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Special Notice

This is to notify that the ‘**Diploma in Library and Information Science - DIPLIS**’ course conducted by the Sri Lanka Library Association was renamed as ‘**Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science – HDIPLIS**’ with effect from 15th February 2020, as per the decision taken at the Council meeting held on 25.01.2020.

In parallel with this change, each level of this course has been aligned with the ‘Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF)’ published by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka in 2015. In addition, the ‘National Vocational Qualifications Framework (NVQ)’ level is given for reference, based on the above document (see www.ugc.ac.lk/attachments/1156_SLQF_2016_en.pdf, p.11).

Qualifications earned and corresponding levels of SLQF and NVQ are given below.

Level of the Course	Qualification Earned	Abbreviation of Qualification	Relevant SLQF Level	Equivalent NVQ Level
Level I	Diploma in Library and Information Science	Dip (Lib Sc)	SLQF 03	NVQ 05
Level II*	-	-	-	-
Level III	Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science	HDip (Lib Sc)	SLQF 04	NVQ 06

* Please note that Levels II and III together contribute to the Higher Diploma.

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Different SLQF Levels with Higher Education Qualification Types and Comparable Levels of NVQF

The comparable NVQ and SLQF levels have been recognised on the basis of significant similarities in the learning outcomes stated under respective level descriptors in the two frameworks by a panel of experts. Degree level qualification (NVQ 7) is benchmarked to internationally accepted standard for a Bachelor degree (SLQF Level 5). Nonetheless, the proportion of cognitive outcomes and psychomotor outcomes may differ in the two qualifications, especially in qualifications below SLQF 2 (NVQ 4). Further, the attributes of two qualification holders, below the degree level, at comparable SLQF and NVQ levels may differ.

SLQF Level	Qualification awarded	Comparable NVQ Levels
12	Doctor of Philosophy / MD with Board Certification/Doctor of Letters/Doctor of Science	
11	Master of Philosophy	
10	Masters with course work and a research component	
9	Masters by course work	
8	Postgraduate Diploma	
7	Postgraduate Certificate	
6	Bachelors Honours	
5	Bachelors	7
4	Higher Diploma	6
3	Diploma	5
2	Advanced Certificate (GCE A/L or equivalent)	4
1	Certificate (GCE O/L or equivalent)	3
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