

**Learning Pathways:
Actual student movements
as seen in the
National Learners' Records Database
(NLRD)**

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Key DHET/DPME study findings



- *Academic routes NSC to HEI appear to be working well*
- *Vocational/occupational pathways less understood/efficient*
- *Apparently limited articulation between OQSF & HEQSF*
- *Some effort to help students to articulate into HEIs through L5 qualifications (Comprehensive universities & UOTs)*
- *Key area of contestation re: articulation is whether we need to create the knowledge required for entry into an academic programme within occupational certifications*

Reflections on DHET/DPME findings 1



- Data source - National Learners' Records Database (NLRD)
 - Analyses of NLRD data shows improvements, declines, gaps in key metrics
 - “Data gaps” – achievements or improved data reporting?
- Limited articulation between HEQSF & OQSF – real pattern or data gap?

Reflections on DHET/DPME findings 2

- When considering articulation *into and between universities*, the evaluation emphasised L5 and L6 only

Articulation:

- Can be systemic/specific
 - Can be vertical/horizontal/diagonal
 - Can involve addressing boundary-making practices & supporting boundary-crossing practices
- NLRD patterns re: **TVET (other)** only visible when data are supplied to NLRD

NQF Experience: NLRD 1 of 2



- NLRD is Management Information System of South African NQF
- NQF Act mandates SAQA to maintain the NLRD
 - To provide policy makers with comprehensive information to enable informed decision-making, and
 - To provide learners and employers with proof of qualifications obtained
- NLRD currently has more than 17 million records of learning achievements
- NLRD also contains information on:
 - National qualifications & part-qualifications,
 - recognised professional bodies & professional designations,
 - associated information

NQF Experience: NLRD 2 of 2

Four NLRD Trends Reports:

