Icelandic Qualification Framework

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7	 Has advanced knowledge of theories, research and the latest developments in a scientific field. Can conduct and manage research with confidence in order to develop new knowledge. Can work independently, show initiative and be responsible for complex theoretical tasks and pass on knowledge to others. 	8
6.2	 Has obtained knowledge through research and has a good understanding of theoretical challenges and arguments and is able to contextualise the latest knowledge. Can understand complex problems and use appropriate methods to conduct smaller research projects. Can initiate and lead new projects, evaluate the most suitable approaches, and be responsible for their own work and that of a team. 	7
6.1	 Has knowledge and understanding of theoretical challenges and arguments and is able to contextualise the latest knowledge. Can apply the methods of the relevant field/profession to formulate, develop and solve problems. Can initiate and lead new projects and be responsible for their own work and that of a team. 	1
5.2	 Has an understanding of and insight into major theoretical concepts and theories and is familiar with the latest knowledge within a specific field. Can apply critical theoretical and/or professional analysis when solving problems and evaluate the results independently. Can work independently in an organised manner, make and carry out plans and supervise teamwork. 	6
5.1	 Has knowledge of selected theories and theoretical concepts and has insights into the relevant field in a broader context. Can develop and manage projects using the techniques relevant to the field/profession. Can show initiative and work independently in addition to solving problems as part of a team. 	6
4	 Has specialised knowledge useful for supervision and management in a specific field of work and/or further studies. Can organise work procedures, apply the appropriate techniques and develop working methods in a responsible way. Can give guidance and professional training, review own and others' performance and be responsible for the utilisation of the relevant occupation in cross-disciplinary cooperation. 	5
3	 Has specialised knowledge in a specific field of work and/or as a preparation for further studies. Can demonstrate professionalism, show initiative, organise tasks and evaluate own work. Can make use of specialised knowledge for improvements, give professional advice and co-operate in cross-disciplinary activities. 	4
2	 Has basic knowledge of work procedures and concepts useful in work and/or study. Can solve problems by applying the appropriate work methods, tools and information. Can work as a part of a team, initiate interaction and be responsible for well-defined tasks. 	3
1	 Has the basic knowledge for work and/or as a preparation for further studies. Has the basic skills required to carry out simple tasks during studies and/or at work. Can work under guidance with some independence on well-defined tasks. 	1-2