



# Recognition practices in Latvia

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# Lisbon Recognition Convention

- Each Party shall ensure that **adequate and clear information on its educational system** is provided (Article III.4).
- Each Party shall provide adequate **information on any institution belonging to its higher education system, and on any programme** operated by these institutions. (Article VIII.1).

## Minimum information:

- Education system
- Higher education systems
- Education giving access to higher education
- Institutions belonging to higher education system
- Higher education programmes

# Detailed information

- Legal regulatory framework for higher education system
- Types of higher education institutions and programmes
- National qualifications framework
- Types of awarded qualifications
- Diploma Supplement
- Types of access qualifications, and information on access requirements
- Education pathways for each level
- Credit system(s)
- National grading system(s)
- Quality assurance system
- List of recognised higher education institutions
- List of accredited programmes

## Recognition of foreign diplomas **Academic recognition of foreign qualifications**

- When is the academic recognition of foreign qualifications necessary?
- You have a foreign qualification (diploma) and you want to:
- Continue studies in Latvia;
- Work in a non-regulated profession
- What documents should be submitted?
- You should submit to Academic information centre originals or certified copies of your education document and diploma supplement (transcript of records). If necessary translations and legalization can be asked.

### **What is a procedure on academic recognition?**

- AIC evaluates a level of your qualification compared to Latvian education system and issues its statement. This statement together with education document should be submitted to the education establishment or employer.

### **Who makes a final decision on recognition?**

- Ministry of Education and Science - in order to continue studies at primary or secondary education level;
- Higher education institution - in order to continue studies at higher education level;
- Employer - in order to work in the non-regulated professions.

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- Where to get information about regulated professions in Latvia?
- **Academic Information Centre has developed [a data base on regulated professions in Latvia](#): <http://www.aic.lv/regdip/?lang=2>**
- Documents which are not in Latvian should be translated into Latvian. Documents issued outside EU (except Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Belarus, Kirgызstan, Moldova) should be [legalised](#) in Latvia.
- **What is a procedure on recognition of foreign professional qualifications in regulated professions?**
- Information institution (in most cases (except the field of transport) it is Academic information centre, ) checks the documents and sends them to the competent body ;
- Competent body takes a decision on recognition, partly recognition or deny of recognition and sends its decision to AIC. AIC forwards the decision to the applicant.
- The answer should be prepared within 4 months after the submission of the full file or within 3 months for EU doctors, nurses, dentists, midwives, pharmacists, architects, veterinary surgeons.

# Networks for recognition and transparency

**ENIC**  
(Council of Europe/UNESCO  
European  
network of  
recognition and  
Information  
Centres)

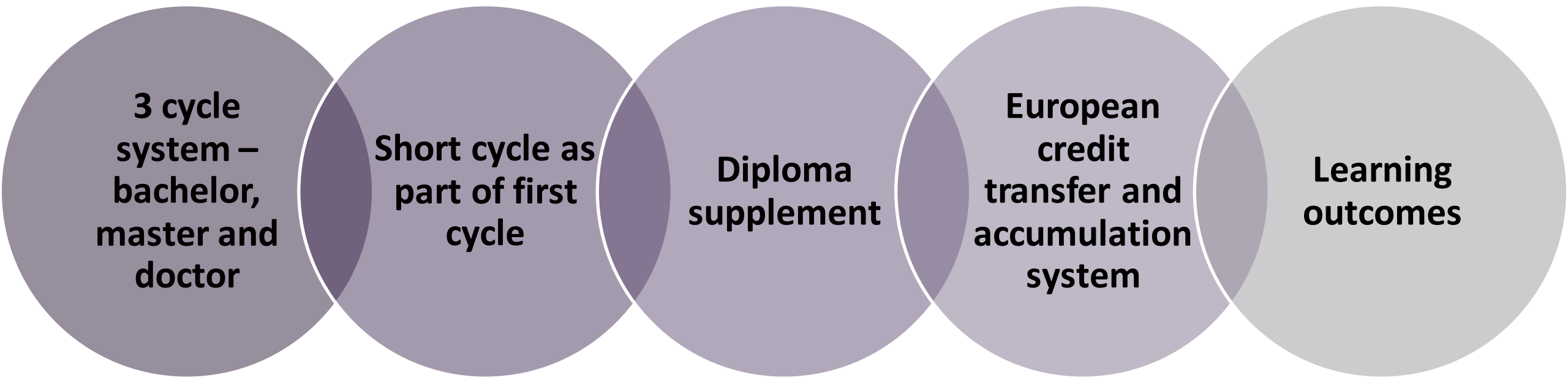
**NARIC**  
(EU Network of  
Academic  
Recognition  
Information  
centres)

