

Ministerial Decree No. (34) of 2025
Concerning the Recognition System for Higher Education Qualifications from Outside the Country

Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research,

Having perused:

- Federal Decree-Law No. (28) of 2024 amending certain provisions of Federal Law No. 1 of 1972 concerning the competencies of ministries and powers of ministers,
- Federal Decree-Law No. (48) of 2021 concerning higher education,
- Cabinet Decision No. (106) of 2024 concerning the adoption of the National Qualifications Framework,
- Cabinet Decision No. (101) of 2024 (Session No. 9) concerning the organizational structure of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research,
- Cabinet Decision No. () of 2024 concerning the organizational structure of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research,
- Ministerial Decision No. (155) of 2023 regarding the recognition system for higher education qualifications from outside the country,
- Ministerial Decision No. (1) of 2024 regarding the organizational structure of departments, offices, and sections within the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research,
- And in pursuance of public interest,

Resolved:

Article (1)
Definitions

For the purposes of implementing this decree, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings assigned to them unless the context indicates otherwise:

Country: United Arab Emirates.

Qualification: An official document certifying the completion of an educational stage or proving the acquisition of academic or professional competencies.

Country of Qualification: The country in which the qualification is awarded.

Accredited Educational Institution: A legally established educational institution that is licensed and accredited by the relevant accreditation authority in the country of qualification to offer academic programs and grant qualifications.

Recognition of Qualification: The process of verifying the authenticity of the qualification, ensuring the accreditation of the awarding institution, and confirming its compliance with the national qualifications framework and the educational system of the country. Recognition, in accordance with the provisions of this decree and its implementing regulations, to allow the qualification to be used within the country for employment, career progression, further studies, or other relevant purposes.

Article (2)

Scope

The provisions of this decree apply to the recognition of higher education qualifications issued by accredited educational institutions outside the country, as outlined in the service track detailed in **Annex 1**.

Article (3)

General Conditions for Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications from Outside the Country

For a higher education qualification obtained from outside the country to be recognized, the following conditions must be met:

1. The qualification must be valid, and all information contained therein must be accurate.
2. The awarding educational institution must be legally established, licensed, and accredited by the relevant accreditation authority in the country of qualification at the time of issuance to practice the activity that allows it to provide the study program and grant the qualification.

Article (4)

Revocation of Recognition

The Ministry reserves the right to revoke recognition of a previously recognized qualification if it later determines that any of the conditions stated in **Article 3** were not met.

Article (5)

Implementing Regulations

The Undersecretary of the Ministry shall issue the necessary decisions, circulars, and implementing regulations to enforce the provisions of this decree.

Article (6)

Repeals

Ministerial Decision No. (155) of 2023 concerning the recognition system for higher education qualifications from outside the country is hereby repealed, along with any provisions that contradict or conflict with this decree.

Article (7)

Implementation

This decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into effect from the date of its publication.

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Annex 1. Higher Education Certificates Recognition Service Track

