

What is wrong with senior
secondary education?

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Australian Qualifications Framework

- a national definition of education and training levels
- followed by all training organisations, including TAFEs and Universities

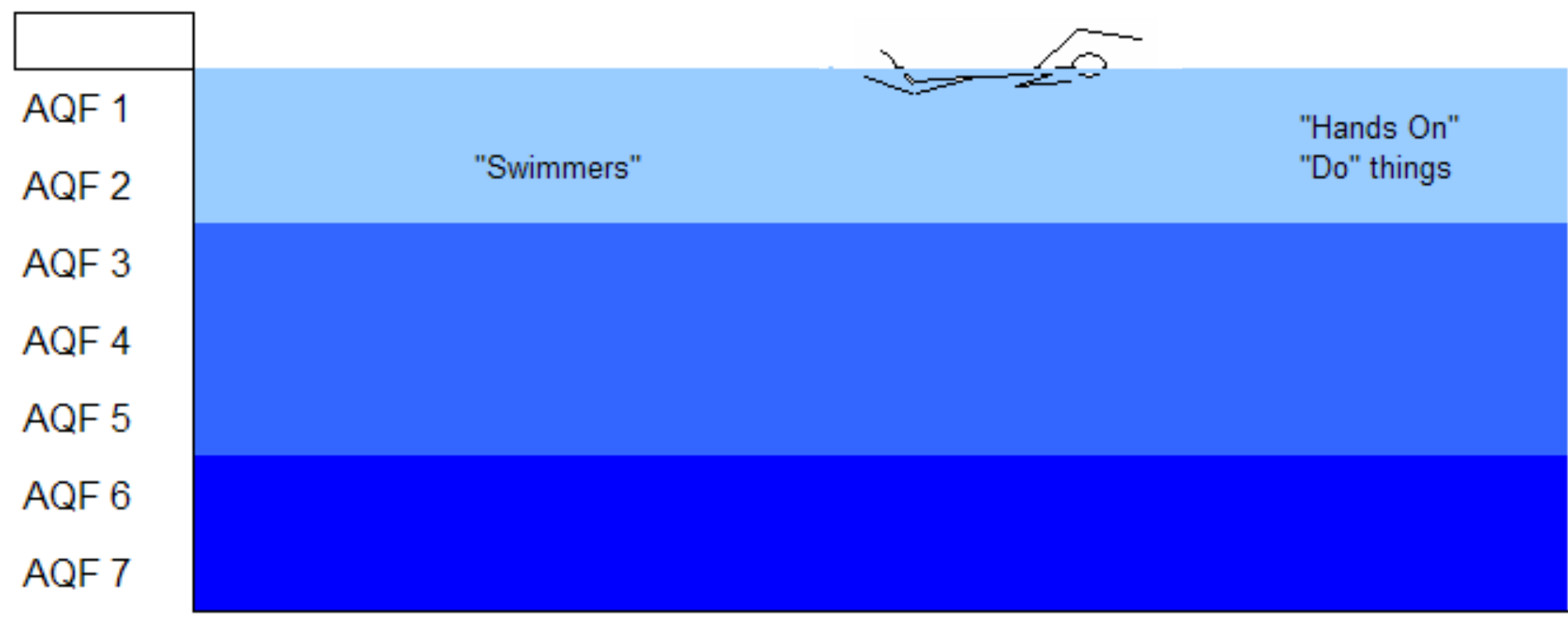
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AQF 1	Pre-Apprenticeships & Traineeships "Hands On" "Do" things
AQF 2	
AQF 3	
AQF 4	
AQF 5	
AQF 6	
AQF 7	

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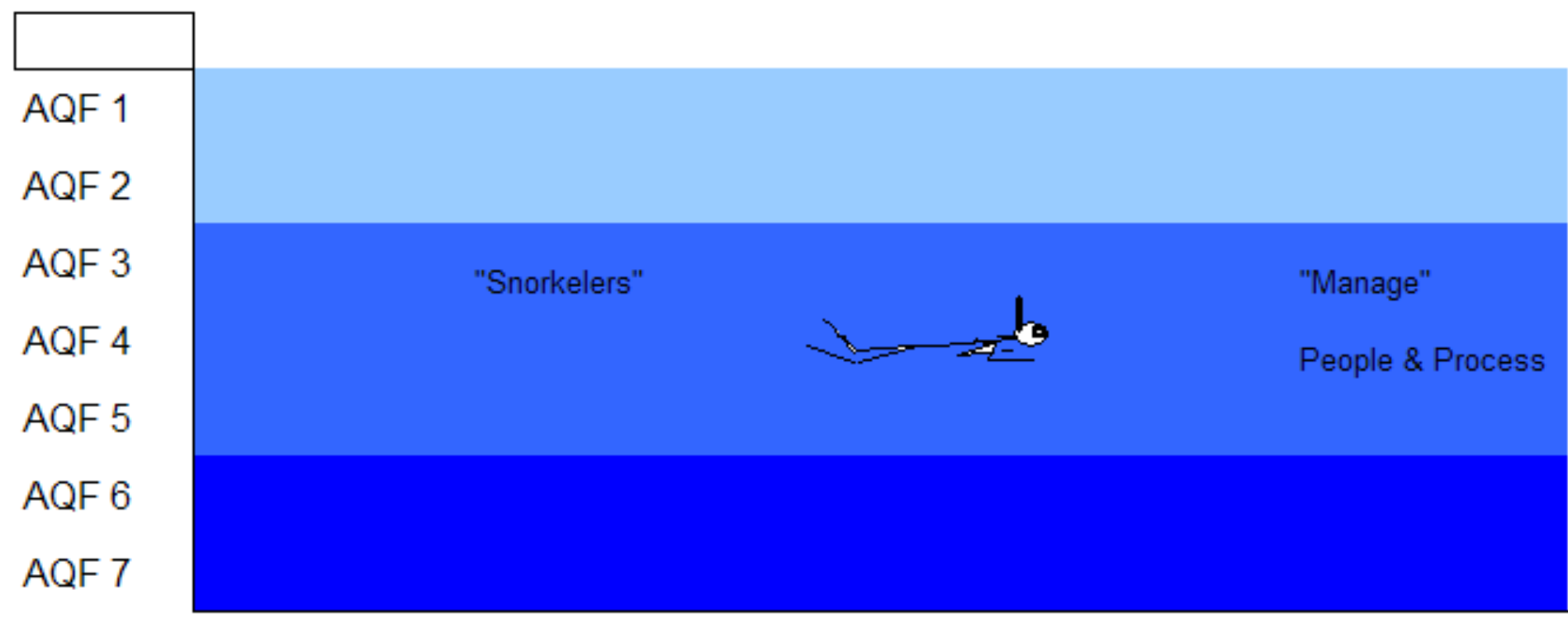
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AQF 1	
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AQF 3	Certificate III, IV and some Diplomas
AQF 4	"Manage"
AQF 5	People & Process
AQF 6	
AQF 7	

