## Credentials Nomenclature

| Degree          | ✓ Can be undergraduate (bachelor’s), master’s (thesis-based or course-based), or doctoral
|                 | ✓ New degree program requires Ministry approval
|                 | ✓ Graduate, Post-Masters, or Post-Doctoral
| Diploma         | ✓ Minimum of 18 units
|                 | ✓ May ladder into another graduate credential (e.g., graduate diploma laddered into a Master's degree)
|                 | ✓ New diploma program requires Ministry approval
| Certificate     | ✓ Graduate, Post-Master's, or Post-Doctoral
|                 | ✓ Minimum of 12 units
|                 | ✓ May ladder into another graduate credential (e.g., post-masters certificate laddered into a doctoral degree)
|                 | ✓ New certificate program requires Ministry approval
Undergraduate Sub-degree Nomenclature

**Major**
- Normally 42-48 units within a bachelor's degree
- New majors require Ministry approval

**Minor**
- Minimum of 30 units
- Normally completed within units required for a bachelor's degree
- Usually not associated with the student's major field of study
- New minors are institutionally approved

**Concentration**
- Minimum of 18 units
- Represents area of focus within a degree or major
- New concentrations are institutionally approved

**Embedded Certificate**
- 12-24 units
- Normally taken concurrently with eligible degree program and prior to graduation from degree program
- New embedded certificates are institutionally approved
Graduate Sub-degree Nomenclature

**Area of Study**
- The area of study (or discipline of the program) when it is not evident in the degree title (e.g., in the MSc in Chemistry, the Area of Study is Chemistry)
- New Areas of Study require Ministry approval

**Specialization**
- Specific focus within a graduate degree identified by course requirements
- Specializations can be specific to an Area of Study, or Interdisciplinary
- New Specializations are institutionally approved