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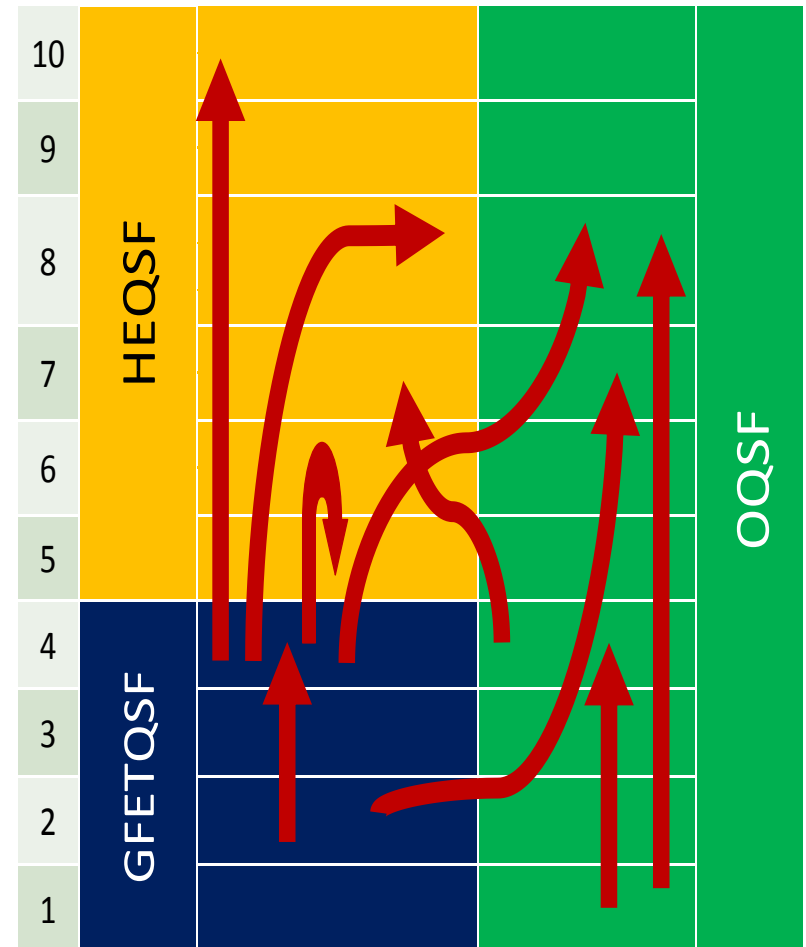
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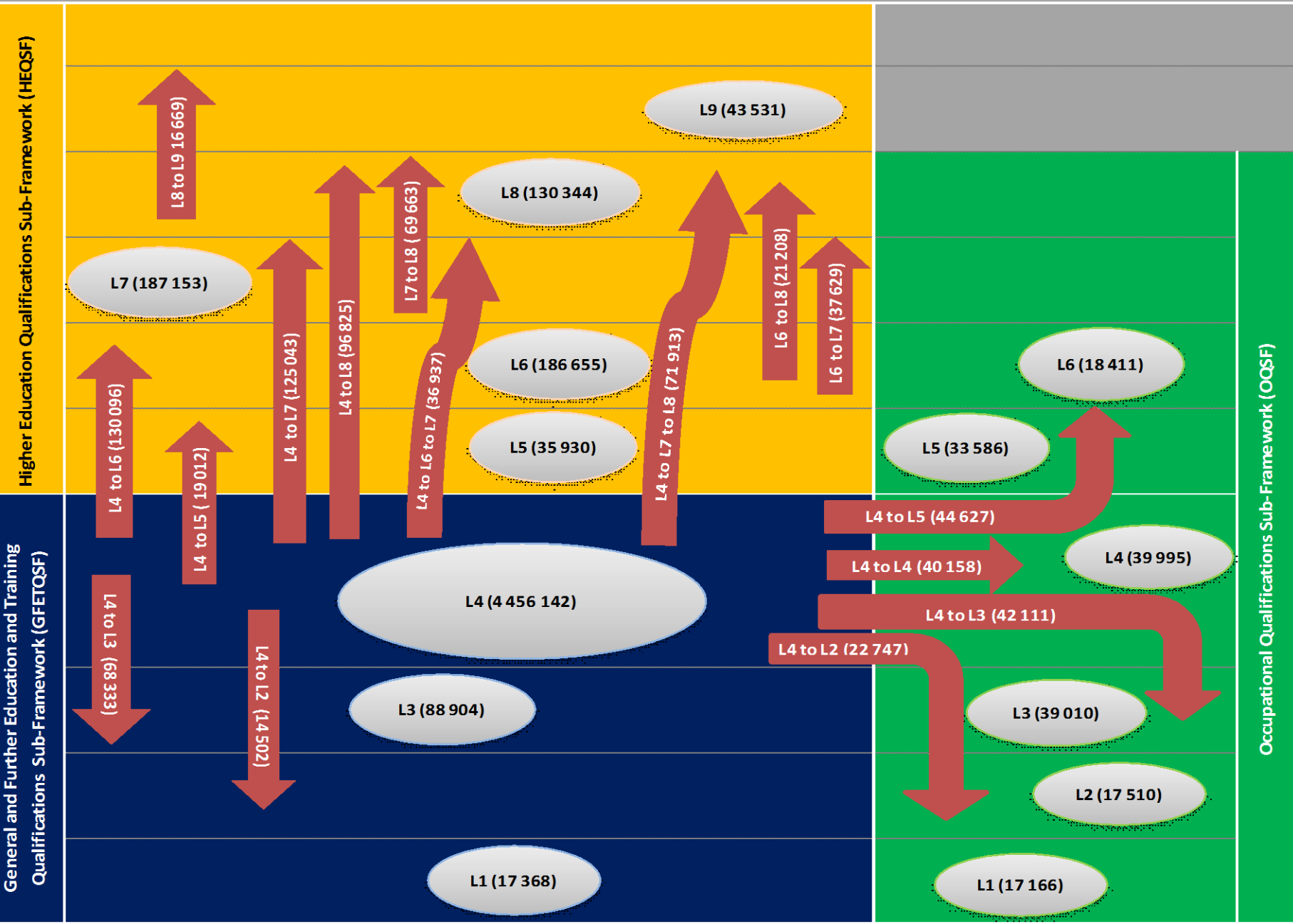
