**Seychelles**

**Quick guide to identifying credible institutions in Seychelles**

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**Acronyms and names**

**NQF** National Qualifications Framework

**SQA** Seychelles Qualifications Authority

**SQAIS** SQA information system

**1. Introduction**

The Seychelles Qualifications Authority (SQA) (www.sqa.sc/) maintains records of all credible tertiary education institutions in Seychelles. At present there are 10 government–owned/ public institutions (1 university and 9 non-university tertiary education and training institutions).

There are three things that render an institution credible:

1. The provider must be registered
2. The provider must be accredited meaning it has the capacity to provide education and training programmes leading to the award of qualifications to be registered on the Seychelles National Qualifications Framework (NQF); and to assess the performance of learners participating in such programmes;

Even if the provider is registered and accredited, the programme or credit bearing course that it is offering must be validated leading to registration on the Seychelles NQF.

**2. Registration of Providers**

There are two types of providers: public and private providers. To operate as a private institution in Seychelles the provider must be registered with the Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development. However, presently at tertiary level, providers are all public institutions. The Ministry maintains all records of registered providers.

**3. Accreditation of Providers**

At present, institutional accreditation applies solely to tertiary education and training institutions and these are accredited by the SQA.

**4. Registration of qualifications and part-qualifications**

All qualifications and part-qualifications being offered must be registered on the Seychelles NQF and the SQA is the custodian of the NQF and maintains a register of all NQF qualifications and part-qualifications. There is no link as yet to registered and accredited providers as the SQA information system (SQAIS) is still in the development stage. In the meantime the SQA (www.sqa.sc/) can be contacted for information about credible institutions in Seychelles.

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