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**Qualifications Framework
Gr R and ECD (Birth to 4)**

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THE ROLE OF THE DHET IN TEACHER EDUCATION

- Strengthen the capacity and capability of the teacher education system to **produce and develop sufficient teachers to** meet the needs of all education sub-sectors.
- Strengthen the capability of the teacher education system through ongoing **policy development and support for policy implementation.**

POLICIES WHICH GUIDE GR R AND ECD TEACHING

- **Minimum Requirements for Teacher Education Qualifications (2015). (MRTEQ)**

Gr R - 12

- **Minimum Requirements for Programmes leading to Qualifications in Higher Education for Early Childhood Development Educators (2017). (MRTEQ ECD)**

(Birth to Four)

TERMINOLOGY

Educators

Unqualified

Teachers

Qualified

Practitioners

Schools

ECD
CENTRES

GRADE R QUALIFICATIONS

MRTEQ

Diploma in Grade R Teaching

Dip (Gr R Teaching)

Bachelor of Education in

Foundation Phase Teaching

BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching)

Dip (Gr R Teaching) NQF Level 6

Minimum qualification for Gr R

WHO?

- Unqualified Gr R teachers

WHAT?

- Senior Certificate (SC)
- National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV)
- Level 4 or 5 Cert in ECD
- Level 5 Diploma in ECD (Educare)

NEXT?

- BEd Foundation Phase (180 credits of Dip can be recognised through RPL or CAT)

Diploma Gr R Teaching Pathway

NQF Exit level	Certificates	Degrees	Diplomas
7		BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching)	
6			Dip (Gr R Teaching)
5	ECD Certificate		Educare Diploma
4	Senior Cert/ NCV Vocational		
	ECD Certificate		

BEd (Foundation Phase) NQF Level 7 Initial Teacher Education Qualification

WHO?

- Suitable for persons wanting to gain professional teacher status to teach from Gr R to Gr 3

HOW?

- NSC or NC (Vocational) with endorsement
- Level 5 Certificate or Diploma in ECD
- Recognised certificate or diploma in education or another relevant field

NEXT?

- Level 7 Advanced Diploma
- Level 8 BEd (Honours)
- Level 8 Postgraduate Diploma

BEd (Foundation Phase) Pathway

NQF Exit level	Certificates	Degrees	Diplomas
7		BEd (Foundation Phase Teaching)	
6			Dip (Gr R Teaching)
5	ECD Certificate		Educare Diploma
4	Senior Cert/ NCV Vocational		
	ECD Certificate		

ECD (BIRTH TO FOUR)

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)

Policy on Minimum Requirements for Programmes in Higher Education leading to Qualifications for Early Childhood Development Educators (MRTEQ ECD), marks the first time in the history of ECD (birth to 4) in South Africa that a formal set of professional and post-professional qualifications for birth to 4 has been formulated as national policy.

NQF level	Certificates	Degrees	Diplomas
10		Doctorate in ECCE	
9		Masters in ECCE	
8		Bachelor of Education Honours in ECCE	Postgraduate Diploma in ECCE
7		Bachelor of Education in ECCE	Advanced Diploma in ECCE
6	Advanced Certificate in ECCE		Diploma in ECCE
5	Higher Certificate in ECCE		

The diagram illustrates the progression of ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education) qualifications across NQF levels 5 to 10. The qualifications are organized into three columns: Certificates, Degrees, and Diplomas. Arrows indicate the progression paths between levels.

- Level 5:** Higher Certificate in ECCE (Red box)
- Level 6:**
 - Advanced Certificate in ECCE (Blue box)
 - Diploma in ECCE (Yellow box)
- Level 7:**
 - Bachelor of Education in ECCE (Yellow box)
 - Advanced Diploma in ECCE (Blue box)
- Level 8:**
 - Bachelor of Education Honours in ECCE (Purple box)
 - Postgraduate Diploma in ECCE (Blue box)
- Level 9:** Masters in ECCE (Purple box)
- Level 10:** Doctorate in ECCE (Purple box)

Progression paths (indicated by arrows):

- Higher Certificate in ECCE (Level 5) to Bachelor of Education in ECCE (Level 7)
- Higher Certificate in ECCE (Level 5) to Diploma in ECCE (Level 6)
- Advanced Certificate in ECCE (Level 6) to Bachelor of Education in ECCE (Level 7)
- Advanced Certificate in ECCE (Level 6) to Diploma in ECCE (Level 6)
- Diploma in ECCE (Level 6) to Bachelor of Education in ECCE (Level 7)
- Diploma in ECCE (Level 6) to Advanced Diploma in ECCE (Level 7)
- Bachelor of Education in ECCE (Level 7) to Bachelor of Education Honours in ECCE (Level 8)
- Bachelor of Education in ECCE (Level 7) to Postgraduate Diploma in ECCE (Level 8)
- Advanced Diploma in ECCE (Level 7) to Postgraduate Diploma in ECCE (Level 8)
- Postgraduate Diploma in ECCE (Level 8) to Masters in ECCE (Level 9)
- Bachelor of Education Honours in ECCE (Level 8) to Masters in ECCE (Level 9)
- Masters in ECCE (Level 9) to Doctorate in ECCE (Level 10)
- Postgraduate Diploma in ECCE (Level 8) to Doctorate in ECCE (Level 10)

ENTRY LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education (NQF Level 5)

Who?

- Students who want a career in ECD (birth to four), but need a supported route in order to access higher education qualifications

What?

- National Senior Certificate
- National Certificate Vocational
- Level 4 ECD Certificate

Next?

- Diploma (ECCE)
- BEd (ECCE)

Initial Professional Qualifications

	WHO?	How?	Next?
Dip (ECCE)	Unqualified Practitioners working in ECD or Practitioners who want to improve their existing ECD qualifications	NSC or a Level 4 NCV Level 4 Certificate in ECD Level 5 certificate in ECD Level 5 Diploma in ECD	Advanced Dip (ECCE) BEd (ECCE)
BEd (ECCE)	Those who want a career as professional educators who facilitate learning for babies, toddlers and young children from birth to four years.	NSC or a Level 4 NCV Level 4 or 5 vocational, occupational and academic qualifications, including a certificate or diploma in ECD/Educare, or other relevant qualifications offered by TVET colleges.	



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