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Maldives Qualifications Authority
(MQA)
Maldives Qualifications Authority (MQA) is mandated to validate and recognise qualifications both local and foreign.
Maldives is not a receiving country of foreign students.

Foreign secondary school leaving certificates and other diplomas are recognised for undergraduate admission as per the MQA recommendation. MQA recognises national secondary school certificates of all countries.
Recognition of Higher Education Studies, Diplomas, Degrees and Qualifications for the purpose of Further studies

- Foreign higher education studies, diplomas, degrees and other qualifications are recognised for postgraduate admission based on the validation by MQA.
Recognition of Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees and Qualifications for the purpose of Practicing a Profession

- Foreign certificates, diplomas and degrees require validation by MQA.
- Only Maldives Qualifications Authority (MQA) is authorised to provide validation services.
Bilateral and Multilateral Recognition agreements

- No bilateral agreements so far on recognition of qualifications, but validation process is carried out depending on the national systems of various countries in getting information about qualifications.
Even though the name is not NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTRE, the process of recognition of qualification has been carried out nationally in the Maldives since 2000.

Ready to join recognition–related regional information sharing mechanisms, such as UNESCO’s higher education portal and APARNET. (more information needed)

Share information on national higher education as well as quality assurance systems. That will facilitate recognition process.
Maldives has a national qualifications framework which was introduced in August 2001. Revised Maldives National Qualifications Framework (MNQF) was launched on 1 September, 2009 and fully implemented on 1 September, 2011.

Instead of a regional QF, benchmarking various QFs can facilitate mutual recognition of qualifications.
Ratification of the 2011 Revised Convention

- As Maldives is already validating and recognising foreign qualifications, no issues are foreseen in ratifying the 2011 Revised Convention. Maldives, however, validates qualifications recognised in the providing country and as per the Maldives National Qualifications Framework.