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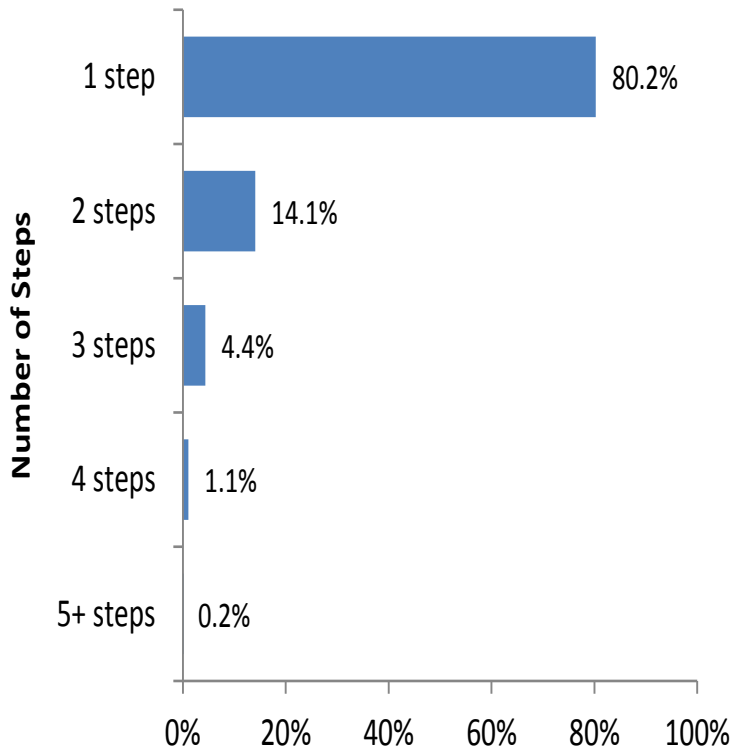
Top 30: Learning pathways through NQF Levels between 1995 and 2014



