

**THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION  
AND TRAINING COMPETENCY LEVEL DESCRIPTORS AND ASSOCIATED  
CREDITS AT EACH LEVEL OF AWARD**

<b>NTA Level</b>	<b>Minimum Overall Credits</b>	<b>Minimum Credits from current Level</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Competence Level descriptors</b>
NTA Level 4	120	120	Basic Technician Certificate	Apply knowledge and skills at routine level
NTA Level 5	120	120	Technician Certificate	Apply knowledge and skills in a range of activities, some of which are non-routine and be able to assume some operational responsibilities
NTA Level 6	240	120	Ordinary Diploma	Apply knowledge and skills in broad range of work activities, most of which are non-routine
NTA Level 7	360	360	Higher Diploma	Apply knowledge, skills and understanding in a range of complex technical activities, high degree of personal responsibility and some responsibility for the work of other
NTA Level 8	480	120	Bachelor Degree	Apply knowledge, skills and understanding in wide and unpredictable variety of contexts with substantial personal responsibility, responsibility for the work of others and responsibility for the allocation of resources, policy, planning, execution and evaluation
NTA Level 9	180	150	Master's degree	The holder of the qualification will be able to display mastery of a complex and specialised area of knowledge and skills, employing knowledge and understanding to conduct research or advanced technical or professional activity, able to work autonomously and in complex and unpredictable situations
NTA Level 10	540	360	Doctorate	The holder of the qualification will be able to apply knowledge and understanding and do advanced research resulting into significant and original contributions to a specialised field, demonstrate a command of methodological issues and engaging in critical dialogue with peers, able to work autonomously and in complex and unpredictable situations.