



TERTIARY AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMISSION

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Enrolment Criteria - NVQ Level 5 & 6 Courses

Enrolment criteria of National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) level 5 and 6 courses has been enhanced considering the changes in labour market, employment scenarios, and other qualifications obtained by youth locally and overseas. The enhancement of enrolment criteria expects broadening access to NVQ diploma courses and further education.

Accordingly, the registered institutes which conduct accredited courses are hereby informed to update the enrolment criteria of NVQ level 5 and 6 courses as specified below. The new criteria will be applied with effect from the courses commencing from beginning of 2025.

NVQ level	New enrolment criteria
Level 5	<p>Must have one of the following qualifications;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. NVQ level 4 in the relevant field, orb. NVQ Level 3 in a relevant field with 2 years of relevant work experience in occupations where no NVQ level 4 qualification package available, orc. Foreign qualification certified by national qualification authority of originating country which is equivalent to NVQ 4 in NVQF of Sri Lanka, ord. Foundation program equivalent to NVQ 4 content in the relevant field, ore. Enrolment criteria specified by industry regulatory agencies (eg. Civil Aviation Authority), orf. GCE (A/L) (SLQF level 2) in relevant stream with 3 subjects, org. Acceptable secondary school advance level qualification issued by overseas country. <p>Candidates who enrolled through GCE (A/L) (SLQF Level 2) must undergo a gap filling program equivalent to NVQ Level 4 in the relevant field. Those who intend enrolling for engineering technology diploma courses must have obtained a credit pass for mathematics at GCE (O/L).</p>
Level 6	<p>Must have one of the following qualifications;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. NVQ level 5 qualification in relevant field, orb. NVQ level 5 mapped qualification in relevant field, orc. Foreign qualification certified by national qualification authority of originating country which is equivalent to NVQ Level 5 of Sri Lanka, ord. SLQF level 3 diploma or higher qualification in relevant field. <p>Those who directly enroll for Level 6 courses shall appear for final viva with evidence portfolio covering all units of competencies of level 5 qualifications already obtained. Final vivavoce shall comprise units of level 5 & 6 worth minimum of 120 credits of learning of NVQF.</p>

The new enrolment criteria will be applied in NVQ level 5 and 6 courses commencing from beginning of 2025.

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