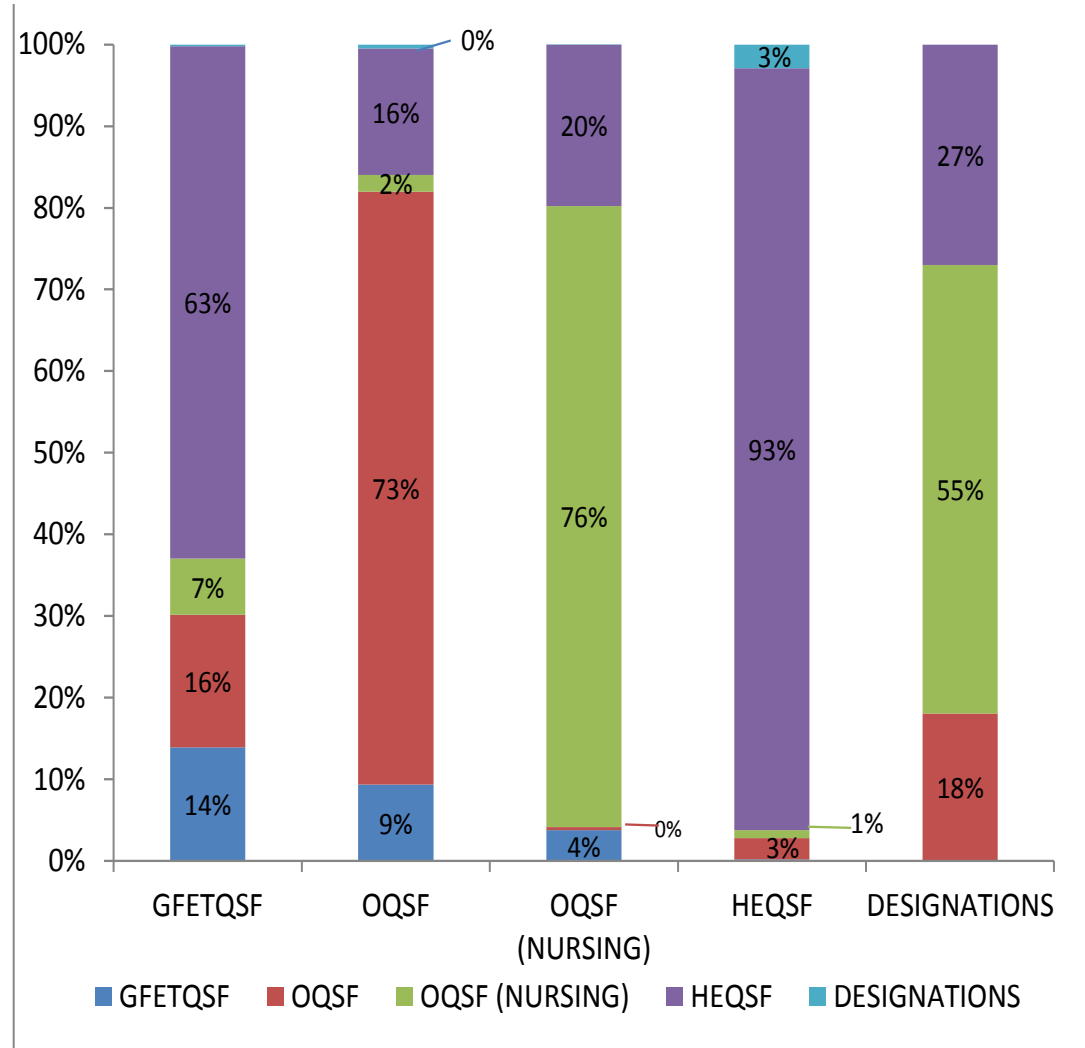
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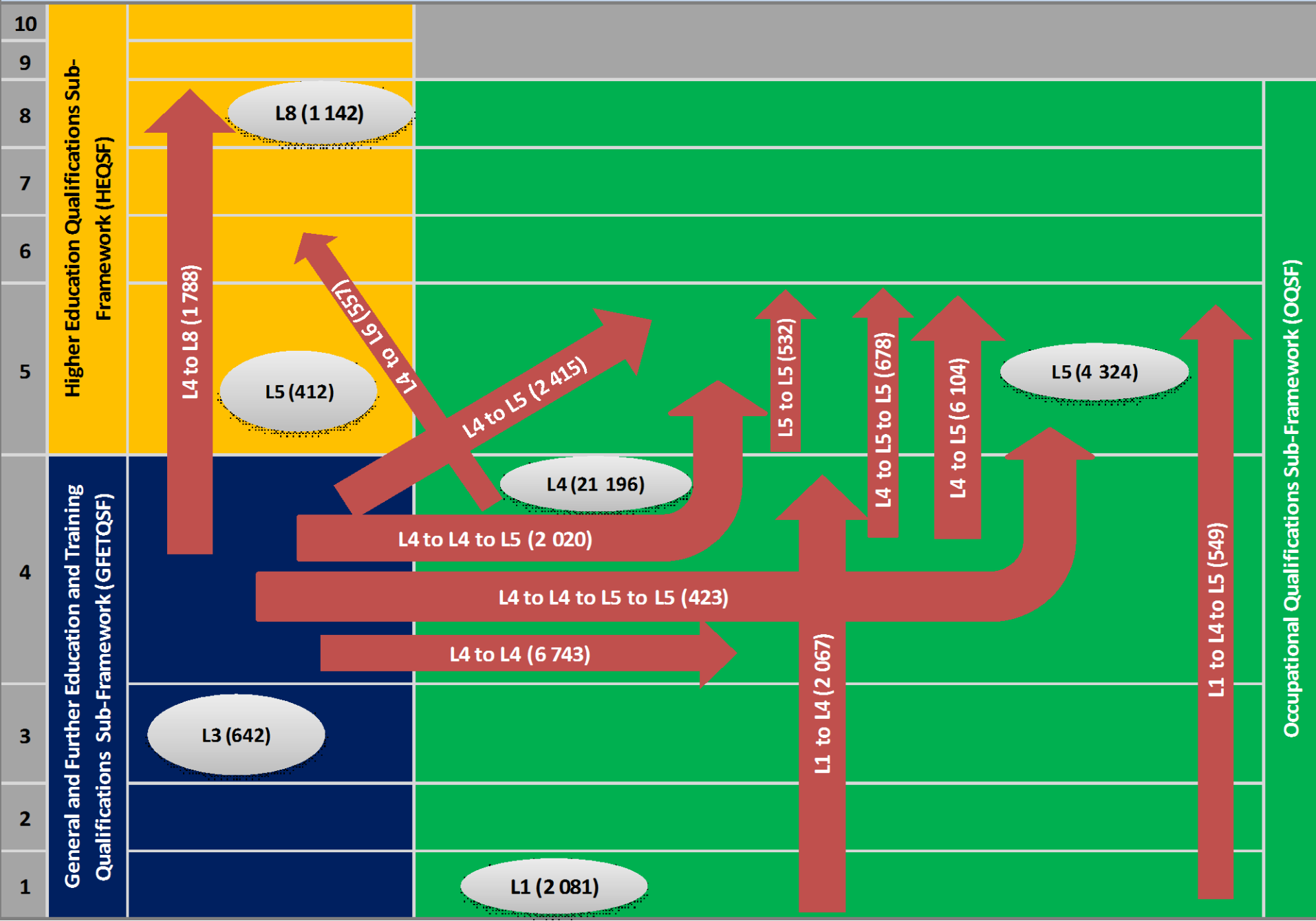
Percentage of People for each Number of Steps



