

Placement of TU Dublin Major Awards on the National Framework of Qualifications

National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)

The Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) is a 10-level, single national entity through which all learning achievements may be measured and related to each other. Underpinned by quality assurance principles, the Irish NFQ describes qualifications in the Irish education and training system and sets out what each qualification says about what learners know, understand and are able to do. It also sets out qualifications pathways from one NFQ level to the next.

Quality and Qualifications Ireland

[Quality and Qualifications Ireland \(QQI\)](#) was established on 6 November 2012 under the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012. It has taken over the functions of the following 4 bodies:

- National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI)
- Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC)
- Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC)
- Irish Universities Quality Board (IUQB)

Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) is responsible for developing, promoting and maintaining the Irish [NFQ](#), which was established by the NQAI in 2003.

Technological University Dublin

Technological University Dublin (known as TU Dublin) was officially established on the Appointed Day, 01 January 2019, and on that same date,

Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (ITB), Institute of Technology Tallaght (ITT) and Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) ceased to exist.

The legislation states that all academic programmes approved by either the DIT, ITB or ITT automatically became academic programmes approved by Technological University Dublin and that all the existing quality assurance arrangements for programmes continue. All TU Dublin awards have been placed at their appropriate level on the NFQ and their award types are in accordance with the national framework.

Placement of TU Dublin Current Award Types (2003 onwards) on the National Framework Qualifications

| New Award Type | Framework Level |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Higher Certificate | 6 |
| Ordinary Bachelor Degree | 7 |
| Honours Bachelor Degree | 8 |
| Masters Degree, Postgraduate Diploma | 9 |
| Doctoral Degree | 10 |

Table 1: Current award types and levels

Previous Awards

All previous awards made by the three institutes that now comprise TU Dublin (prior to 2003) are termed “former awards”. These have been designated at the appropriate level on the framework. An official Award Placement Letter may be obtained from the University, which clearly states where a former programme was placed on the framework by the University in agreement with the NQAI (predecessor to Quality & Qualifications Ireland).

For more information or to obtain an Award Placement Letter, please contact the Quality Framework Team (put “Award Placement Letter” in the subject line) at the following address:

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Useful information related to the National Framework of Qualifications can be obtained from the following QQI link: [NFQ](#)