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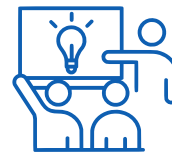
Highlights of National Higher Education Qualification Framework

University Grants Commission (UGC) has released final “National Higher Education Qualification Framework” to facilitate transparency and comparability of higher education qualifications at all levels. The NHEQF represents a comprehensive framework that classifies qualifications based on a set of performance criteria, approved nationally and comparable with international quality standards.

Purpose of NHEQF



Recognize and accredit different types of qualifications including vocational education and technical education



Provide reference points for setting and assessing academic standards, designing curricula, teaching-learning-assessment strategies, and periodic review of programmes



Enable prospective stakeholders to understand the nature and level of the expected learning outcomes



Assist in the identification of potential progression pathways from one level of education to the higher level of education



Maintain national standards and international comparability of learning outcomes and academic standards



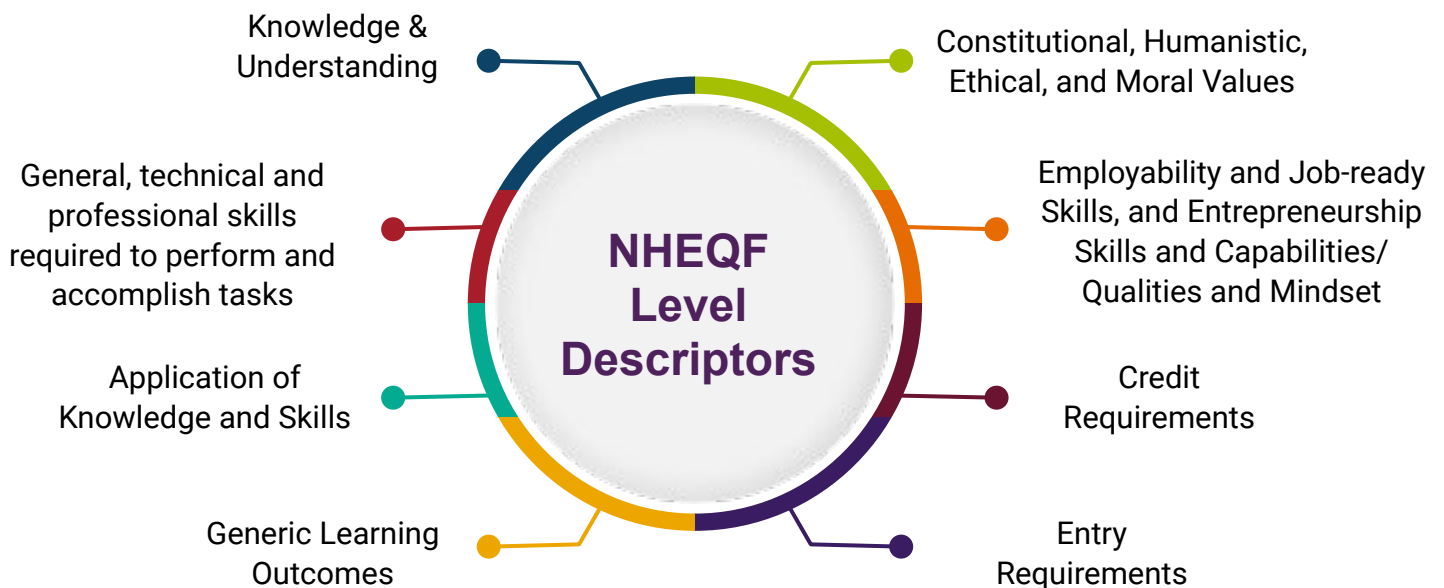
Support individuals' lifelong learning goals and processes by providing the basis for their progression in education



Support and enhance the national and international mobility of graduates and workers