Sub-Framework of second step, by Sub-Framework of initial step



Top Learning Pathways through NQF Levels of Holders of ECD Qualifications Achieved between 1995 and 2016



Recommendations to researchers



1. **“Inclusive”** definition of articulation
2. More detailed analyses required

National Learners' Records Database (NLRD)

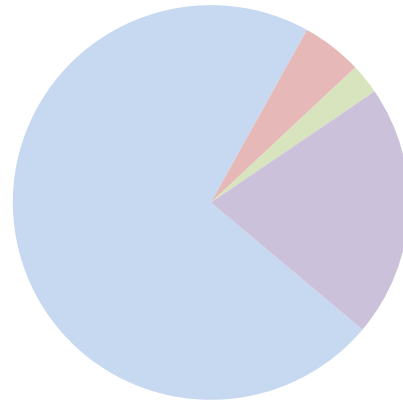
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 National ID 7202xxxxxx
 as recorded on the NLRD up to 31 March 2008

Note: This is not a certificate

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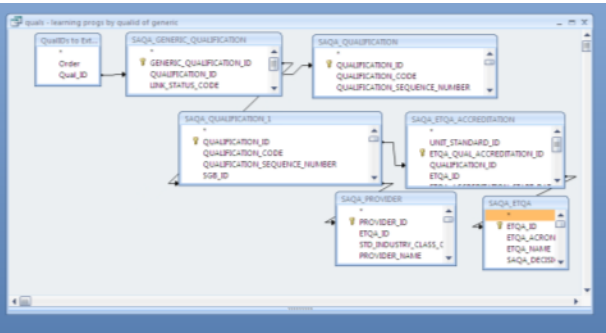
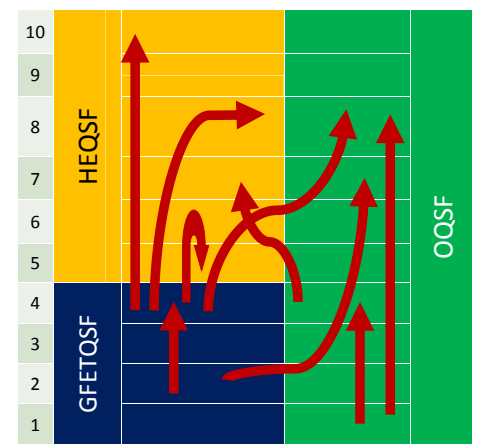
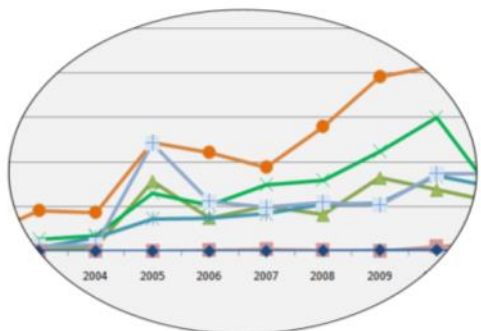
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Work-Related Qualifications and Part Qualifications Registered on the NQF: Trends 2002 to 2011

Thank you



SAQA National Learners' Records Database

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Learner Achievement - 1 of 31

Learner: LUKEN, ANTHONY

Learner Achievement Summary

Type	Unit ID	Unit Title	Qual ID	Qual Title	UG ID	UG Title	Status
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Unit Standard	12737	B Sc	12213F	MONOMOLECULAR			Inactive
Unit Standard	12737	B Sc	12201E	BIOCHEMISTRY			Inactive
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Unit Standard/Course: 12213F

Originating Provider: 041 - University of Durban-Westville

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