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HIGHER EDUCATION

ITALIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

Qualifications Framework
for the European Higher Education Area

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FOREWORD

In 2005, the Ministers of Higher Education of the Bologna Process signatory countries decided to develop the Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area - QF for the EHEA.

The Framework comprises the three main cycles of Higher Education, as defined by the Bologna Process, and offers an overview of all qualifications awarded at the end of each cycle, with reference to the number of ECTS credits collected and to the learning outcomes (Dublin Descriptors).

The Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area is aimed at facilitating the correct understanding and comparability of qualifications in the Higher Education systems of each country. A further aim of the Framework is to offer a comprehensive overview of the European teaching and learning offer, targeted at the students coming from all over the world.

Each country committed to put together a **National Qualifications Framework - NQF** which is compatible with the Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area.

ITALIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (QUADRO DEI TITOLI ITALIANI - QTI)

In 2005 the Italian Ministry of Higher Education started working on the **Italian Qualifications Framework**, in compliance with the procedures established at European level.

At first, CIMEA, the Italian NARIC centre, was asked to develop the first prototype of the National Framework, which was aimed at portraying the reform process which the Italian Higher Education system has undergone since 1999.

Subsequently a team formed by technical consultants of the Ministry and the Italian Bologna Experts was set up and started working on the first draft of the Italian Qualifications Framework.

The final outcome of their work was carefully scrutinised by numerous parties: the competent internal department and the Directorates General of the Ministry; the relevant institutional representative and consultative bodies, such as the National University Council (*Consiglio Universitario Nazionale*); the National Council of University Students (*Consiglio Nazionale degli Studenti Universitari*); the Conference of Rectors of Italian Universities (*Conferenza dei Rettori delle Università Italiane*); the National Council for Higher Schools of Arts and Music (*Consiglio Nazionale per l'Alta Formazione Artistica e Musicale*); the social partners and the professional associations.

Today, at the conclusion of the process of elaboration and consultation, I am delighted to announce the publication of the Italian Qualifications Framework (QTI) for Higher Education: the official document used to describe the Italian system with reference to Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area.

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THE ITALIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK FOR THE HIGHER EDUCATION - QTI

WHAT IS IT?

- It is a tool, which describes the qualifications awarded by the Italian Higher Education institutions, in terms of expected competences and learning outcomes
- It comprises the three Bologna cycles
- It provides a descriptive overview of Italian qualifications at all levels
- It is modelled on The Qualifications Framework for the European Higher Education Area - QF for EHEA.

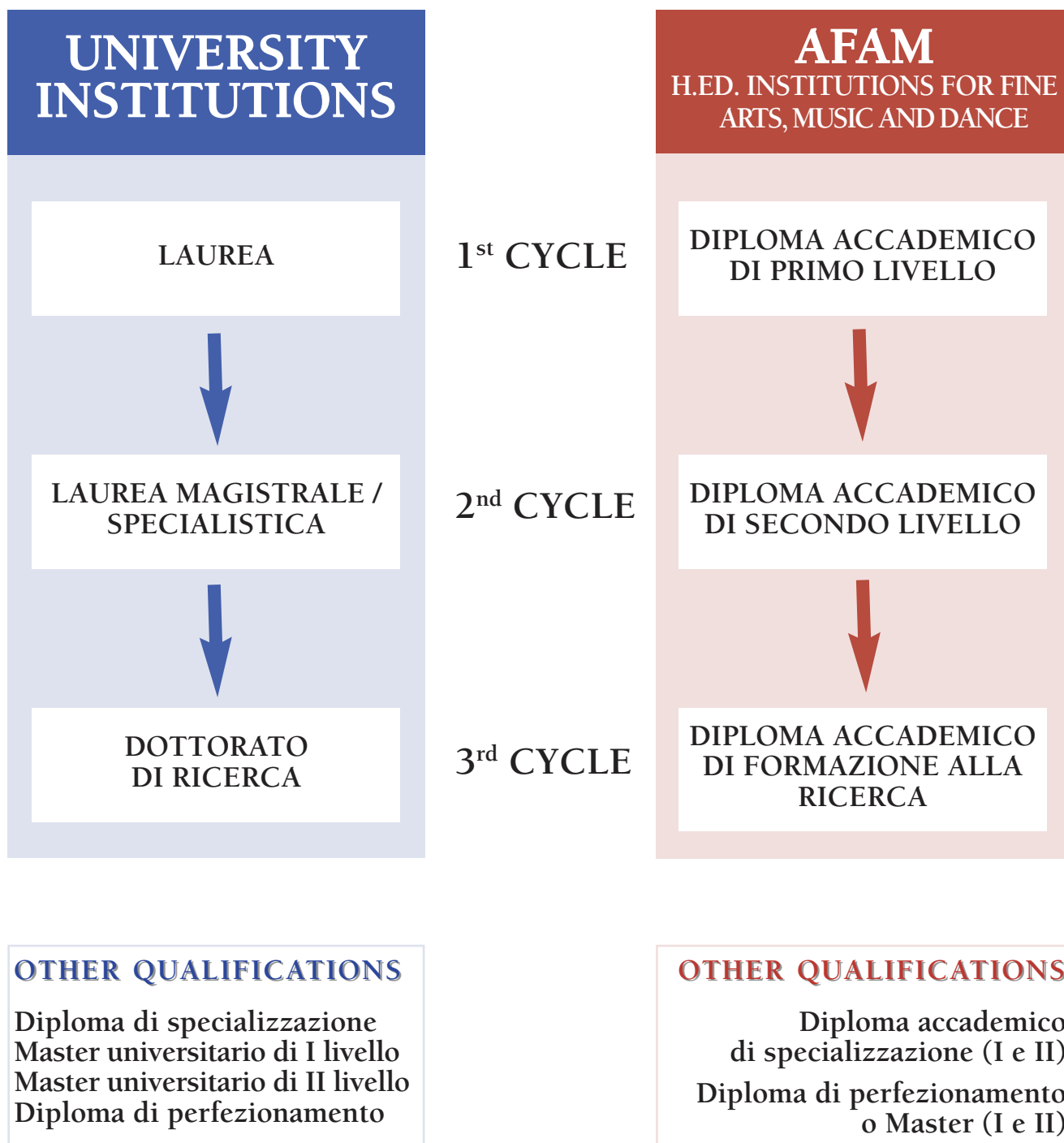
WHAT ARE ITS AIMS?