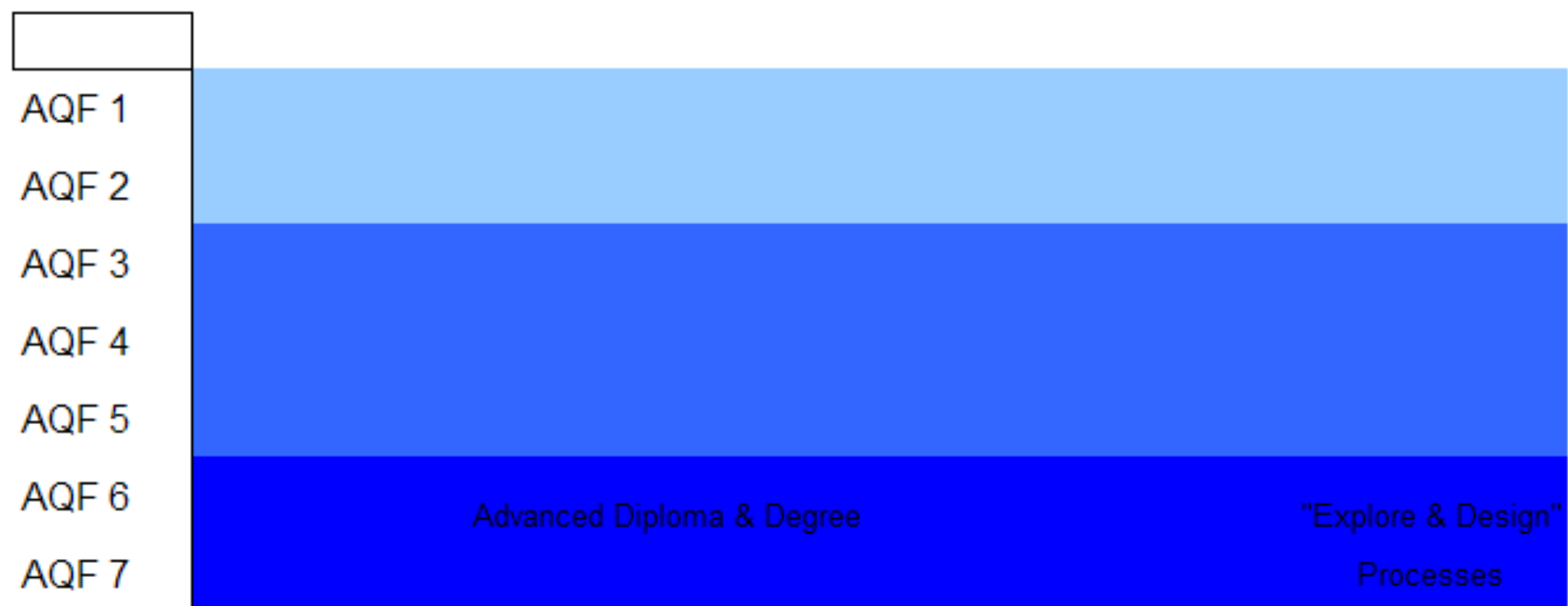
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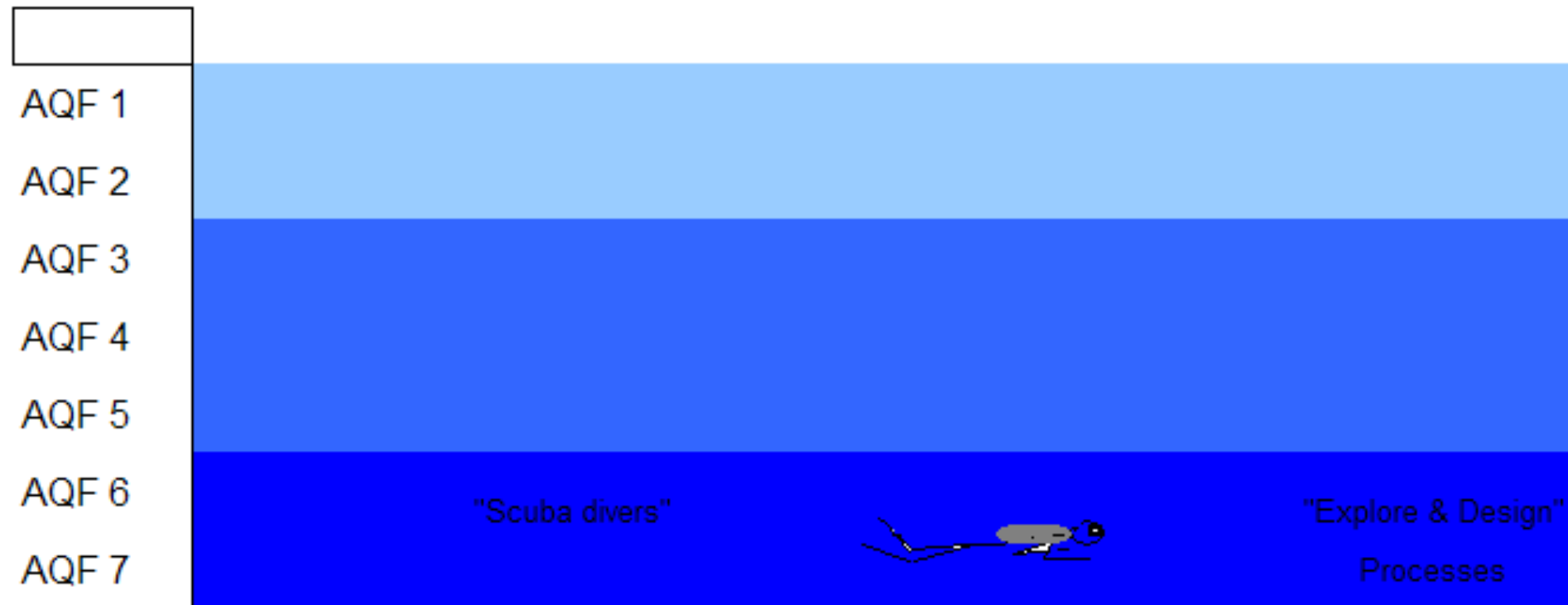