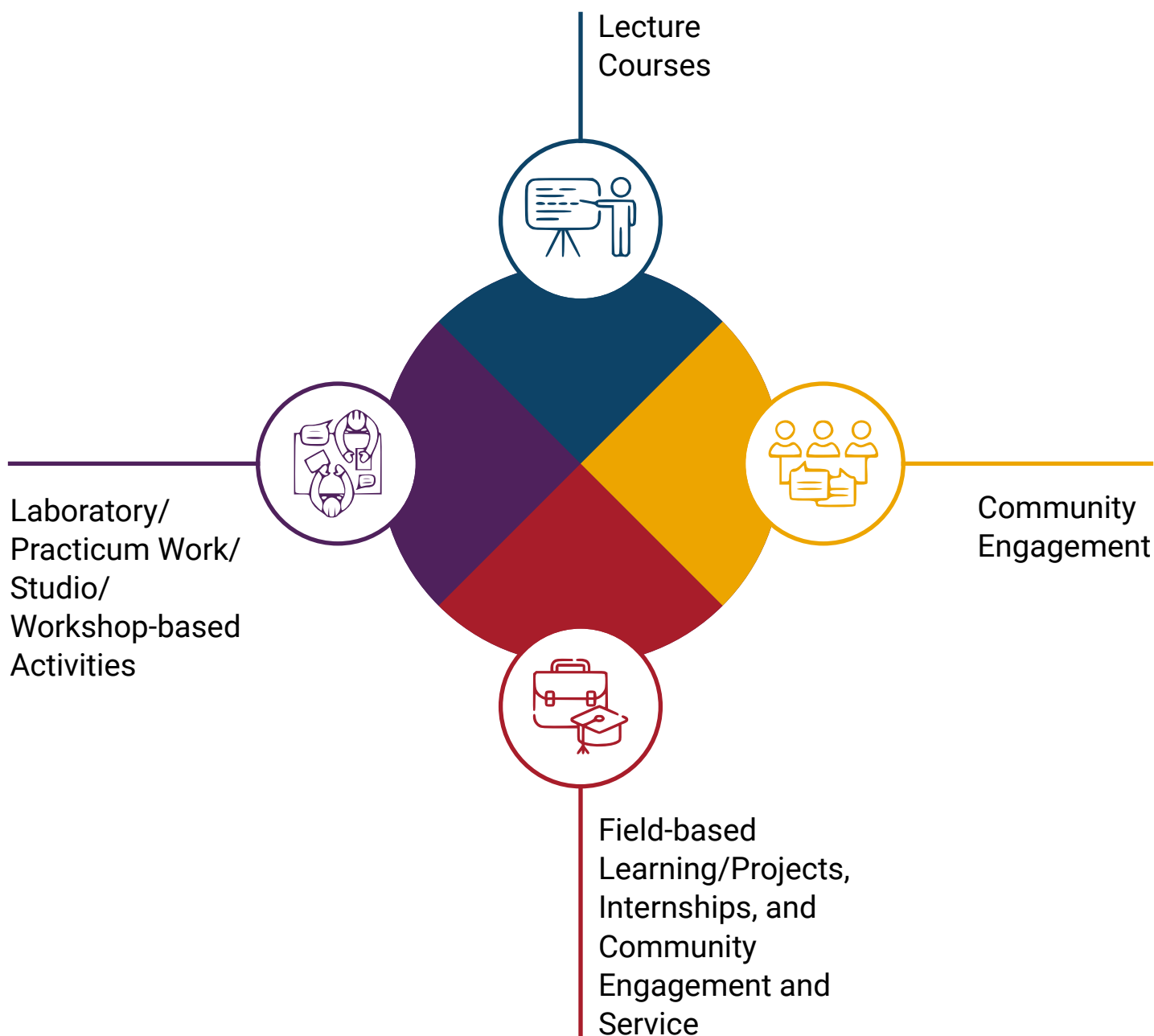
Higher education qualifications at different levels and Credits

Level 4.5	Undergraduate Certificate (First One Year of UG) - 40
Level 5	Undergraduate Diploma (First Two Years of UG) - 80
Level 5.5	Bachelor's Degree (First Three Years of UG) - 120
Level 6	Bachelor's Degree (Honours/ Honours with Research – Four Years) - 160
Level 6.5	Post-Graduate Diploma (First One Year of Master's Programme) - 40
Level 7	Master's Degree (Two Years After Three Years of Bachelor's Degree) - 80
Level 7.5	Master's Degree (One Year After Four Years Bachelor's Degree) - 40
Level 8	Doctoral Degree – Credits for Coursework, and a Thesis and a Published Work



The NHEQF facilitates the awarding of academic credit and supports credit transfer and progression routes within the Indian education and training system

Components of Programmes of Study



NHEQF would facilitate credit accumulation through the facility created by the Academic Bank of Credit (ABC) scheme in the “Academic Bank Account” opened by students across the country to transfer and consolidate the credits earned by them by undergoing courses in any of the eligible (HEIs).