

EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS AND THEIR GENERAL DESCRIPTORS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

LEVEL	QUALIFICATIONS	DESCRIPTORS		
		Knowledge	Skills	Competencies
1	Elementary Education	Elementary knowledge connected with writing, reading, simple arithmetic operations, cognitive abilities required to carry out simple tasks and resolve certain standard problems	Initial basic skills required to carry out simple, standard tasks and operations (disassembling, assembling, cleaning, cutting, carrying, etc), in a familiar environment, manually or with simple manual tools, to select and use necessary information, to present the work accomplished.	Under direct supervision, in familiar and clearly defined conditions, to participate in a simple work or study conducted, perform simple operations on computer, to present himself/herself and others, ask and answer questions of personal nature in a foreign language, for example, where does he/she live, whom does he/she know, etc.
2	Basic Education	Fundamental basic knowledge which are necessary for solution of simple problems in a field of work not requiring professional orientation or specific study.	Cognitive and practical skills of basic nature which are targeted at: a) Accomplishment of set task and routine problems by using such simple rules and tools which require no professional orientation; b) Use of necessary information; c) Assessment of efficiency of the work accomplished.	Work or study accomplished under direct supervision, in familiar and clearly defined conditions, by demonstrating certain level of independence, responsibility for simple, standard tasks and actions performed. Perform simple operations through known software; to understand and use routine phrases in a foreign language, to communicate if an interlocutor speaks slowly and clearly, ask and answer personal nature questions.

3	Craftsman	Knowledge of such facts, principles, processes and general concepts related to a specific field of work or study that are required for implementation of professional activity and solution of set moderate complexity, non-standard tasks.	A range of cognitive and practical skills which are necessary for accomplishment of tasks and solution of problems through application of basic methods, means and tools, materials and data.	<p>Undertaking of personal responsibility for accomplishment of tasks during work or study process; in some cases undertaking responsibility for work accomplished by employees having lower qualification; capacity of adapting own behavior to circumstances while solving problem.</p> <p>Perform simple operations through known software;</p> <p>Understand simple sentences and frequently used expressions about his/her profession in a foreign language.</p>
4	Secondary Education	Factual and theoretical knowledge, within a context of any field of work or study, that is required for solution of set complex, non standard problems and selection of comprehensive solutions and approaches in the process of implementation of professional activity. Has factual and theoretical knowledge of computers and means of information.	A range of cognitive and practical skills which are necessary for solution of specific professional problems, conducting additional study of set tasks and assessment of efficiency of methods used and results acquired in any field of work or study.	<p>Ability to organize the own work or study processes in predictable but changeable environment, ability of undertaking responsibility for assessment and improvement of the processes, organization and supervision of activities of other employees, if necessary, training of others in certain circumstances.</p> <p>Ability to use known software.</p> <p>Make simple relevant texts about his/her interests and endeavor, understand conversations about issues related to study or work in a foreign language.</p>
5	Specialist	Comprehensive, professional, factual and theoretical knowledge related to a specific field of work or study that are necessary for solution of set complex, non-standard problems in the course of implementation of professional activity, and in certain cases for justification of solutions chosen.	A comprehensive range of cognitive and professional skills, including use of computer and IT which is necessary for developing solutions for problems arisen in the course of professional activity and for assessment of final outcome and efficiency of methods and actions applied in the course of solution of these problems.	<p>Ability to organize and manage own work or study processes in changeable environment, supervision of activities of other employees, if necessary, organization of activities related to their employment, participation in allocation of material resources in certain cases.</p> <p>Is able to understand main ideas of texts</p>

				referring professional topics, is able to discuss technical details of his/her profession in a foreign language.
6	Bachelor	Deep professional, theoretical and practical knowledge related to a specific field of professional activity or study, which are necessary for comprehensive perception of theories and principles, their critical assessment and perfection, awareness of schools, disciplines, branches and directions of science for their comparison and practical application.	Advanced skills proving mastery and innovation which are necessary for solution of complex and unpredictable problems in any field of work or professional study, for critical analysis and assessment of complex and comprehensive information, selection, development and adaptation of required abilities, making use of necessary methods in the course of professional activity, for perfection of those methods and assessment of their efficiency. Practical skills of using computer and information technique fluently, practical knowledge of known software packages.	Undertaking responsibility for organization and management of work and study processes which may lead to significant changes or development of the environment; demonstration of initiative; demonstration of decision making ability in the course of implementation of similar actions; determining role of other employees in work and study processes; undertaking responsibility for these processes and developing of professionalism among individuals and groups; demonstration of independence in the course of work and study; participation in planning and allocation process of material stocks. Make an accurate text in a foreign language, on a professional topic; may discuss technical details of his/her profession, present his/her opinion and objectives.

7	Master	Narrow specialized, contemporary, practical and theoretical knowledge related to a specific field of professional activity or study which are necessary for developing of new concepts and principles in the professional sphere as well as collecting data and information about key knowledge within the frames of the sphere or interdisciplinary domain.	Professional skills which are necessary for critical analysis, assessment and interpretation of complex and comprehensive information, integration of knowledge taken from other branches of the professional field, accomplishment of further research work and solution of complex problems during that process, development of innovation, new knowledge and procedures in the sphere, selection of required methods and approaches and assessment of long-term and short-term results of actions performed in the professional field. Practical skills of using computer and information technique fluently, practical knowledge of known software packages.	Undertaking responsibility for developing and planning of processes leading to essential changes and developments, high level of independence, initiation of complex and comprehensive processes and tasks and supervision over their implementation, responsibility for introducing and developing of new methods in the professional area, supervision of work accomplished and assessment of progress of other employees, planning and organization of their professional learning and training, direct participation in planning and allocation of material stocks. Is able to make accurate, well structured text, about professional topic, describe his/her experience and events, present justifications of his/her opinions and objectives in a foreign language.
8	Researcher (Scientific Degree- Candidate of Science)	Most deep and advanced knowledge related to specific sphere as in the professional field as well other fields which are necessary for development of new concepts, principles and theories based on scientific research work, including knowledge which will ensure: Practical skills and capacities to use fluently computer and IT, practical and fluent of known software packages.	Professional skills which are necessary for solution of critical problems connected with interaction of various complex factors for the purpose of performing scientific and research work, creation of new principles and theories based on that work, expansion and reconsideration of existing knowledge and professional experience at the borderline of the professional fields and other areas. For development and implementation of further decisions, development of new methods and approaches, assessment of long-term and short-term actions within the frames of professional and related spheres.	Planning and organization of actions leading to essential changes in knowledge and experience referring the professional field, capacity of ensuring high level of independence during the work activity, to enjoy high reputation within the professional field, leading and directing other employees, organization of dissemination of new knowledge and methods, planning and allocation of material stocks independently. Is able to make accurate, well structured text in a foreign language, on professional, social and academic topics, describe his/her experience and events, present justifications of his/her opinions and objectives.

