Estonian Qualifications Authority and Register of Occupational Qualifications

https://www.kutseregister.ee/en/

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Estonian Qualifications Authority

Kutsekoda

Estonian Qualifications Authority (Kutsekoda) (1)

- *Kutsekoda* is a support structure for the national occupational qualifications system
- Occupational qualification means a qualification associated with a trade, occupation or profession
- Established in 2001 based on Occupational Qualifications Act
- Foundation in private law (established by five institutions representing the Government, employers and employees)

Estonian Qualifications Authority (Kutsekoda) (2)

- Founders:
  - Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
  - Estonian Confederation of Employers
  - Estonian Employees' Unions' Confederation *TALO*
  - Confederation of Estonian Trade Unions
  - Ministry of Social Affairs
- Subordinated to the Ministry of Education and Research (annual agreement with the Ministry)
- Council of *Kutsekoda* – representatives of founders + representatives of the Ministry of Education and Research, and the Ministry of Economy and Communications

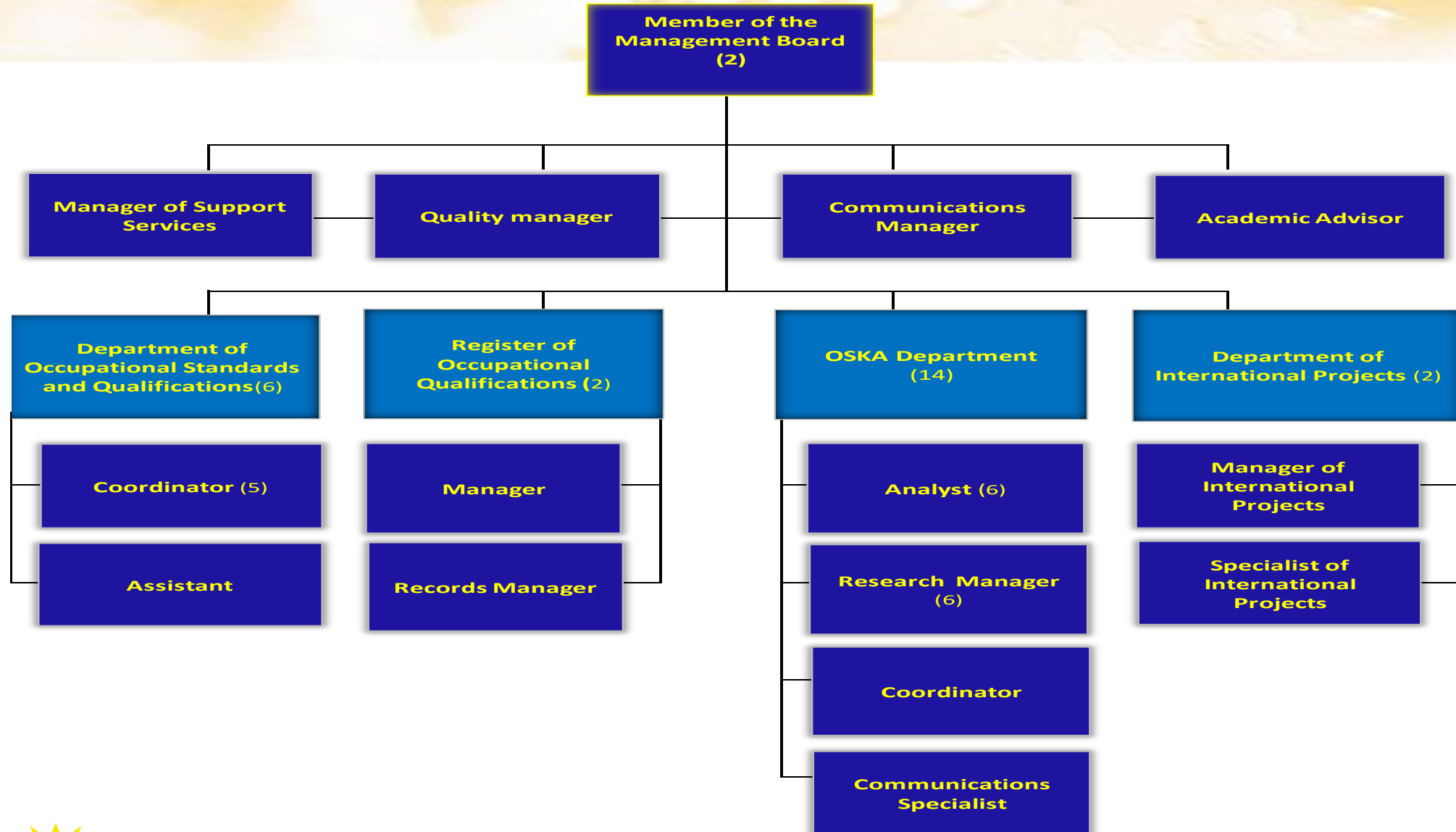# Estonian Qualifications Authority (Kutsekoda) (3)

