Vocational Qualifications Authority and National Qualifications System

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Presentation Plan

• Overview of Vocational Qualifications Authority

• National Qualifications System
  ✓ National Occupational Standards (NOS)
  ✓ National Qualifications (NQ)
  ✓ Testing and Certification
  ✓ POLLSTER NOS-NQ
Objective and Establishment

• Vocational Qualifications Authority (VQA) was founded with Law No. 5544 and dated 21 September 2006 with the objective of establishing and operating the National Qualifications System of Turkey in line with EU.

• Established as the affiliated organization of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, VQA has a status as a legal entity, administrative and financial autonomy and a private budget.
Main Duties

• Establishing the National Qualifications Framework,
• Developing National Occupational Standards and National Qualifications,
• Establishing and operating the testing-assessment and certification system,

are amongst the main duties of VQA.
National Occupational Standard (NOS)

Minimum norms indicating the necessary knowledge, skills, attitude and behaviors which must be possessed for the successful performance of an occupation.
National Occupational Standard (NOS)

- Document agreed by the business and education world and providing input to vocational education.

- NOS drafts are prepared through a participatory approach by VQA-assigned actors of the business world who are capable of representing their sectors and have competence.
NOS Actors

Occupational Standard Setting Bodies
- Ability to represent the sector,
- Financial and physical infrastructure required for developing occupational standards,

Sector Committees
- Review, recommend and decide for the adoption of the draft OS,
- Correct the deficiencies and mistakes in the draft OS,

VQA Executive Board
- Approval and Official Gazette
NOS Development Process

1. Development of the draft Occupational Standard and submission to the opinion of relevant parties and the public
2. Submission of the draft OS to VQA Sector Committee and its review
3. VQA Executive Board’s approval of the draft standard verified by VQA Sector Committee
4. Publication of the Occupational Standard in the Official Gazette and adoption as National Occupational Standard (NOS)
What is National Qualification?

National Qualifications are the technical documents:
• Based on national or international standards,
• Used for learning and evaluation purposes,
• Prescribing the knowledge, skills and competence which must be possessed by an individual and,
NQ Actors

- Formal and non-formal education institutions
- Authorized certification bodies
- Institutions/Organizations performing personnel certification and applying to the Authority for authorization
- Bodies which have prepared National Occupational Standards /Vocational Organizations
NQ Preparation and Approval Process

1. Preparation of draft national qualifications
2. Review of drafts
3. Submission of drafts to public opinion
4. Sector Committee
5. VQA Executive Board

NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK
Authorized Certification Bodies

Authorized Certification Bodies are required:

• To have a system established in line with the conditions of the standard TS EN ISO/IEC 17024,

• To be accredited by TÜRKAK or the accreditation bodies which signed multilateral recognition agreements with the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA),

• To be deemed as fulfilling the necessary conditions as a result of the review, supervision, and assessment by VQA.
Certification of Individuals

Application for certification

Evaluation of applications

Testing and evaluation

Decision on certification, issue of VQA certificate

Candidates apply to the body authorized by VQA.

The application is evaluated and approved by the authorized body if found eligible.

Testing committee tests and evaluates the knowledge and skills of the individual based on the criteria described in the national qualification.

List of successful candidates is submitted to VQA and VQA certificates are issued.

Mesleki Yeterlilik Kurumu
POLLSTER - National Occupational Standard

• Prepared by Türkiye İstatistik Kurumu (coordinator) Türk İstatistik Derneği (TİD) and Türkiye Araştırmacılar Derneği (TÜAD)
• Started at 06 Agust 2012
• Public Opinion- 21 November 2012 (has been sent to 24 establishment)
• Sector Committee Meeting- 27-28 March 2013
• VOQ Board Approval- 02 May 2013
• Official Gazette- 29 May 2013
POLLSTER- National Qualification

• Prepared by Türkiye İstatistik Kurumu (coordinator) Türk İstatistik Derneği (TİD) and Türkiye Araştırmacılar Derneği (TÜAD)
• Started at 27 June 2013
• Public Opinion- 11 October 2013 (has been sent to 24 establishment)
• Sector Committee Meeting- 20 February 2014
• VOQ Board Approval- 19 March 2014
POLLSTER-Certification

• Sakarya Üniversitesi Sürekli Eğitim Uygulama ve Araştırma Merkezi (SAÜSEM)-Awarding Body

• 243 Qualification Certificate has been given.
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