

Qualifications Register

The Integrated Qualifications Register (IQR) Project

The project entitled “Developing the national qualifications system – organising and institutionalising the Integrated Qualifications Register for lifelong learning” is focused on developing the Register and conducting legislative analyses. A scenario is being prepared to implement the IQR in the institution which will operate it. A tender has been announced for the IT system and IQR portal.

Five sample qualifications will be entered in the IQR IT system in a test environment.

Preparatory legislative work is also underway. Analyses and expert opinions are being developed on the regulations of the integrated qualifications system. We are working with stakeholders and defining their future role in the system.

We have analysed the IT environments of qualifications systems and the way qualifications are entered into registers in other countries, as well as how information on qualifications is collected and stored in Polish ministries.

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The core of the qualifications system will be the Integrated Qualifications Register. The Register will gather reliable information on registered qualifications – those that fulfil the conditions of the future, modernised qualifications system as set out in legal regulations governing the principles of how this system shall function.

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The Integrated Qualifications Register (IQR) will link qualifications subsystems that have been functioning autonomously until now

The Register will include qualifications regardless of already existing or future catalogues or lists of qualifications in Poland established for specific ministries, economic sectors, communities and institutions. As a result, this information will be easily accessible in one place for all interested persons.

The quality of a qualifications entered in the Register will be ensured through specific procedures. Entering a qualification in the Register will be linked to having it aligned to a level in the Polish Qualifications Framework.

Qualifications attained through formal education – general, vocational and higher – will first be entered in the Register. We will then enter those qualifications attained outside of formal education, awarded by different institutions and sectoral organisations.

Various credentials and certificates not found in the Register will be able to function as they

have in the past if they continue to fulfil a social need. However, they will not be aligned to a level in the Polish Qualifications Framework.

The information gathered in the Integrated Qualifications Register will be accessible through an Internet portal. The NQS portal will be linked to the European Qualifications Framework portal, as are other similar portals in EU countries.

The Polish Agency for Enterprise Development (PARP) has been delegated to operate the Integrated Qualifications Register.