➢ *Kutsekoda* is:
- – organising and coordinating the activities of Occupational Councils and working groups (developing occupational standards)
- – providing counselling and assistance for awarding bodies
- – analysing the needs for labour and skills necessary for Estonia's economic development over the next 10 years (OSKA Program)
- – keeping the [register of occupational qualifications](#)

➢ NCP for the EQF implementation

➢ *Europass* centre

➢ EPALE (*Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe*) centre

Staff (30 employees)

Estonian Register of Occupational Qualifications

- Created on June 2009
- The controller of the register is the Ministry of Education and Research
- Processor is Estonian Qualifications Authority
- Financed by Ministry of Education and Research

Register of Occupational Qualifications

➢ The register consists of different parts and is the output of the occupational qualification system activities
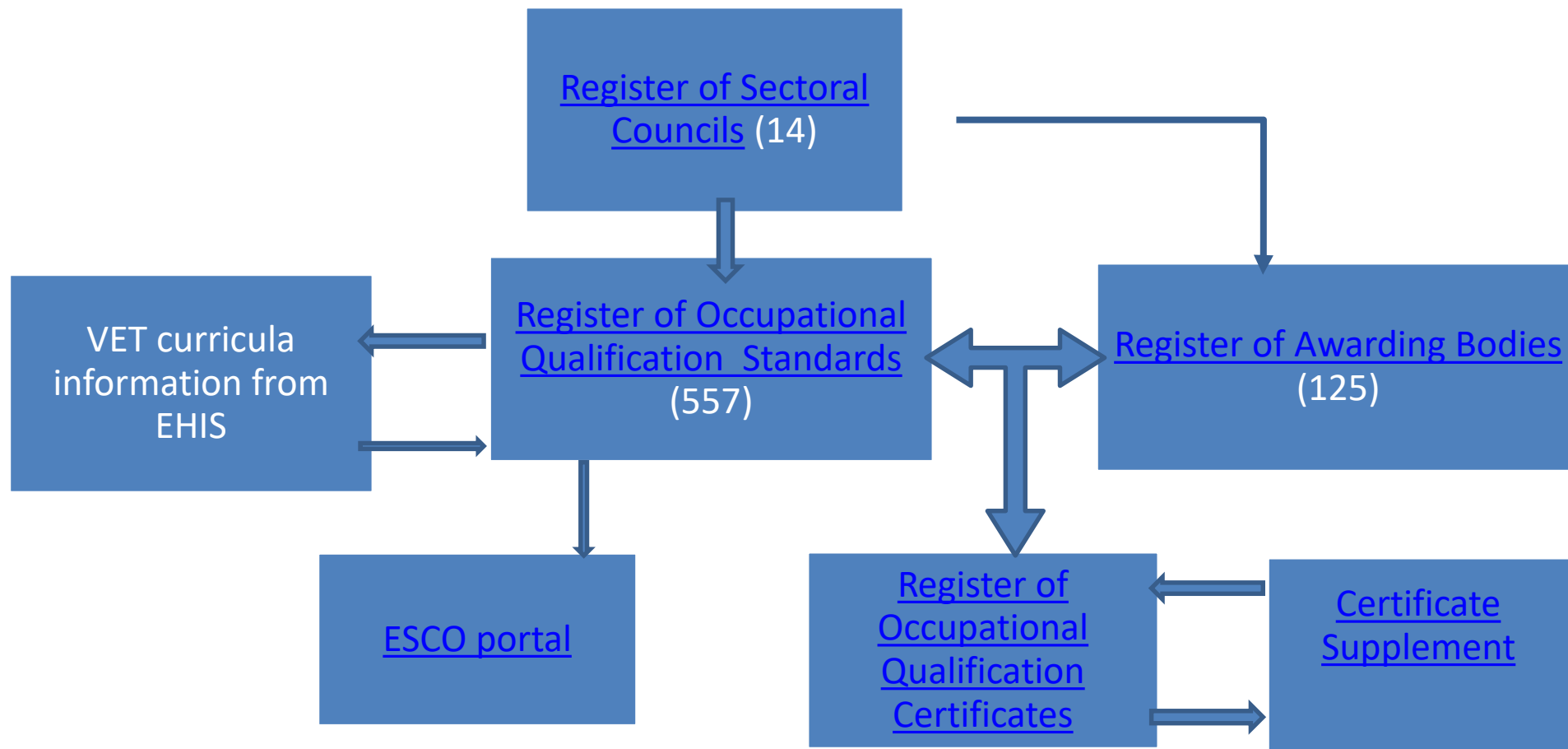
Structure of the register:

➢ Valid occupational certificates

➢ Valid and archive occupational standards

➢ Certificate Supplements

➢ Competences

➢ Awarding Bodies

➢ Occupational Qualification Councils (*Sectoral Councils*)

➢ Reports (incl. Open Data files)

Who (and how) provides/contributes information/ necessary data to the register?

- ➢ Most of the information is created in the Estonian Qualifications Authority:
  - Occupational standards (556)
    - Labour market voluntary contribution (information and time)
    - Main task of the Estonian Qualifications Authority staff
  - Occuptional Qualifications Councils (14)
    - Decisions made in Occupational Qualifications Councils are the basic material for register incl. occupational qualification standards
  - Awarding Bodies (125)
- ➢ Awarding bodies are issuing approximately 10 000 occupational qualification certificates per year
  - Web access to the register to issue certificates

The structure and information included in the web-site, synergies with other national/international web-sites

Register of Sectoral Councils (14)

Register of Occupational Qualification Standards (557)

VET curricula information from EHIS

Register of Awarding Bodies (125)

ESCO portal

Register of Occupational Qualification Certificates

Certificate Supplement

europass

Register of Occupational Qualifications – recent developments

➢ New platform and database update in 2019

➢ Updated compact view of the [occupational standard](#)

➢ Expanded searches: [occupational certificate](#) and [occupational standard](#)

➢ Saving specific searches of [competences](#) and standards

➢ Providing and using Open data

Occupational qualification certificate

➢ Occupational Qualification Certificate is an electronic entry in the register
➢ A certificate on paper shall be issued to the person upon his or her request

Why Certificate Register is necessary?

➢ Co-operation with other databases and information systems through the x-road link

➢ Valid occupational qualification certificates with the owners permission to publish his or her personal certificate record

➢ In accordance with GDPR the registry asks permission to publish certificate personal data for public view in the register

What are the benefits of making certificate records available for public view?

➢ Provides the option for potential employers and procurement managers to check certificate availability and validity

Information shown in occupational qualification cerificate

➢ What kind of information is shown in <u>occupational qualification certificate?</u>

➢ Issuer's (awarding body) contacts and important information

➢ The version of the Occupational Qualification Standard that was valid at the time the certificate in question was issued

➢ Certificate Supplement

provides basic information about the occupational standard, standard assesment and the training applicant has completed. It is an appendix to the occupational qualification certificate for use in an international context

Thank You!