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Subj: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) relevant to the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) 2015 and clarification on the minimum duration of years required for a Bachelor's degree and Bachelor's Honours degree

The first version of the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework was published by the then Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) in 2012. It was revised and updated in 2015, but the key characteristics proposed in the first version of the SLQF in determining the level of a qualification remained unchanged.

Implementation of SLQF 2015 by the 15 state universities under the purview of the University Grants Commission (UGC) was required by Commission Circular No. 05/2013 (i) of the UGC dated 25.08.2017. All non-state Higher Education Institutes offering degree programmes approved by the then MoHE were also required to implement it, by a letter issued by the Specified Authority/Standing Committee on Accreditation and Quality Assurance (SCAQA) to all the Chief Executive Officers of Degree Awarding Status Granted NSHEIs (ref No. HE/NS/03/220, dated 14.09.2016).

In the light of implementation experience and new global ideas on qualifications frameworks, in 2019, the AHEAD Project initiated a review of the SLQF 2015. *The Final Report on SLQF Review 2019* that was submitted on 28.02.2020 contains a section about the responses to issues raised by the academic community in state and non-state sector HEIs regarding interpretation and clarification of SLQF 2015. They are presented in the form of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for easy reference by the users. These FAQs are mainly intended to provide further clarifications. However, in some cases, FAQs may override the statements in the SLQF 2015.

The UGC has approved the FAQs in this section of the report at the 1032nd meeting of the Commission held on 11.06.2020 and all the FAQs are published on the QAC website at this link <https://www.eugc.ac.lk/qac/slqf-faq.html>.

Further to that any new concern to be addressed as FAQs are uploaded to the QAC website after the approval of the Commission under Additional FAQs on SLQF. The link for additional FAQs is <https://www.eugc.ac.lk/qac/slqf-add-faq.html>.

According to the additional FAQ on the minimum duration of years required for a Bachelor's degree and Bachelor's Honours degree, it is herewith informed that the FAQ overrides the SLQF and the minimum duration in years required for a Bachelor's degree is 3 (three) and for a Bachelor's Honours degree it is 4 (four).

This is submitted for your information and necessary action as required.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely



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