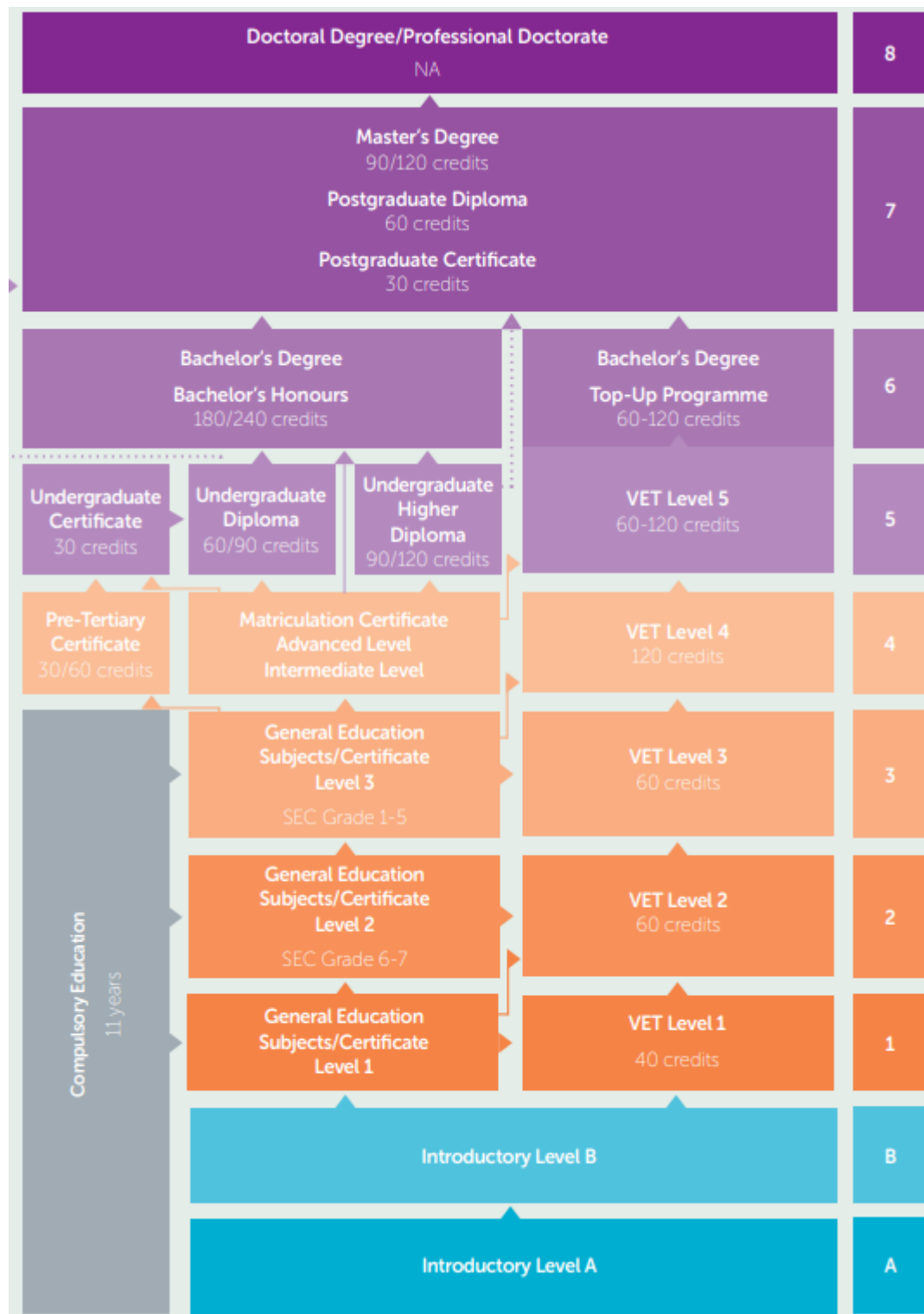


## What does MQF stand for?

MQF refers to the Malta Qualifications Framework. This is Malta's formal structure that helps in the understanding of levels of qualifications according to levels.

[Malta Qualifications Framework - Malta Further & Higher Education Authority \(mfhea.mt\)](http://mfhea.mt)

Malta, like Europe, follows a system of 8 levels as per below diagram:



e.g. MCAST Foundation Certificates are at Level 2, MCAST Diplomas are at Level 3, MCAST Advanced Diplomas are at Level 4, MCAST/UM Undergraduate Higher Diplomas are at Level 5

### **What are ECTS credits?**

ECTS refers to the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System. 1 credit is understood to be worth 25 hours of learning. "60 ECTS credits are the equivalent of a full year of study or work."

[European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System \(ECTS\) | European Education Area \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/european-education-area/ECTS)

### **What is MQRIC?**

MQRIC is the Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre. It is Malta's entity that recognizes local and foreign qualifications according to the Malta Qualifications Framework (MQF).

[Academic Qualifications - Malta Further & Higher Education Authority \(mfhea.mt\)](https://mfhea.mt/)