**NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK**

**THAILAND**

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| **Educational degree** | | | **National qualification** | **National Professional qualification** | |
| **Basic education** | **Vocation education** | **Higher education** | **Professional training** | **Vocation**  **Training (skilled labor training)** |
|  |  | Doctoral degree | Level 8 | Level 8 |  |
|  |  | Mater degree | Level 7 | Level 7 |  |
|  | Bachelor of Technology  (ทล.บ) | Bachelor degree | Level 6 | Level 6 |  |
|  | Diploma/High Vocational Certificate | Diploma | Level 5 | Level 5 | Level 5 |
| Level 4 | Level 4 | Level 4 |
| High school + vocational | Vocational Certificate |  | Level 3 | Level 3 | Level 3 |
| High school |  |  | Level 2 | Level 2 | Level 2 |
| Junior high school |  |  | Level 1 | Level 1 | Level 1 |

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| **Knowledge and Skills** | **Application and Responsibility** |
| **Demonstration of knowledge and skills that:** | **Demonstrated the state of knowledge and skills:** |
| Level 8  • is at the most advanced and specialized level and at the frontier of the field  • involve independent and original thinking and research, resulting in the creation of new knowledge or practice | • are highly specialized and complex involving the development and testing of new theories and new solutions to resolve complex, abstract issues  • requires authoritative and expert judgment in management of research or an organization and significant responsibility for extending professional knowledge and practice and creation of new ideas and or processes |
| Level 7  • Is at the forefront of a field and show mastery of a body of knowledge  • involve critical and independent thinking as the basis for research to extend of redefine knowledge or practice | • are complex and unpredictable and involve the development and testing of innovative solutions to resolve issues  • require expert judgment and significant responsibility for professional knowledge, practice and management |
| Level 6  • Is specialized technical and theoretical within a specific field  • involve critical and analytical thinking | • are complex and changing  • require initiative and adaptability as well as strategies to improve activities and to solve complex and abstract issues |
| Level 5  • is detailed technical and theoretical knowledge of a general field • involve analytical thinking | • are often subject to change  • involve independent evaluation of activities to resolve complex and sometimes abstract issues |
| Level 4  • is technical and theoretical with general coverage of a field  • involve adapting processes | • are generally predictable but subject to change • involve broad guidance requiring some self-direction and coordination to resolve unfamiliar issues |
| Level 3  • includes general principles and some conceptual aspects  • involve selecting and applying basic methods, tools, materials and information | • are stable with some aspects subject to change • involve general guidance and require judgment and planning to resolve some issues independently |
| Level 2  Level 2 • is general and factual • involve use of standard actions | • involve structured processes  • involve supervision and some discretion for judgment on resolving familiar issues |
| Level 1  • is basic and general  • involve simple, straightforward and routine actions | • involve structured routine processes  • involve close levels of support and supervision |

**Remark: Nursing Professional qualification**

**Level 6:** The qualification is approved bypassing of licensing examination

**Level 7:** The qualification is approved by the achievement of three modules:

1. **Scientific based training:** Full time 4 -month training for 12 credits hours and clinical practicum for 8 credits hours from accredited institutes and by the collaboration between nursing service and educational institutes
2. **Practice/case based training:** On the job training at the clinical settings under supervision of APN preceptor and/or academician for 6-8 months including 90 hours of theory course
3. **System based training:** Practice at the selected clinical settings to initiate nursing innovation as a prototype to improve the quality of carefor 6-8 months including 90 hours of theory course

After completion of the 3 modules, the trainees have to pass the credential test of the TNMC before obtaining the certificate equivalent NQF level 7

**Level 8:** The qualification is approved by the achievement of 3-year training program from the recognized institutes. The trainees have to obtain Master degree in Nursing Science or the certificate equivalent NQF level 7 as mentioned above