

## Post-graduate Diploma (NFQ Level 9 – major award)

The Post-graduate Diploma is normally awarded following completion of a programme of 1-year duration (60 ECTS credits) in a recognised higher education institution. Entry to a programme leading to a Post-graduate Diploma is typically for holders of Honours Bachelor Degrees but can also be for holders of Ordinary Bachelor Degrees. The Post-graduate Diploma is an intermediate qualification within the Bologna Second Cycle.

### Descriptor

<b>Title</b>	Post-graduate Diploma
<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>	9
<b>Volume</b>	Medium
<b>Knowledge - breadth</b>	A systematic understanding of knowledge, at, or informed by, the forefront of a field of learning
<b>Knowledge - kind</b>	A critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, generally informed by the forefront of a field of learning
<b>Know-how and skill – range</b>	Demonstrate a range of standard and specialised research or equivalent tools and techniques of enquiry
<b>Know-how and skill - selectivity</b>	Select from complex and advanced skills across a field of learning; develop new skills to a high level, including novel and emerging techniques
<b>Competence - context</b>	Act in a wide and often unpredictable variety of professional levels and ill defined contexts
<b>Competence - role</b>	Take significant responsibility for the work of individuals and groups; lead and initiate activity
<b>Competence – learning to learn</b>	Learn to self-evaluate and take responsibility for continuing academic/professional development
<b>Competence - insight</b>	Scrutinise and reflect on social norms and relationships and act to change them
<b>Progression &amp; Transfer</b>	May exempt from part of the programme leading to a Masters Degree

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