

# Section 6. Appendices

Table 1: Summary of qualification definitions – levels 1–10

	Certificate 1	Certificate 2	Certificate 3	Certificate 4	Certificate 5	Diploma 5	Certificate 6	Diploma 6
<b>Purpose</b>	To qualify individuals with basic knowledge and skills for work, further learning and/or community involvement	To qualify individuals with introductory knowledge and skills for a field(s)/areas of work or study	To qualify individuals with knowledge and skills for a specific role(s) within fields/ areas of work and/ or preparation for further study	To qualify individuals to work or study in broad or specialised field(s) / areas	To qualify individuals with theoretical and/or technical knowledge and skills within an aspect(s) of a specific field of work or study	To qualify individuals with theoretical and/or technical knowledge and skills within a specific field of work or study	To qualify individuals with theoretical and/or technical knowledge and skills within an aspect(s) of a specialised / strategic context	To qualify individuals with theoretical and/or technical knowledge and skills in specialised / strategic contexts
<b>Credits</b>	A minimum of 40 credits at level 1 or above	A minimum of 40 credits at level 2 or above	A minimum of 40 credits at level 3 or above	A minimum of 40 credits at level 4 or above	A minimum of 40 credits at level 5 or above	A minimum of 120 credits from level 4 or above, including at least 72 credits at level 5 or above	A minimum of 40 credits at level 6 or above	A minimum of 120 credits from level 5 or above, including at least 72 credits at level 6 or above

	Diploma 7	Bachelor's Degree 7	Graduate Certificate 7	Graduate Diploma 7	Bachelor Honours 8	Postgraduate Certificate 8	Postgraduate Diploma 8	Master's Degree 9	Doctoral/ Degree 10
<b>Purpose</b>	To qualify individuals with specialised and technical knowledge and skills within a professional context	To provide individuals with a systematic and coherent introduction to a body of knowledge of a recognised major subject (or subjects, in the case of a double degree or a double major) as well as to problem-solving and associated basic techniques of self-directed work and learning	To act primarily as a vehicle for degree graduates to pursue further study at an advanced undergraduate level	To act as a vehicle for degree graduates to pursue a significant body of study at an advanced undergraduate level	To recognise distinguished study at level 8	To extend and deepen an individual's knowledge and skills	To extend and deepen an individual's knowledge and skills by building on attainment in the principal subject(s) of the qualifying degree	To qualify individuals who apply an advanced body of knowledge in a range of contexts for research, a pathway for further learning, professional practice and/or scholarship	To become an increasingly independent scholar who makes a substantial and original contribution to knowledge
<b>Credits</b>	A minimum of 120 credits from level 5 or above, including at least 72 credits at level 7 or above	A minimum of 360 credits from levels 5 to 7, including at least 72 credits at level 7	A minimum of 60 credits, including at least 40 credits at level 7 or above	A minimum of 120 credits, including at least 72 credits at level 7 or above	A minimum of 120 credits at level 8, with a research component that represents at least 30 credits at that level	A minimum of 60 credits at level 8	A minimum of 120 credits from levels 7 and above, including at least 72 credits at level 8	A Master's Degree by thesis includes 120 credits, of which at least 90 credits (at level 9) consist of a research project. A Master's Degree by coursework and thesis includes 240 credits, of which at least 90 credits at level 9 are in the form of a thesis, dissertation, substantial research paper or scholarly creative work, and of which up to 150 credits are from coursework. A Master's Degree by coursework is at least 120 to 240 credits. The Masters Degree must comprise a minimum of 40 credits at level 9 with the remainder at level 8	At least 360 credits

Table 2: NZQF Level Descriptors

Dimension	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10
Knowledge	Basic general and/or foundation knowledge	Basic factual and/or operational knowledge of a field of work or study	Some operational and theoretical knowledge in a field of work or study	Broad operational and theoretical knowledge in a field of work or study	Broad operational or technical and theoretical knowledge within a specific field of work or study	Specialised technical or theoretical knowledge with depth in a field of work or study	Specialised technical or theoretical knowledge with depth in one or more fields of work or study	Advanced technical and/or theoretical knowledge in a discipline or practice, involving a critical understanding of the underpinning key principles	Highly specialised knowledge, some of which is at the forefront of knowledge, and a critical awareness of issues in a field of study or practice	Knowledge at the most advanced frontier of a field of study or professional practice
Skills	Apply basic solutions to simple problems	Apply known solutions to familiar problems	Select and apply from a range of known solutions to familiar problems	Select and apply solutions to familiar and sometimes unfamiliar problems	Select and apply a range of solutions to familiar and sometimes unfamiliar problems	Analyse and generate solutions to familiar and unfamiliar problems	Analyse, generate solutions to unfamiliar and sometimes complex problems	Analyse, generate solutions to complex and sometimes unpredictable problems	Develop and apply new skills and techniques to existing or emerging problems	Critical reflection on existing knowledge or practice and the creation of new knowledge
	Apply basic skills required to carry out simple tasks	Apply standard processes relevant to the field of work or study	Apply a range of standard processes relevant to the field of work or study	Select and apply a range of standard and non-standard processes relevant to the field of work or study	Select and apply a range of standard and non-standard processes relevant to the field of work or study	Select and apply a range of standard and non-standard processes relevant to the field of work or study	Select, adapt and apply a range of processes relevant to the field of work or study	Evaluate and apply a range of processes relevant to the field of work or study	Mastery of the field of study or practice to an advanced level	
Application [of knowledge and skills]	Highly structured contexts	General supervision	Limited supervision	Self-management of learning and performance under broad guidance	Complete self-management of learning and performance within defined contexts	Complete self-management of learning and performance within dynamic contexts	Advanced generic skills and/or specialist knowledge and skills in a professional context or field of study	Developing identification with a profession and/or discipline through application of advanced generic skills and/or specialist knowledge and skills	Independent application of highly specialised knowledge and skills within a discipline or professional practice	Sustained commitment to the professional integrity and to the development of new ideas or practices at the forefront of discipline or professional practice
	Requiring some responsibility for own learning	Requiring some responsibility for own learning and performance	Requiring major responsibility for own learning and performance	Some responsibility for performance of others	Some responsibility for the management of learning and performance of others	Responsibility for leadership within dynamic contexts		Some responsibility for integrity of profession or discipline	Some responsibility for leadership within the profession or discipline	
	Interacting with others	Collaborating with others	Adapting own behaviour when interacting with others  Contributing to group performance							