**Network of  
contact points  
for professional  
recognition  
concerning  
regulated  
professions**

**National  
Europass  
Centres**

**National  
coordination  
points for NQF  
and EQF**

# Bologna tools for recognition



**3 cycle  
system –  
bachelor,  
master and  
doctor**

**Short cycle as  
part of first  
cycle**

**Diploma  
supplement**

**European  
credit  
transfer and  
accumulation  
system**

**Learning  
outcomes**

# Authenticity

The authenticity of educational document should be checked:

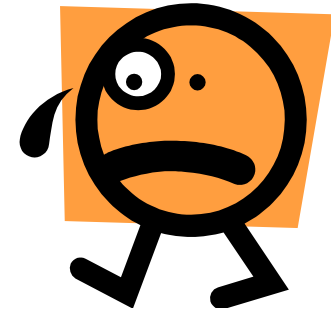
- ❖ First step – to check original diploma
- ❖ Formal checking of authenticity – legalization of documents in line with existing legislation
- ❖ Diploma original should be legalized
- ❖ Request sent to institution asking to confirm the fact on issuing a diploma to diploma holder
- ❖ Use of registers of educational documents



# Results of recognising school leaving qualifications (optimistic scenario)



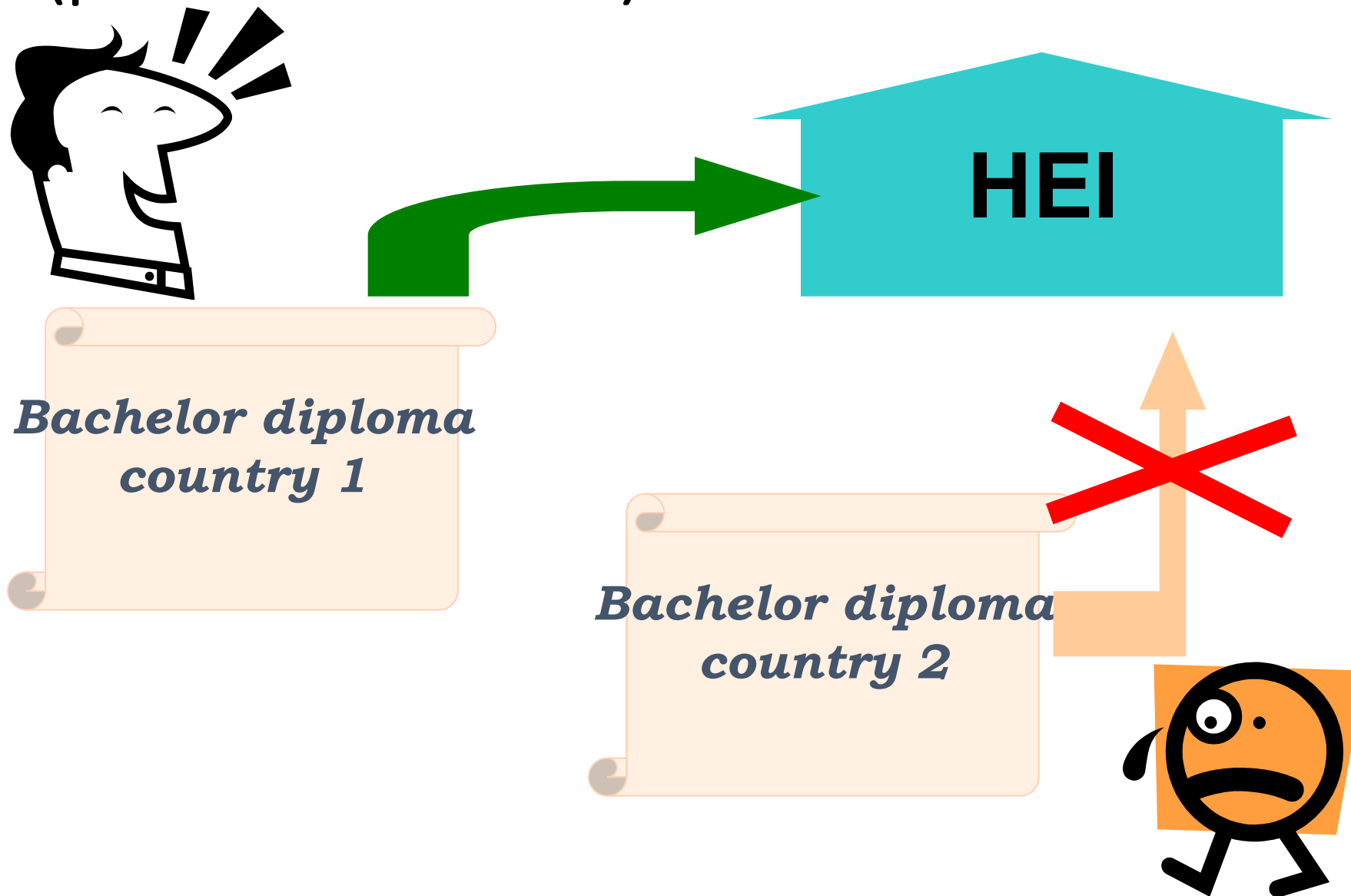
*Bachelor diploma  
Country 1*



*Bachelor  
diploma  
Country 2*

Country 1 and 2 reviews  
the level of diploma

# Result of recognising qualifications (pesimistic scenario)



Bachelor's degree  
in India

Bachelor's degree in  
Latvia

Duration  
(2 – 4 years)

Duration  
(3 – 4 years)

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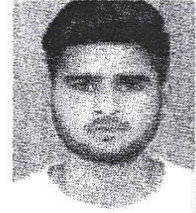
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Specialization





# ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ



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ਪ੍ਰਮਾਣਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ \_\_\_\_\_ ਪੁੱਤਰ/ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਸ੍ਰੀ \_\_\_\_\_ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਚੰਦ  
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## Guru Nanak Dev University

### Bachelor of Arts (Semester System)

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ PARDEEP \_\_\_\_\_ son/daughter of Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ AMRIK CHAND  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Bachelor of Arts \_\_\_\_\_ and been placed in \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Division.

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Given under the seal of the University.

ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸਰ ਇੰਚਾਰਜ (ਪ੍ਰੀਖਿਆਵਾਂ)

Professor Incharge (Examinations)

