**Awarding NVQ Level 5 Equivalence Qualifications through the Mature Candidate Route**

# ****Mature Candidate Route****

**Public Administration Circular 02/2009 specifies National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Levels for different categories of employment in the public sector. The NVQ Level 5 specify the middle level technical employment .Craftsmen with long years of experience who perform supervisory functions in middle level employment could be assessed and certified for award of NVQ Level 5 qualification which may be useful in their career and employment opportunities. This is an alternative path for obtaining NVQ Level 5 equivalence through their Maturity /experience in the relevant sector as per the NVQ circulars 01/2021, 02/2022 and 02/2024 introduced by Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC).**

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#### ****Eligibility****

* **The candidate must be at least 35 years of age**
* **If you are an industry worker, you should be qualified through one of the routes mentioned below.**

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| Route 1 | A minimum of 10 years’ experience including minimum of 3 years supervisory experience in the relevant industry and having NVQ Level 4 certificate or NCT,NCIT in the relevant field. |
| Route 2 | A minimum of 10 years’ experience including minimum of 3 years supervisory experience in the relevant industry and having a Diploma certificate (with the duration more than 6 months) accepted by TVEC in the relevant field |
| Route 3 | A minimum of 12 years’ experience including minimum of 3 years supervisory experience in the relevant industry and having a certificate (with the duration more than 6 months) accepted by TVEC in the relevant field |
| Route 4 | A minimum of 15 years’ experience including minimum of 3 years supervisory experience in the relevant industry |

* **If you are a trainer or lecturer, you should be qualified through one of the routes mentioned below.**

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| Route 1 | A minimum of 10 years’ relevant experience including minimum of 7 years relevant training or lecturing experience and having NVQ Level 4 certificate or NCT,NCIT in the relevant field. |
| Route 2 | A minimum of 10 years’ relevant experience including minimum of 7 years relevant training or lecturing experience and having a Diploma certificate (with the duration more than 6 months) accepted by TVEC in the relevant field |
| Route 3 | A minimum of 12 years’ relevant experience including minimum of 7 years relevant training or lecturing experience and having a certificate (with the duration more than 6 months) accepted by TVEC in the relevant field |
| Route 4 | A minimum of 15 years’ relevant experience including minimum of 7 years relevant training or lecturing experience. |

#### ****The way you can apply****

###  You should send your details via

### [The Normal Process Online Application Form](https://nvq.gov.lk/MCR/ApplicationWelcome) (For the normal way)

### [Speedy Process Application Form](https://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Application_Speedy_ProcessNew.doc) (For the Speedy way)

#### ****Process of the Mature Candidate Route****

1. **Receive the applications from the applicants**

Candidates who wish to apply for the NVQ Level 5 equivalent qualification through the Mature Candidate Route should send their details to the TVEC via the normal path ( Can apply two rounds per year January to May and August to December ) or through the Speedy Process.

1. **Evaluate applications to check eligibility of the applicants to award NVQ Level 5 equivalence qualification**

Check the eligibility of the applicants by the Mature Candidate Committee, which is appointed by the Director General of TVEC. The committee will evaluate the applicants' basic qualifications according to the relevant NVQ Circulars.

1. **Receive the Evidence portfolio as per the evidence portfolio format published in the Mature Candidate Route web page.**
2. **Conduct the viva voce / interview for the applicants who eligible from the examination**

Conduct an online viva voce/interview to assess the competencies (Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes) mentioned in the areas below:

1. Management and Information Technology-related competency

2. Relevant sector competency

1. **Release the results**

Final results of the interviews should inform to the applicants and pass candidate enter to the NVQ system.

1. **Award NVQ Level 5 equivalence qualification to the applicants**

Applicants who are competent in the viva voce interview can obtain the relevant NVQ Level 5 equivalence qualification.

1. **Conduct the second viva voce interview for applicants who were not successful in their first viva voce/interview**

Applicants who are not competent in the first interview will have to wait at least 2 months from the date of the first interview before their second interview. The panel of the viva voce will determine the date of the repeat viva voce based on the magnitude of the knowledge gap.

#### ****Importance of having NVQ Level 5 Equivalence Qualification through the Mature Candidate Route****

Public Administration Circular 02/2009 specifies National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) Levels for different categories of employment in the public sector. This is an alternative path for obtaining NVQ Level 5 equivalency and it will facilitate you to be able to place in appropriate positions and salary scales applicable to respective supervisory / Management position.

TVEC issues this qualification only for the employability purposes and not applicable for the higher studies or teaching purposes.

Mature Candidate Route in Sinhala and Tamil Language please attached leaflet here

# ****Notice****

### [List of Eligible Candidates for Viva-Voce Interview on Mature Candidate Route for 2025 – First round](https://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/web_publish.pdf)

### https://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/web\_publish.pdf

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# ****Relevant Links****

Circulars

* [Circular No.01/2021](https://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Mature_Candidate_Circular_Revised_2021.pdf)

https://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Mature\_Candidate\_Circular\_Revised\_2021.pdf

* [Circular No 02/2022](https://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/NVQ_Circular_02_2022.pdf)

<https://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/NVQ_Circular_02_2022.pdf>

* [Circular No 02/2024](https://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/circular_no_02_2024.pdf)

https://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/circular\_no\_02\_2024.pdf

Mature Candidate Application Form

* [The Normal Process Online Application Form](https://nvq.gov.lk/MCR/ApplicationWelcome) link to the system
* [Speedy Process Application Form](https://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Application_Speedy_ProcessNew.doc)

https://www.tvec.gov.lk/?page\_id=5934

Related Documents

* Evidence Portfolio [Cover Page](http://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/03_MC_Evidence_Portfolio_Cover_Page.pdf) and [Format ( Evidence Portfolio Writing Language  – English](http://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/04_MC_Evidence_Portfolio_Format.pdf))

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* [Mature Candidate Portfolio Certification Format](https://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Evidence_Portfolio_Certification_FormV2.pdf)

https://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Evidence\_Portfolio\_Certification\_FormV2.pdf

* [Interview Re-Request Form](http://www.tvec.gov.lk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/05_MC_Interview_Request_Form.pdf)

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* [National Competency Standards](https://nvq.gov.lk/Report_Inquires/NCS_Request.php) Please link to the relevant page to download the NCS

Mature Candidate Route Certificate Holders (From 2020 year)

please link to https://www.nvq.gov.lk/Report\_Inquires/Certificate\_Enquiry\_home.php?srchtxt=