

# PROPOSED NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (NQF) FOR BARBADOS

# DEFINING THE NQF

- ✓ A major communication mechanism for showing how different qualifications in a country relate to each other.
- ✓ The NQF shows how different types of qualifications compare against each other through a common language of the descriptors of those qualifications and the levels of those qualifications.

# WHY WE NEED AN NQF

- ✓ **IMPORTANCE:** To assure the Quality of education and training given a plethora of qualifications at various levels and descriptions being offered in Barbados.
- ✓ **NEED:** To encourage continuous education and training in Barbados.
- ✓ **TIMELINESS:** To provide a highly competent workforce that can compete globally.

# TVET CERTIFICATION WITHIN THE NQF

Levels	SECTORS			Lifelong Learning
	General Education	Technical & Vocational	Tertiary Education	
8		<b>C/NVQ 5</b>	Doctoral Degree	<b>PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT AND RECOGNITION (PLAR)</b>
7			Masters Degree	
6			Post Graduate Certificate & Diploma	
5		<b>C/NVQ 4</b>	Bachelors Degree	
4		Associate Degree	<b>C/NVQ 3</b>	
3	Certificate III		Diploma	
2	Certificate II	<b>C/NVQ 2</b>	Certificate	
1	Certificate I	<b>C/NVQ 1</b>	Certificate	
Access 2				
Access 1				

# NQF CURRENT STATUS AND NEXT STEPS

- ✓ **CURRENT STATUS:** Soliciting feedback from stakeholders – students, tertiary providers, employers, and other members of the public on the proposed NQF.
- ✓ **NEXT STEPS:** Obtaining government approval of the proposed NQF.

# TRAINING PROVIDERS ACTION

- ✓ Get registered with the BAC in order to have qualifications recognized and placed in the National Qualifications Register (repository for recognized qualifications).
- ✓ Develop curricula that have **learning outcomes** – that state *what the learner should be able to know, understand and/or be able to do on completion of the education and training.*

# THE ROLE OF THE BAC

- ✓ Continue to provide technical assistance to tertiary educational providers as these relate to:
  - Registration
  - Accreditation
  - Programme Approval
  - Developmental Workshops

# THE END

- ✓ For further information kindly contact:  
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