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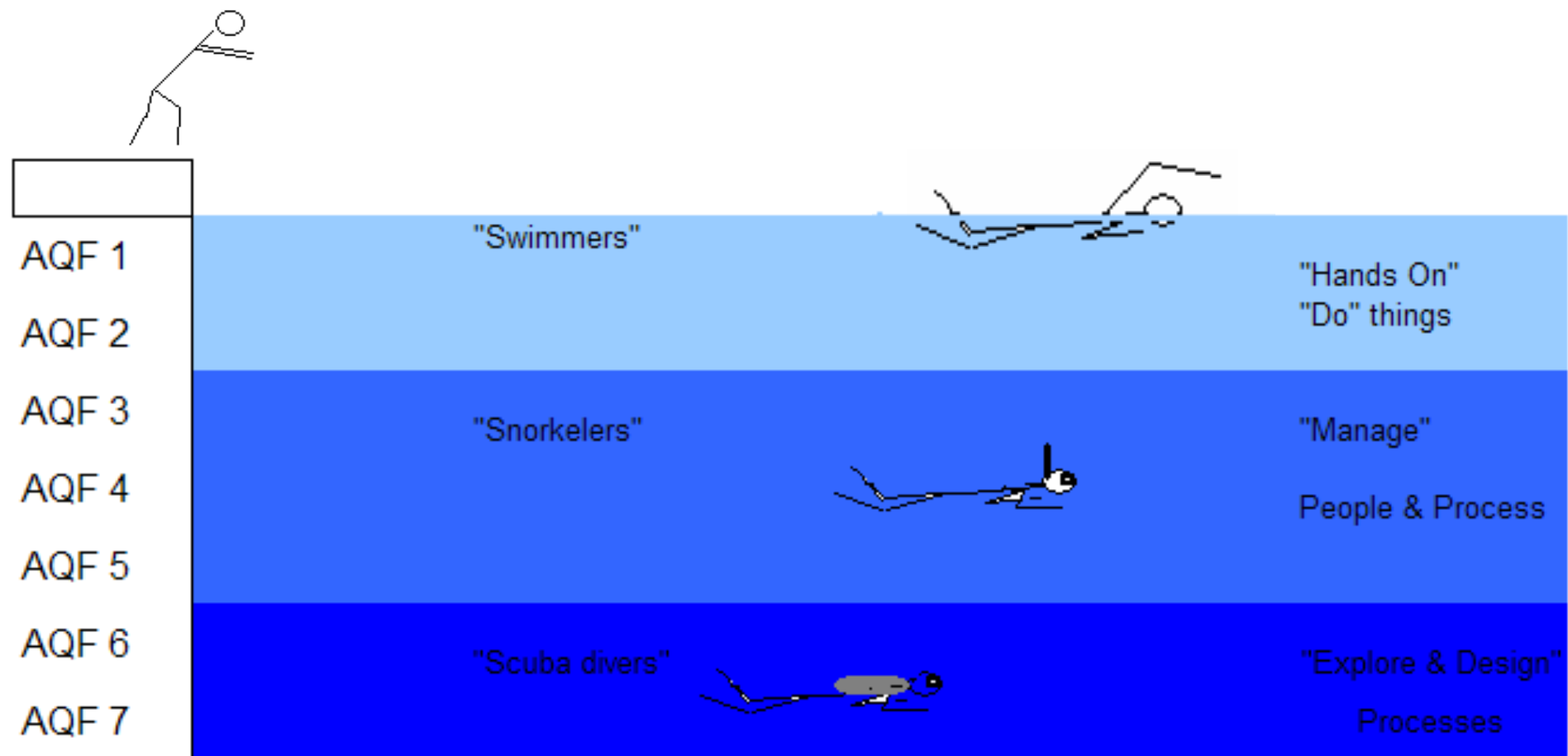
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How deep are you going to go?



Understanding AQF Training Levels – Another Perspective

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Level 1						

Performance Level 1 ... "carry out established processes"
ie workers under supervision

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Level 2						

Performance Level 2 ... "manage the process"

Includes self-directed trades people, supervisors, low to middle management

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				Level 3		

Performance Level 3 ... "establish principles and processes"

These are directors, upper management and researchers

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Cert I = Pre-Apprenticeship for most trade courses

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A qualified (4 year) apprentice, now a tradesperson is considered to be AQF 3

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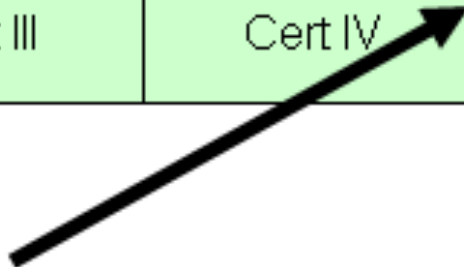
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AQF 5, 6 & 7 are the first, second and third years of a University course.

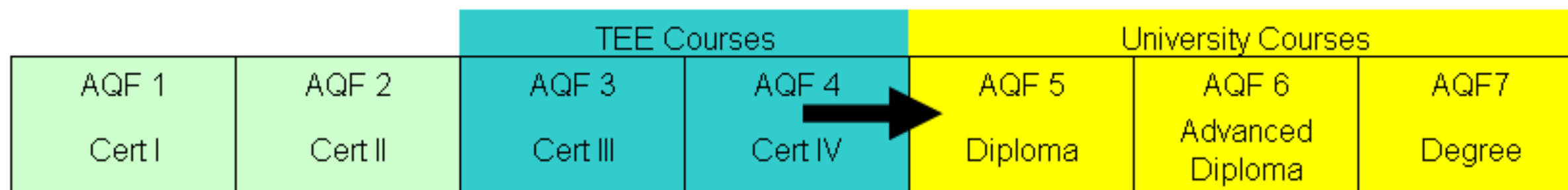
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Entry to University is completing to AQF 4

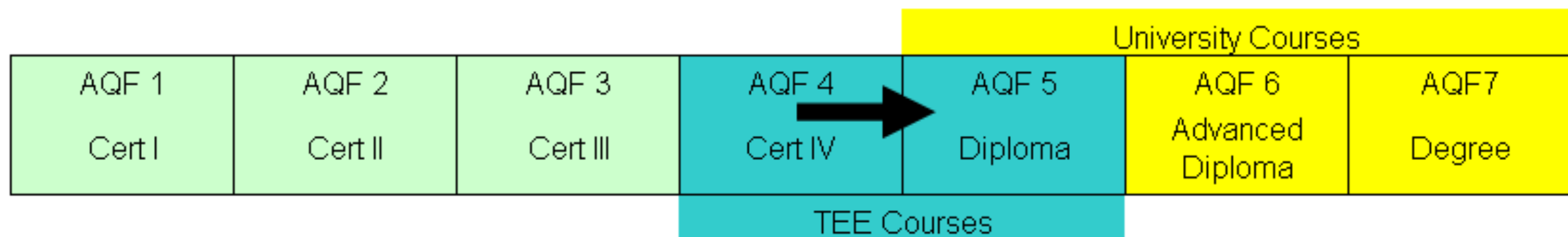


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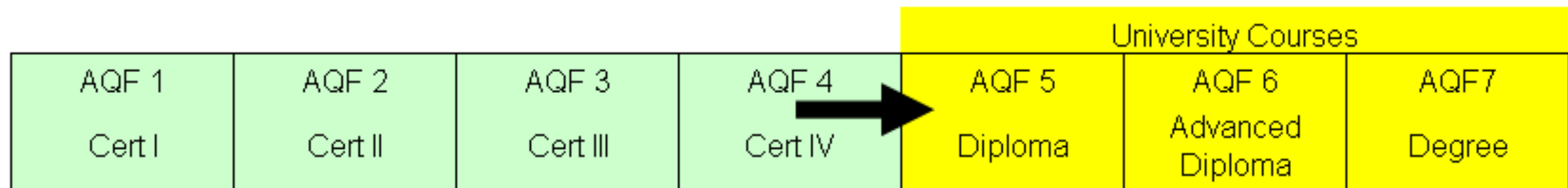
TEE courses cover AQF 3 & 4 to give University entry.

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Actually TEE courses push to AQF 4 & 5 (at least) to give competitive University entry.

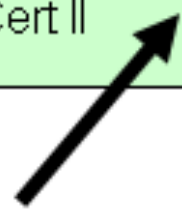
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A TAFE Certificate IV also meets entry requirements for University.

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Entry to a Certificate III Course (AQF 3) normally requires a good pass in Year 10.

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Level 1						

Level 1 overlaps with Junior Secondary School

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Level 2						

Level 2 overlaps with Senior Secondary School



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				Level 3		

Level 3 overlaps with Tertiary (University) courses

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How do school programs fit the AQF levels?

TEE Courses are designed to give
high level university entrance
with hopefully upper AQF 5 or better



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TEE Courses

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Training courses through schools
are required to be ONLY Cert I and Cert II levels
unless in partnership with a Training Organisation

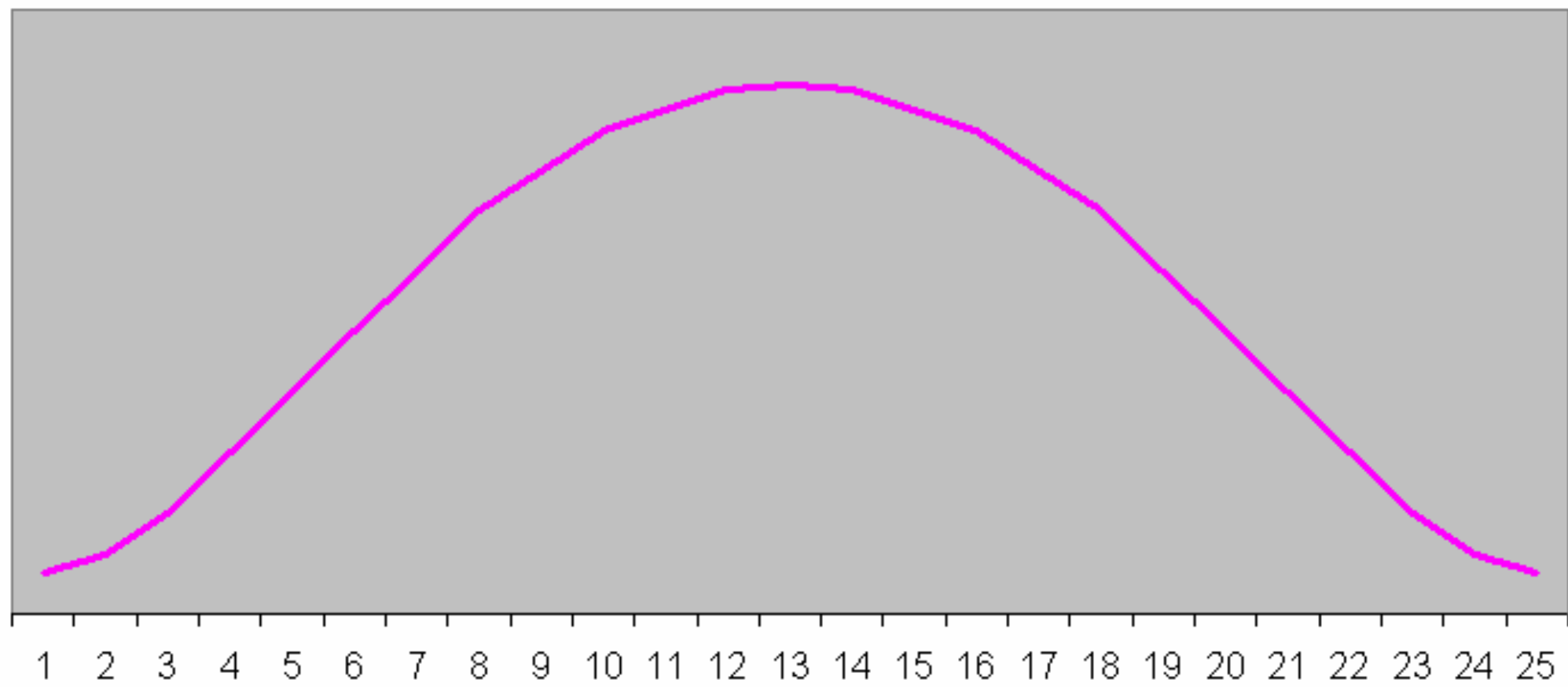


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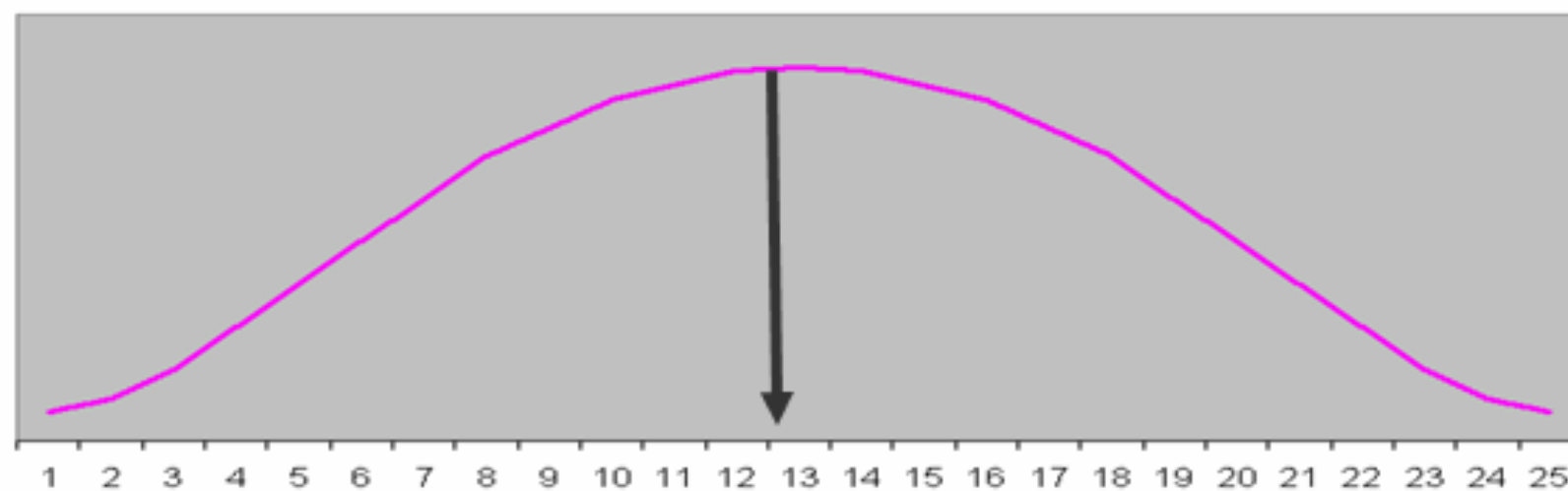
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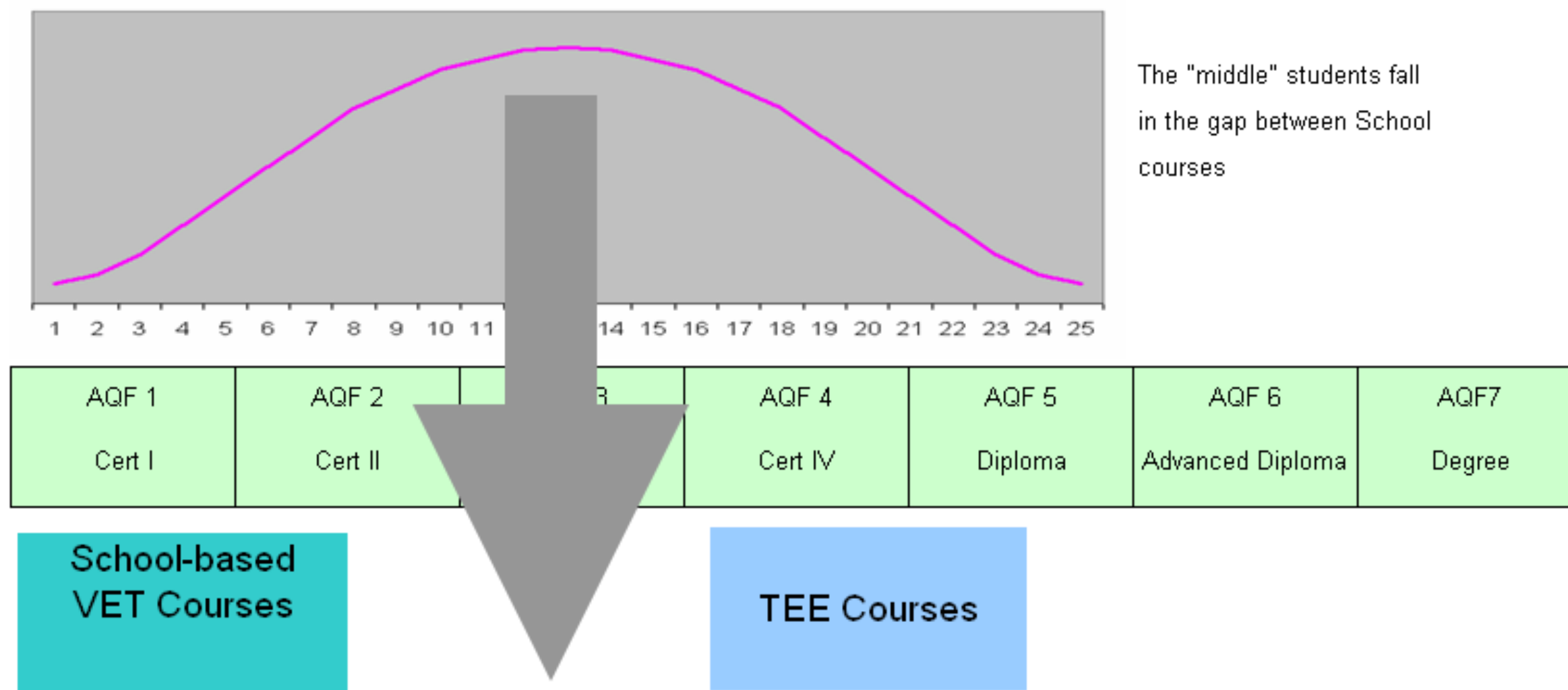
Statistically the ability curve centres around AQF 3

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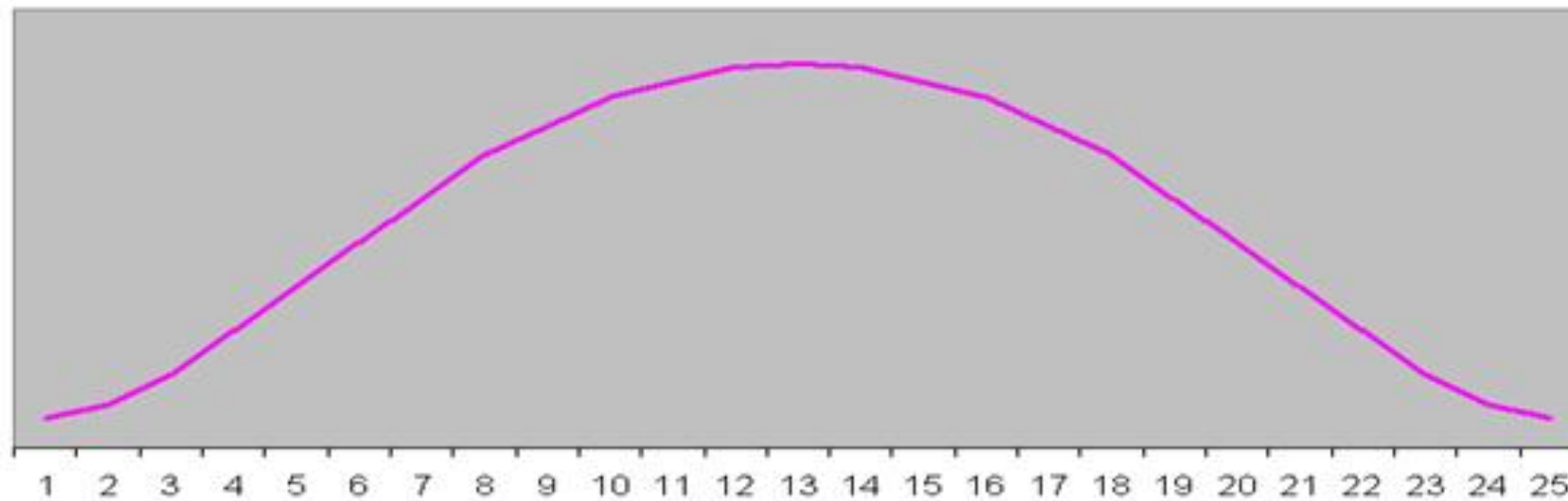
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System Structure Issue #2

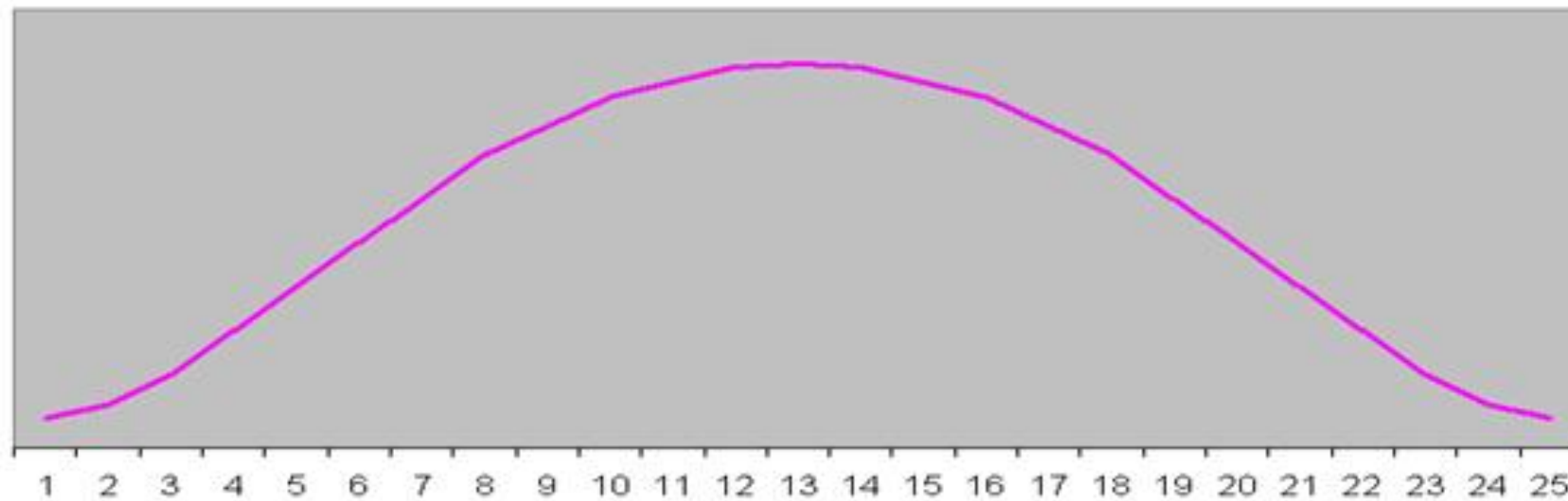
School program offerings produce a
GREAT DIVIDE and do not really
provide for the majority of students!

How does a HomeLearn Senior Secondary Program fit?



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How does a HomeLearn Senior Secondary Program fit?