- Make the Italian Higher Education system more transparent and understandable
- Promote the Italian Higher Education system
- Enhance international mobility of Italian students and graduates and facilitate their access to advanced-level studies
- Facilitate employers' understanding and appraisal of the qualifications awarded by Italian Higher Education Institutions
- Facilitate comparison between Italian and foreign qualifications
- Facilitate professional and academic recognition of Italian qualifications abroad and enhance the free circulation of students and professionals.

WHAT INFORMATION DOES IT PROVIDE?

- Descriptions of the three Bologna cycles including the Dublin descriptors
- The comprehensive list of the qualifications awarded in the three cycles by Italian Higher Education Institutions under the Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR)
- The descriptive profile of each qualification
- The list of the qualifications awarded under the previous system (pre-Bologna)
- The list of the regulated professions in Italy, with links to the corresponding descriptive profiles
- The description of the learning outcomes for the degree classes of university degrees at all levels and of the academic diplomas awarded in Higher Schools for Art, Music and Dance.
- Links to the databases of the officially recognised Universities and Higher Schools for Art, Music and Dance in Italy and to the database of the academic programmes offered in Italy.

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H. ED. INSTITUTIONS AUTHORISED TO AWARD RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS
 Higher Schools for Language Mediators - Scuole Superiori per Mediatori Linguistici
 Specialisation Institutes/Schools in Psychotherapy - Istituti/Scuole di Psicoterapia

WEB SITES

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH:

- Web site: <http://www.istruzione.it>
- Italian Qualifications Framework (QTI): <http://www.istruzione.it/web/universita/il-quadro-dei-titoli-italiani>

CIMEA - INFORMATION CENTRE ON ACADEMIC MOBILITY AND EQUIVALENCE:

- Web site: <http://www.cimea.it>
- Qualifications Framework: <http://www.cimea.it/default.aspx?IDC=27>

EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA

- EHEA: <http://www.ehea.info>
- European Qualifications Framework: http://www.ehea.info/Uploads/qualification/050218_QF_EHEA.pdf

LISTS OF ITALIAN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

- University institutions: <http://cercauniversita.cineca.it>
- Academies of Fine Arts: <http://www.afam.miur.it/argomenti/istituzioni/accademie-di-belle-arti.aspx>
- Legally recognised - Non-State - Academies of Fine Arts: <http://www.afam.miur.it/argomenti/istituzioni/accademie-di-belle-arti-legalmente-riconosciute.aspx>
- National Academy of Drama: <http://www.afam.miur.it/argomenti/istituzioni/accademia-nazionale-di-arte-drammatica.aspx>
- National Dance Academy: <http://www.afam.miur.it/argomenti/istituzioni/accademia-nazionale-di-danza.aspx>
- State Music Conservatories: <http://www.afam.miur.it/argomenti/istituzioni/conservatori-di-musica.aspx>
- Recognised Music Institutes: <http://www.afam.miur.it/argomenti/istituzioni/istituti-musicali-pareggiati.aspx>
- Higher Schools of Design (ISIA): [http://www.afam.miur.it/argomenti/istituzioni/istituti-superiori-per-le-industrie-artistiche-\(isia\).aspx](http://www.afam.miur.it/argomenti/istituzioni/istituti-superiori-per-le-industrie-artistiche-(isia).aspx)

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- Higher Schools for Language Mediators: <http://www.istruzione.it/web/universita/elenco-delle-scuole>
- Specialisation Institutes/Schools in Psychotherapy: <http://www.miur.it/ElencoSSPWeb>

ITALIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE PROGRAMMES DATABASE

- Laurea programmes: <http://offf.miur.it>
- Laurea magistrale programmes: <http://offf.miur.it/advanced.html>
- Diploma di Specializzazione programmes: <http://offf.miur.it/specialistic.html>

ITALIAN AFAM DEGREE PROGRAMMES DATABASE

- <http://www.afam.miur.it/argomenti/offerta-formativa.aspx>

DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT

- University: <http://www.istruzione.it/web/universita/diploma-supplement>
- AFAM: <http://attiministeriali.miur.it/anno-2008/dicembre/nota-05122008.aspx>

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