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ਉਪ ਕੁਲਪਤੀ

Vice Chancellor

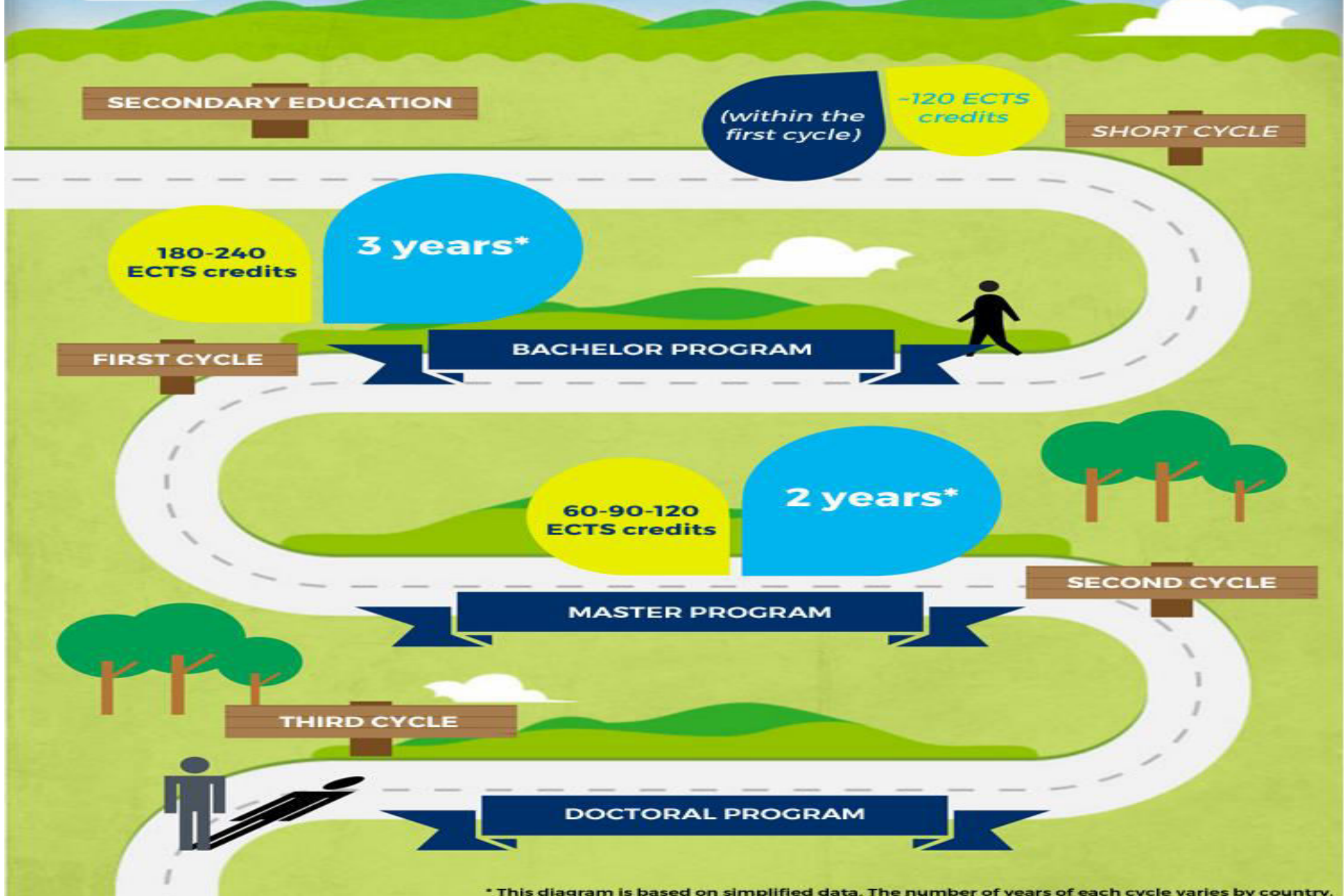
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AMRITSAR : July 09, 2018







\* This diagram is based on simplified data. The number of years of each cycle varies by country.

Latvian HE system

**Doctoral programmes**  
(3-4 years)  
LQF level 8

**Master's programmes**  
120 ECTS credits (2 years)  
LQF level 7

**Professional Master's programmes**  
60-120 ECTS credits (1-2 years)  
LQF level 7

**Professional HE programmes**  
240-300 ECTS credits  
(4-6 years)  
LQF level 6

**Bachelor's progr-s**  
180-240 ECTS credits (3-4 years)  
LQF level 6

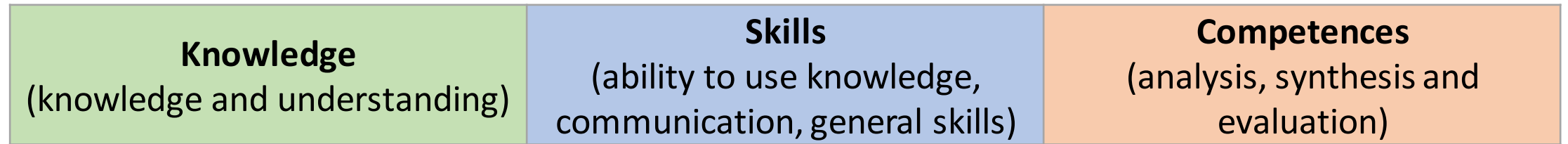
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**College programmes**  
120-180 ECTS credits (2-3 years)  
LQF level 5

# Latvian Qualifications Framework (since 2010)

- 8 levels
- Level descriptors based on learning outcomes:



- Includes higher, secondary and basic education qualifications
- Includes higher, vocational and general education qualifications
- Referenced to the European Qualifications Framework and Bologna QF



