

## Ordinary Bachelor Degree (NFQ Level 7 – major award)

The Ordinary Bachelor Degree is normally awarded after completion of an accredited programme of three years duration (180 ECTS credits) in a recognised higher education institution/provider. Entry to a programme leading to an ab-initio Ordinary Bachelor Degree is typically for school leavers and those with equivalent qualifications. In addition, there are 1 year add-on Ordinary Bachelor degree programmes (60 ECTS credits) for holders of the Higher Certificate. The Ordinary Bachelor Degree is compatible with the Bologna First Cycle descriptor, though holders of this award do not generally gain immediate access to programmes leading to Second Cycle awards in Ireland.

### Descriptor

<b>Title</b>	Ordinary Bachelor Degree
<b>Purpose</b>	This is a multi-purpose award-type. The knowledge, skill and competence acquired are relevant to personal development, participation in society and community, employment, and access to additional education and training.
<b>NFQ Level</b>	7
<b>Volume</b>	Large
<b>Knowledge - breadth</b>	Specialised knowledge across a variety of areas
<b>Knowledge - kind</b>	Recognition of limitations of current knowledge and familiarity with sources of new knowledge; integration of concepts across a variety of areas
<b>Know-how and skill - range</b>	Demonstrate specialised technical, creative or conceptual skills and tools across an area of study
<b>Know-how and skill - selectivity</b>	Exercise appropriate judgement in planning, design, technical and/or supervisory functions related to products, services, operations or processes
<b>Competence - context</b>	Utilise diagnostic and creative skills in a range of functions in a wide variety of contexts
<b>Competence - role</b>	Accept accountability for determining and achieving personal and/or group outcomes; take significant or supervisory responsibility for the work of others in defined areas of work
<b>Competence – learning to learn</b>	Take initiative to identify and address learning needs and interact effectively in a learning group
<b>Competence - insight</b>	Express an internalised, personal world view, manifesting solidarity with others
<b>Progression &amp; Transfer</b>	Progression to programme leading to an Honours Bachelor Degree or to a Higher Diploma. Progression internationally to some second cycle (i.e. " Bologna masters") degree programmes.

**Awarding bodies:** Higher Education and Training Awards Council, Dublin Institute of Technology, Institutes of Technology with delegated authority, and some Universities

**This is a major award. Major awards are the principal class of award made at a level. There are also component (minor), specific purpose (special purpose) and supplemental awards at the same level.**

**Minor awards**

Minor Awards are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award.

**Supplemental Awards**

Supplemental Awards are for learning that is additional to a Major Award.

**Special Purpose Awards**

Special Purpose Awards are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement.