

## **Official Notice 011**

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**Title:** Brazilian qualification 'Lato Sensu'

MQRIC informs that after consulting our ENIC-NARIC partners regarding the 'Lato Sensu' programme of studies, it noted an inconsistent recognition outcome across the European Higher Education Area, as the programme does not mirror the Bologna process for a European Masters programme referenced to EQF 7. A 'Lato Sensu' programme is considered a specialisation in a field of study but it does not have the same amount of hours of work as the 'Stricto Sensu' type of programme. Nevertheless, in the Brazilian higher education system, the 'Lato Sensu' is considered as higher education formation. In order to be admitted in a Lato Sensu programme, the applicant should have a higher education degree like a 'Bacharel' – Bachelor's Degree. For this reason, MQRIC considers this programme comparable to an Award at MQF Level 7 since such programmes are of a short duration.