# LQF (2018)


Latvian qualifications	LQF/EQF level
Certificate of general basic education (for students in special education programmes)	1
Certificate of general basic education Certificate of vocational basic education <i>Certificate of professional qualification (for adults)</i>	2
Certificate of vocational education <i>Certificate of professional qualification (for adults)</i>	3
Certificate of general secondary education Diploma of vocational secondary education <i>Certificate of professional qualification (for adults)</i>	4
Diploma of first level professional higher education (college education, duration 2-3 years)	5
Bachelor's diploma Professional Bachelor's diploma Diploma of professional higher education, diploma of higher professional qualification (duration at least 4 years)	6
Master's diploma Professional Master's diploma Diploma of professional higher education, diploma of higher education, diploma of higher professional qualification (duration at least 5 years)	7
Doctor's diploma	8

# HE qualifications in the LQF (2018)

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# Concept of learning outcomes

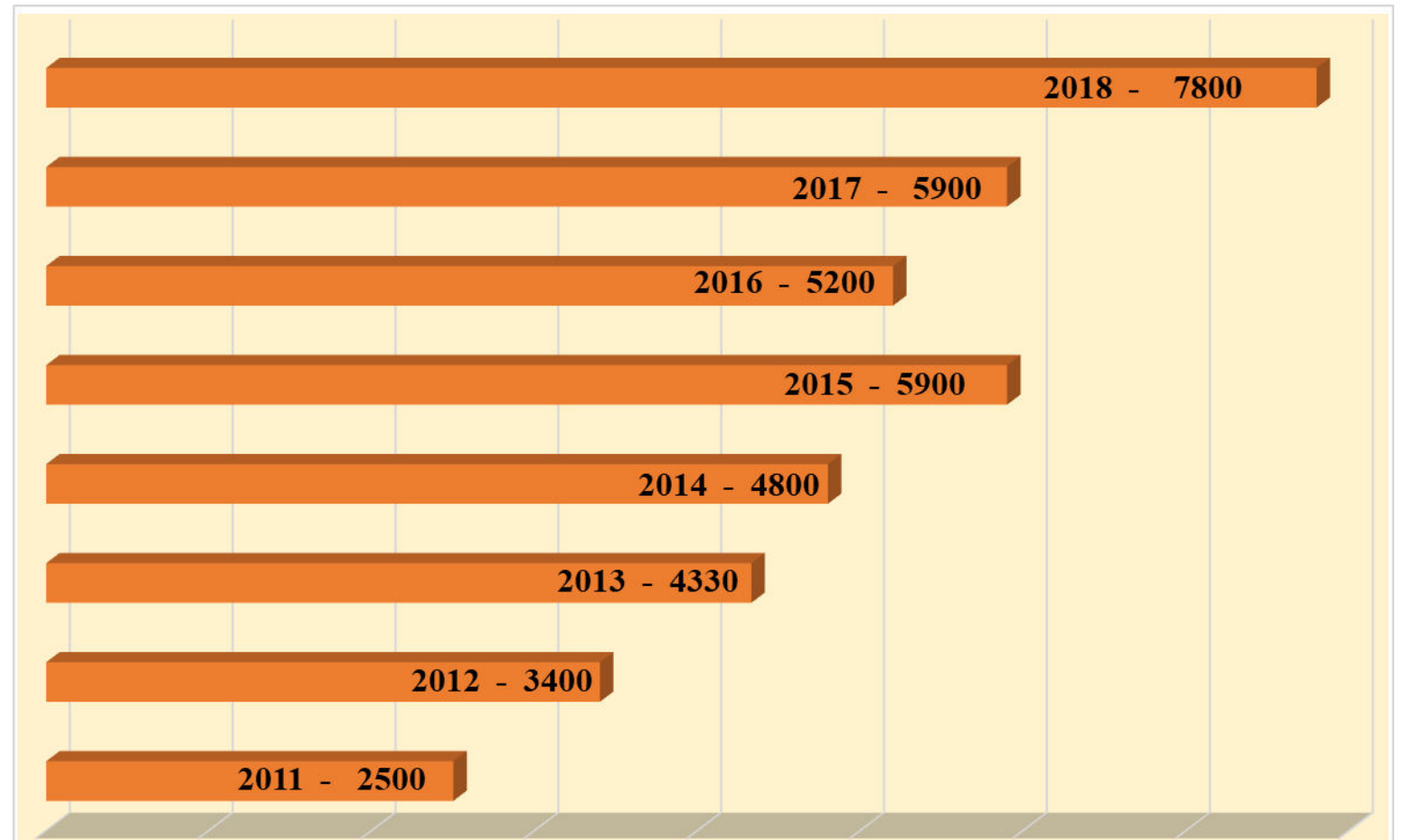
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- Since 2004, shift to learning outcomes with the **development of the qualifications framework in HE** (B-M-D)

