

Note on the South African education system

1. The South African system is premised on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) (where parity of esteem based on level descriptors and their application to determine at which level a qualification is placed on the NQF).
2. In South Africa, the Higher Certificate is at a lower level than the Advanced Certificate on the NQF.
3. The South African legislation refers to Higher Education and not tertiary qualifications.
4. The National N Diploma (ISCED 5) is achieved after completion of N6 at Technical and Vocational Education and Training Colleges plus 18-24 months workplace based training.