

NLQF levels

The Dutch National Qualifications Framework (NLQF) [Nederlands kwalificatieraamwerk] consists of eight levels and one entry level.

The levels are based on descriptions of what someone knows and is able to do after completion of a learning process, regardless of where and in what timeframe this took place. These descriptions of the levels of knowledge, skills, autonomy and responsibility are referred to as learning outcomes.

Entry Level	Basic Education 1 (for adults)
NLQF Level 1	Basic Education 2 (for adults); pre-vocational secondary education - basic vocational pathway (vmbo bb); VET level 1 (MBO1)
NLQF Level 2	Basic Education 3 (for adults); pre-vocational secondary education - advanced vocational pathway (vmbo kb); pre-vocational secondary education - combined theoretical pathway (vmbo gl); pre-vocational secondary education - theoretical pathway (vmbo tl; VET level 2 (MBO2)
NLQF Level 3	VET level 3 (MBO 3)
NLQF Level 4	VET level 4 (MBO 4); Higher general secondary education (Havo); higher general secondary education for adults (Vavo-Havo)
NLQF Level 4+	Pre-university educations (Vwo); pre-university education for adults (Vavo-vwo)
NLQF Level 5	Associate Degree
NLQF Level 6	Bachelor Degree
NLQF Level 7	Master Degree
NLQF Level 8	Doctorate; Designer; Medical specialist