



Key Concepts

1. **NSQF-** Nation Skill Qualification Framework is a framework that organizes qualifications according to a series of levels of knowledge, skill and aptitude. The NSQF has 10 levels : level 1 is the most basic and level 10 is the most advanced
2. **Qualification-** It means a formal outcome of an assessment and validation process which is obtained when a competent body determines that an individual has achieved learning outcomes to given standards
3. **Need for a Qualification-** The current and projected demand for the proposed Qualification
4. **Recognition of Prior Learning-** RPL is the process of recognising previous learning, often experiential, towards gaining a qualification.
5. **Accreditation body** – The apex body that accredits qualifications, typically SSCs and NCVT
6. **Assessment agency-** The agency that will carry out academic assessments for training partners. It will assess the practical and theoretical knowledge of a trainee
7. **Progression Pathways-** Progression pathway is the progression from the current position to a future position both across the same sector and to a different sector
8. **Industry validation-** Evidence of validation from relevant industry body/ bodies or large employer groups for various parameters such as need for the qualification, access to occupations, progression pathways etc.
9. **QP/NOS/NCO-** They define the standard of performance an individual must achieve when carrying out a function at the workplace
10. **Qualification Register-** Qualification register is the official national public record of all qualifications aligned to NSQF levels, qualification pathways and accrediting body.
11. **Learning outcomes-** Represent what a learner knows, understands and is able to do on completion of a learning process, and which would be expressed in terms of knowledge, skills and competence
12. **Job role-** Job role defines a unique set of functions that together form a unique employment opportunity in an organization
13. **Curriculum-** The term curriculum refers to the lessons and academic content taught in a course or program
14. **Performance Criteria-** Performance Criteria are statements that together specify the standard of performance required when carrying out a task