

REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK FOR PRIVATE PROVIDERS OF POST-COMPULSORY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

FRAMEWORK CRITERIA & GUIDELINES

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AUTHORITY STATEMENT

This Registration Framework is issued by the Seychelles Qualifications Authority in exercise of its powers under the Seychelles Qualifications Authority Act, 2021 and the National Qualifications Framework Regulations, 2025.

It establishes the statutory requirements, procedures and legal consequences relating to the registration of private providers of post-compulsory education and training in Seychelles.

COMMENCEMENT

This Registration Framework shall take effect on the date approved by the Seychelles Qualifications Authority Board.

STATUS AND HIERARCHY CLAUSE

Legal Status and Hierarchy

This Registration Framework is subordinate to, and shall be read in conjunction with, the Seychelles Qualifications Authority Act, 2021 and the National Qualifications Framework Regulations, 2025.

In the event of conflict, the Act and Regulations shall prevail.

DOCUMENT CONTROL

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Registration Framework

Registration of Private Providers of Post-Compulsory Education and Training

Issuing Authority:

Seychelles Qualifications Authority

Status:

Statutory Regulatory Instrument

Function:

To prescribe eligibility requirements, statutory procedures, decision-making authority, regulatory timeframes and legal consequences relating to the registration of private providers of post-compulsory education and training.

Legal Basis:

- Seychelles Qualifications Authority Act, 2021
- National Qualifications Framework Regulations, 2025

Hierarchy:

Subordinate to the Seychelles Qualifications Authority Act, 2021 and the National Qualifications Framework Regulations, 2025.

Supersedes all prior administrative instruments governing private providers of post-compulsory education and training, to the extent of inconsistency.

Audience:

- Private providers of post-compulsory education and training
- Applicants for registration
- Seychelles Qualifications Authority
- Courts, tribunals and oversight bodies

Enforceability:

Binding and enforceable in accordance with the Seychelles Qualifications Authority Act, 2021 and the National Qualifications Framework Regulations, 2025.

PART I — PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and application

1. This Framework may be cited as the Registration Framework – Registration of Private Providers of Post-Compulsory Education and Training, 2026.
2. This Framework applies to all private providers of post-compulsory education and training operating or intending to operate in Seychelles, in accordance with the Seychelles Qualifications Authority Act, 2021 and the National Qualifications Framework Regulations, 2025.

2. Legal authority

This Framework is issued pursuant to the powers of the Seychelles Qualifications Authority under –

- (a) the Seychelles Qualifications Authority Act, 2021; and
- (b) the National Qualifications Framework Regulations, 2025.

3. Interpretation

1. Terms used in this Framework shall have the same meaning as assigned in the Seychelles Qualifications Authority Act, 2021 and the National Qualifications Framework Regulations, 2025.
2. In the event of inconsistency, the Act and Regulations shall prevail.
3. In this Framework, 'Compendium' means the *Compendium of Prescribed Administrative Instruments – Registration of Private Providers of Post-Compulsory Education and Training, 2026*, issued by the Authority, as may be amended and republished by the Authority from time to time.

PART II — REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION

4. Mandatory registration

1. A private provider of post-compulsory education and training shall not offer, advertise, enrol learners in, or deliver post-compulsory education or training in Seychelles unless registered with the Authority.
2. Registration under this Framework does not constitute programme or institutional accreditation.

5. Eligibility for registration

A provider is eligible to apply for registration where it –

- (a) is a legally constituted entity;
- (b) intends to offer post-compulsory education or training; and
- (c) falls within the regulatory remit of the Authority under the Act and Regulations.

PART III — APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

6. Application requirement

1. An application for registration shall be made to the Authority in the prescribed form, as set out in the Compendium.
2. An application shall be accompanied by all documentation and fees prescribed under the Regulations and the applicable Schedule of Fees set out in Schedule 1 to the National Qualifications Framework Regulations, 2025, as amended by the National Qualifications Framework (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 (S.I. 6 of 2026).
3. An incomplete application shall not be processed.

7. Assessment of application

1. The Authority shall assess an application for compliance with statutory requirements.
2. The Authority may request additional information necessary to reach a decision.
3. The Authority may conduct verification activities, including site verification or platform review, where necessary.

PART IV — DECISION-MAKING

8. Decision-making authority

1. The Authority shall decide whether to—
 - (a) approve registration; or
 - (b) refuse registration.
2. The decision shall be recorded in writing.

9. Indicative regulatory timeframes

1. The Authority shall endeavour to complete the assessment of a complete application within the timeframe prescribed by the Regulations.
2. Where delays occur for reasons beyond the Authority's control, the applicant shall be notified.

10. Notification of decision

1. The Authority shall notify the applicant in writing of its decision.
2. Where registration is refused, the notification shall state the reasons for refusal.

PART V — EFFECT OF REGISTRATION

11. Grant of registration

1. Where registration is approved, the provider shall be entered into the Register of Private Providers.

2. The Authority shall issue a Certificate of Registration.

12. Period of registration

1. Registration shall be valid for five (5) years, unless suspended or revoked in accordance with the Regulations.

13. Legal status of registration

1. Registration confirms that the provider is lawfully permitted to operate, subject to ongoing compliance.
2. Registration does not imply accreditation, endorsement of programmes, or recognition of qualifications.

PART VI — MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

14. Ongoing compliance

1. A registered provider shall comply with all obligations imposed under the Act and Regulations.
2. The Authority may monitor compliance in accordance with its statutory mandate.

15. Annual and periodic requirements

Registered providers shall meet any reporting or review obligations prescribed by the Regulations.

PART VII — SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION

16. Grounds for suspension or revocation

The Authority may suspend or revoke registration on grounds prescribed under the Regulations.

17. Procedural fairness

1. Before suspending or revoking registration, the Authority shall observe procedural fairness as required by law.
2. A decision to suspend or revoke shall be communicated in writing, with reasons.

PART VIII — APPEALS

18. Right of appeal

1. A person aggrieved by a decision of the Authority may appeal in accordance with the Act and Regulations.
2. An appeal shall not automatically suspend the effect of a decision unless so provided by law.

PART IX — REGISTER

19. Register of private providers

1. The Authority shall maintain a Register of Private Providers.
2. The Register shall contain such information as prescribed by the Regulations.

PART X — TRANSITIONAL AND SAVINGS

20. Transitional arrangements

Transitional matters relating to persons or bodies operating prior to commencement of these Regulations shall be governed by Regulation 97 of the National Qualifications Framework Regulations, 2025.

Nothing in this Framework shall be construed as altering or shortening the transitional period prescribed by law.

PART XI — MISCELLANEOUS

21. No implied powers

Nothing in this Framework shall be construed as conferring powers beyond those provided in the Act or Regulations.

22. Excluded material

The following are expressly excluded from this Framework and must be issued separately where required:

- (a) application forms and templates;
- (b) assessment criteria or scoring tools;
- (c) staff procedures or workflows;
- (d) guidance notes, FAQs, or training materials;
- (e) process flowcharts;

23. Review

This Framework shall be reviewed only where required by legislative amendment.