

Essentials for a Successful Professional Career: Education and Qualification

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Abstract

This paper presents a study of how education differs from qualification. Both are very important to make somebody successful in life but one cannot replace the other. Qualification gives us the power to show our potential to others on paper but it is education that gives us the knowledge of what the meaning of right and wrong is in life's perspective.

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Introduction

According to Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary, the word 'education' means "*a process of teaching, training and learning, especially in schools or colleges, to improve knowledge and develop skills*".

None can deny the importance of education in his/her life. Education is the stepping-stone for a bright and successful future which never has the requirement of any kind of certification. With the help of education, one can fight darkness and achieve the radiance of knowledge which can help him/her in building a confident foundation of future.

The Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary defines the word 'qualification' as "*an exam that you have passed or a course of study that you have successfully completed*".

On the other hand we see that qualification has become an important tool to qualify for any particular aspect. Qualification performs as a brand or a cost mark for a person which is used for accomplishing a definite set of goals and objectives in life. In an interview process, none will be asking you how educated you are. The panel will simply ask you about your qualification as it has become the main criterion of attaining a job.

Value of Education And Qualification In Life

Education and qualification both have equivalent value in different phases of life. It is important to take both of them into different scales of parameters so that it may be easy to comprehend the difference in a better approach.

Education refers to the all-round development of an individual why qualification refers to a standard ability or skill prescribed and required for a certain job or field of action. Education is the knowledge and qualification is like a certificate for showing that you have the knowledge. You go to school for acquiring knowledge and when you pass an examination, you get a certificate for the same. You develop yourself by acquiring a qualification. It is possible for you to have the knowledge through the way of learning and experiencing but if you do not have the certificate or degree for the knowledge, you will never be called a qualified person.

If you go regularly to a college or university, it will give you the highest degree or qualification but in this case it is not sure that you will be getting knowledge. Education will always remain

genuine if it is compared with degrees or qualifications. Education is invaluable and it will remain in the world after a person's death.

- Qualification is a subset of education as it refers to certifications, degrees, diplomas etc. that people earn during the course of higher education.
- Education takes one from ignorance to knowledge while qualification imparts competency in a particular field or industry.
- To say that I am educated only tells that you are literate. Whether or not you are competent is reflected by your qualifications.
- Better employment opportunities open up with more and latest qualifications.
- You are allowed to practice a profession when you pass the relevant exams and become qualified.
- Today, qualifications have become more important than education.¹

The Requirements of Life: Education and Qualification

When we see education as a requirement of life or qualification as a requirement of life, we see only a part of a whole. Life becomes complete with education and qualification both. Actually education is the process of transmitting skills, abilities, knowledge, and way of living with developing depth while qualification is a form of specialized training to attain a degree or diploma aimed at acquiring certain skills which are desirable and suitable for working in a specified professional field. Today qualification is being treated as an acknowledgement card for the education which you have attained by passing various types of examinations.

Qualification is a compartment of education as it refers to getting certificates, degrees, diplomas etc. that people obtain and take home during the course of their basic to higher education. Many of the experts from the industries as well as from the educational institutions while talking about the differences between education and qualification have settled on this statement that qualification has taken over education. People are indulged in fantasies by the

degrees to get the better of a good job with an outcome that qualification is misguided for education.

A person who is educated and a person, who has a qualification, both will have a job but the difference will lay in the profile and the perquisites. An educated person will have to work hard for attaining a good position in any organization, but a good qualification can lead you to that spot in an instance. You must understand that, education comes with patience and qualification comes with time. As education is a never-ending process, you can learn as much as you can even after you have a qualification.²

Conclusion

It becomes very clear that education is a must for a man to be called a man in its real sense but we cannot keep ourselves untouched with the importance of qualification. In today's scenario it is being treated as a basic requirement of a happy, prosperous and successful life.

However, the real meaning and importance of education has to be deeply understood. Though you may be highly qualified for a certain profession, you need certain qualities that no college or university can impart unless you feel inspired and awakened to learn the process of blending discipline and delight. It is this beautiful process that prepares you to follow such qualities as sincerity, regularity, punctuality and honesty in your work, and overcome such bad habits as anger, irritation and greed. This way of educating yourself endears you to your seniors and authorities, and makes you a worthy example for your juniors and subordinates.

Thus both qualification and education play their specific roles in the making of a successful professional career. When this happens, the atmosphere becomes full of pleasure and power; team-spirit is awakened, and the success of such professionals working together with a feeling of cooperation and goodwill ultimately makes their institution or organization successful in achieving its goal with respect and reputation.

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