

Advice on Academic Recognition of a Foreign Qualification Comparability Statement

Foreign Qualification:	Higher National Diploma Duration: Two years of full-time study or three to four years part-time. Can also give access to higher qualification studies such as a bachelor's degree.
Country:	UK
NFQ Award-Type / Level:	Higher Certificate at NFQ Level 6
NFQ LEVEL SUMMARY Learning outcomes at Level 6 include a comprehensive range of skills which may be vocationally-specific and/or of a general supervisory nature, and require detailed theoretical understanding. The outcomes also provide for a particular focus on learning skills. The outcomes relate to working in a generally autonomous way to assume design and/or management and/or administrative responsibilities. Occupations at this level would include higher craft, junior technician and supervisor.	

The recognition **advice provided above** is based on current understandings of the comparability of qualifications on the basis that qualifications are awarded by nationally recognised awarding bodies in their country of origin. The advice given may need to be re-examined in the future on the basis of changes and developments in national and international education and training systems and our knowledge thereof. We welcome feedback on the information provided; feedback should be submitted through the QHelp portal at www.QQI.ie

The advice presented does not represent access to employment, a regulated profession or education and training. The information provided may assist an employer, professional recognition body or education and training provider determine if an applicant holds the qualifications deemed necessary for employment/programme entry. However, final recognition decisions for the purposes of accessing further education and/or employment are made by education institutions, professional recognition bodies and employers.

The National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) for Ireland is used to place foreign qualifications in the context of the Irish education and training system. The major awards in the NFQ have been referenced to the EQF and aligned to the QF-EHEA.



- **NFQ** Irish National Framework of Qualifications
- **EQF** European Qualifications Framework
- **QF-EHEA** Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area