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- **Learning outcomes** – set of knowledge, skills and competences to be acquired at the end of study programme, study module or study course  
(Amendments to the Law on HEIs, in force since 1.08.2011)

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- Since 2011, learning outcomes are **compulsory part** of study programmes, study modules or study courses

# Academic Recognition 2011 – 2018

Over the last year  
we have evaluated  
more than 13`800  
documents



## Documents from Azerbaijan:

### 2016 - 72 documents

Basic education – 2  
Secondary education – 51  
bachelor – 16  
PhD – 1

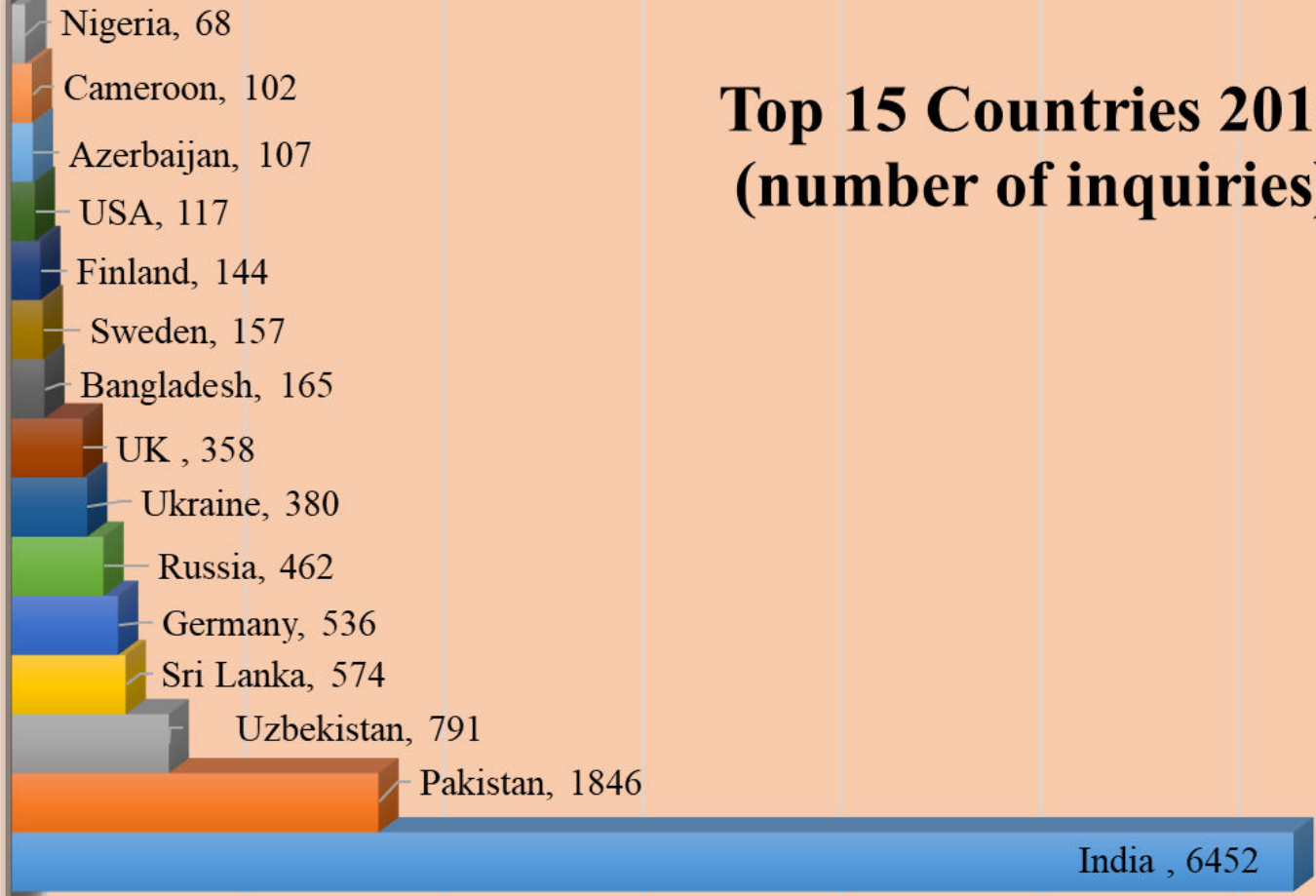
### 2017 - 53 documents

Basic education – 5  
Secondary education – 30  
Bachelor – 11  
Master – 3

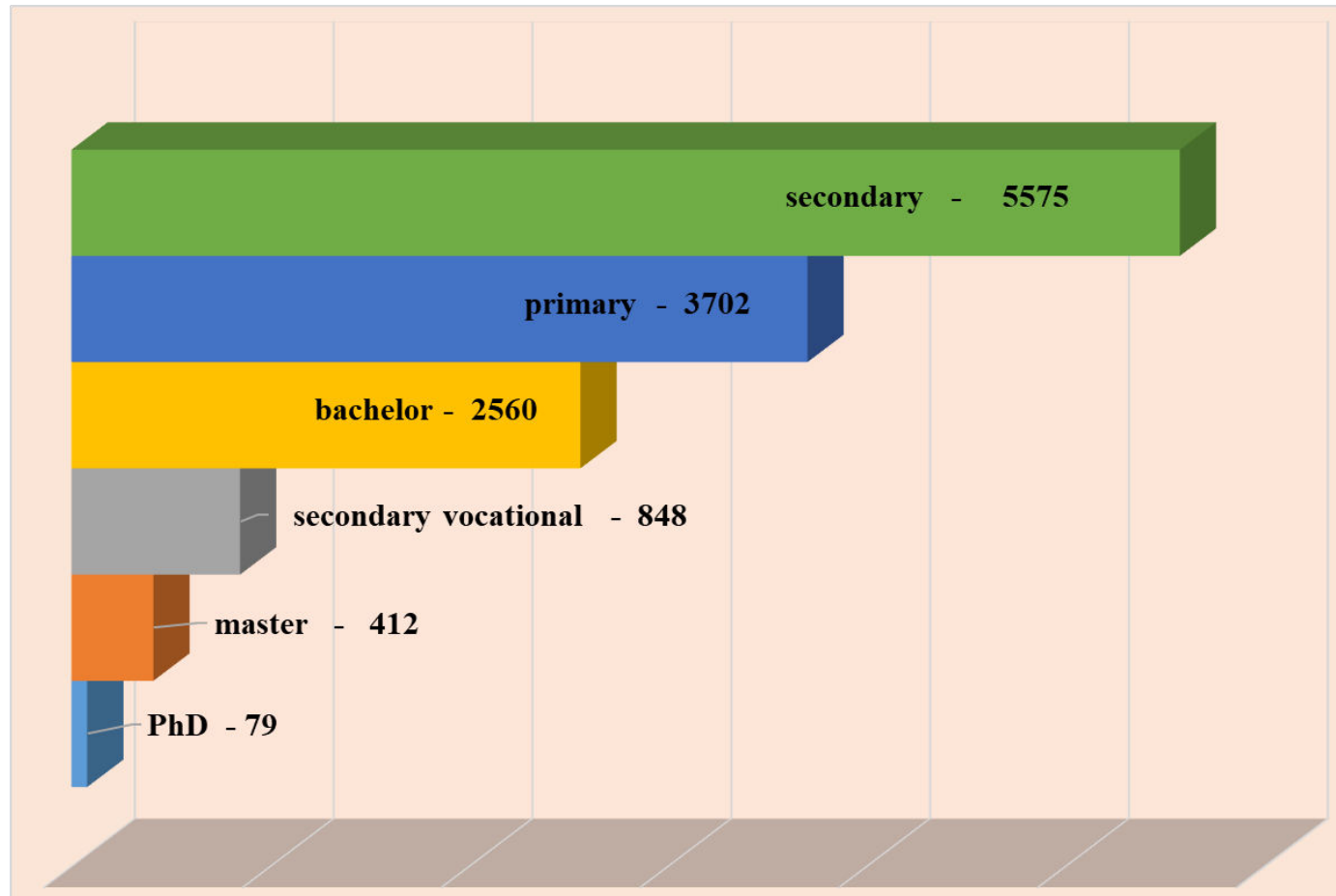
### 2018 - 107 documents

Basic education – 7  
Secondary education – 59  
Bachelor - 32  
Master – 5

# Top 15 Countries 2018 (number of inquiries)



# Documents by level 2018



In 2018 were  
submitted **36** forged  
documents



<b>India</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Cameroon</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Nigeria</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