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Title: **Diploma Supplement**

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1.0 Purpose

Information regarding Diploma Supplement.

2.0 Description

The Diploma Supplement (DS) is a document accompanying a higher education diploma, providing a standardized description of the nature, level, context, content and status of the studies completed by its holder. The purpose of the supplement is to provide sufficient independent data to improve the international 'transparency' and fair academic and professional recognition of qualifications (diploma, degrees, certificates, etc). The supplement is designed as an aid to help (but not guarantee) recognition – it is not a CV or a substitute for the original qualification.

It is produced by the higher education institutions according to standards agreed by the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO. The Diploma Supplement is also part of the Europass framework transparency tools.

Please see the below link for more information:

<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/documents/european-skills-passport/diploma-supplement>

Sections of the Diploma Supplement:

Section 3.1 National Framework of Qualifications level and Award Type

For a detailed definition of the National Framework of Qualifications levels and Award Types please go to: http://www.nfq.ie/nfq/en/frame_action/levels.html

Section 4.2 Programme requirements

Please refer to websites below for detailed information on Programme requirements :

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/undergrad/>

http://www.nuigalway.ie/academic_dates/

http://www.nuigalway.ie/academic_records/syllabus/marks_standards.html

Diploma Supplements are produced after each conferring ceremony and are posted to the graduate's home address.

Up until 2014, NUI Galway produced the Diploma Supplement only for undergraduate degree students but from 2014 onwards these were produced for all postgraduate students EXCEPT Research programmes. NUI Galway do not provide Diploma Supplements for any programs less than 60 credits (e.g. certs, diplomas).