Afganistan</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Iraq</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Pakistan</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Russia</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>secondary</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>primary</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>secondary vocational</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>bachelor</b>	<b>6</b>



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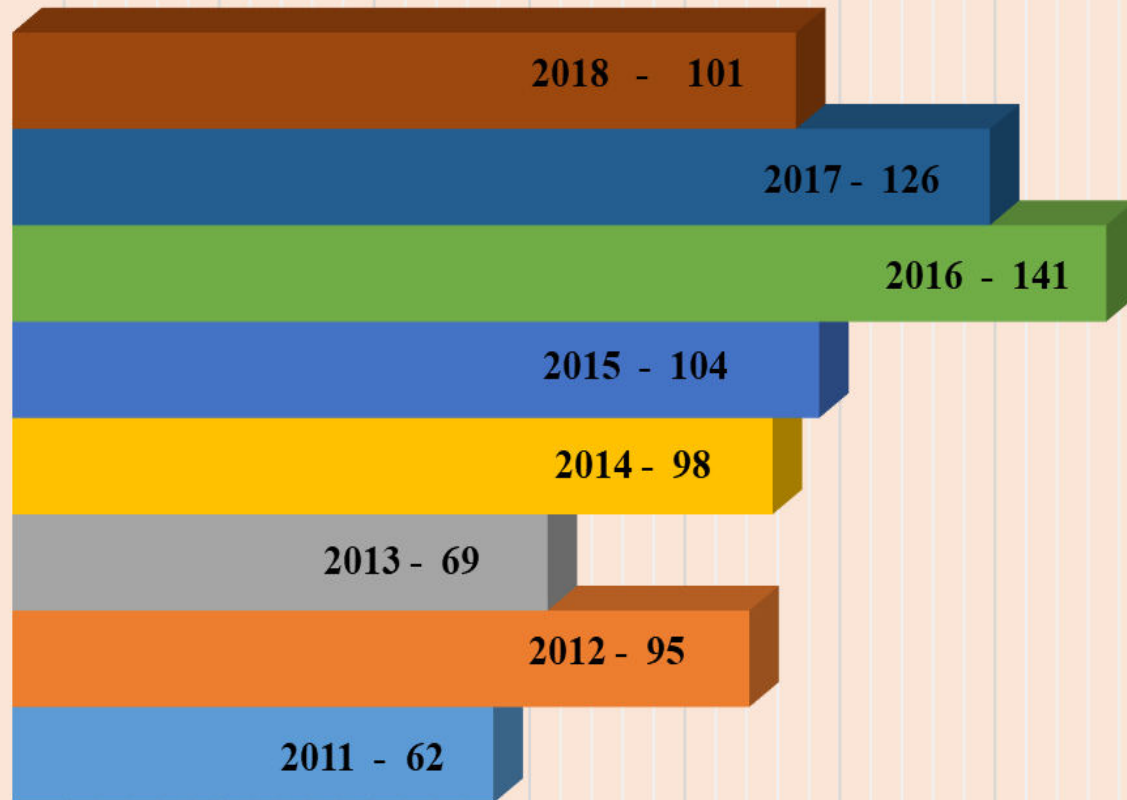
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