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TAFE Courses

Traineeships

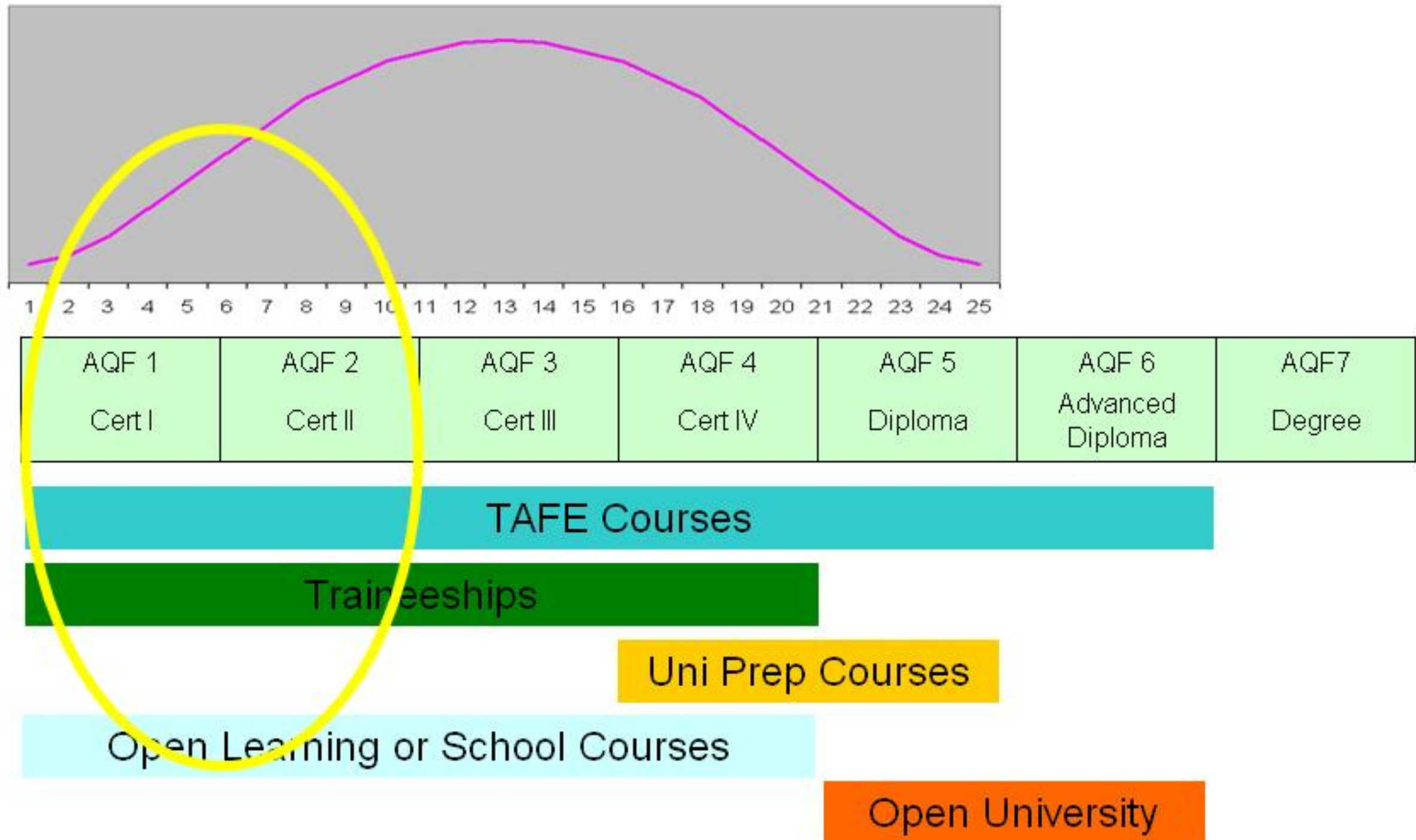
Uni Prep Courses

Open Learning or School Courses

Open University

A range of appropriate courses and pathways exist for all abilities and aspirations.

Advantages for students considering "trade" careers:



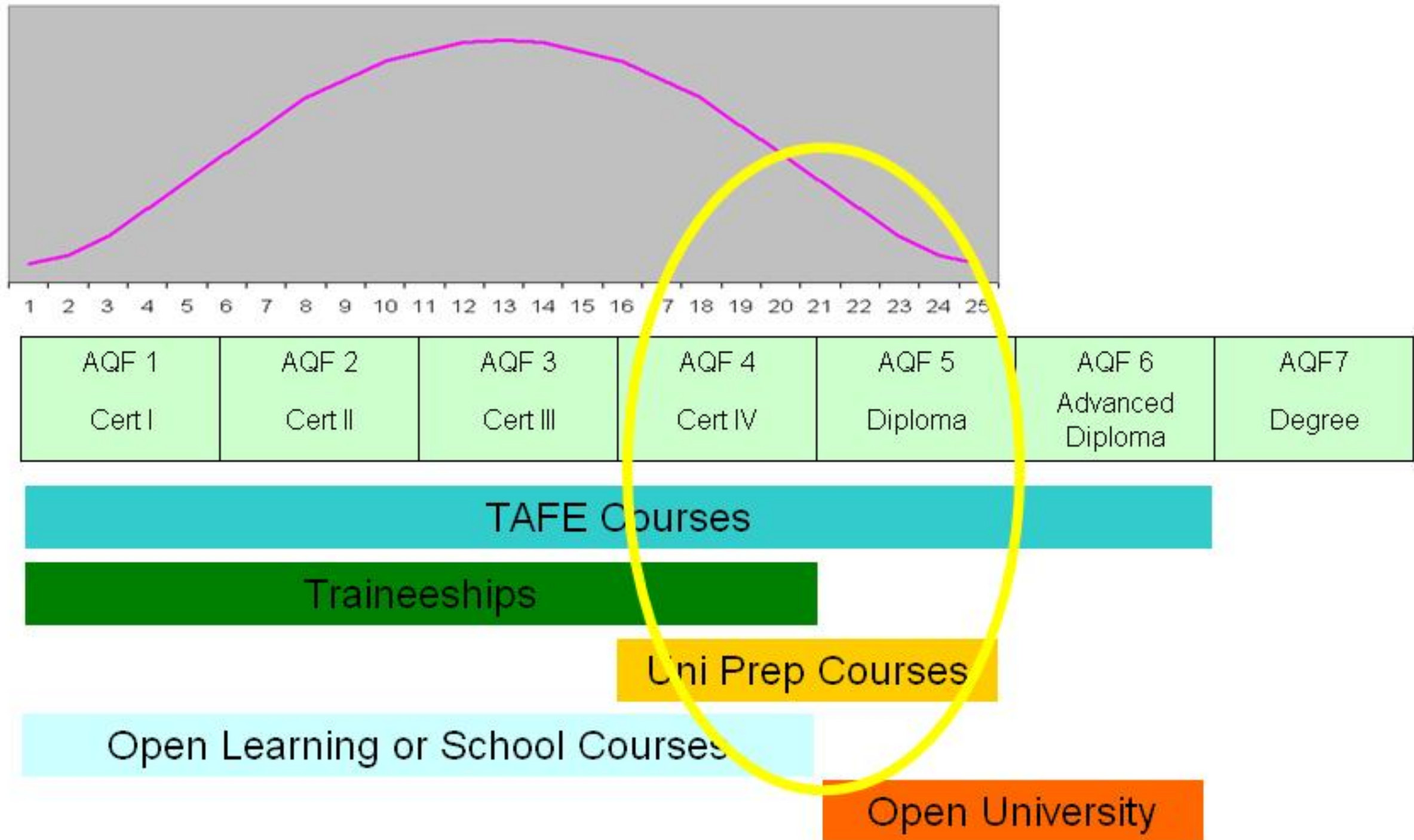
Advantages

- Negotiated help for entry into TAFE
- Full pre-app Certificate possible (not just part)
- Continued support with English, Maths
- Support with self-organisation
- TAFE and work count towards a WACE
- WACE gives advantage for later promotion and advancement

Disadvantages

- Completion of course may be quicker with direct TAFE entry

Advantages for students considering "professional" careers:



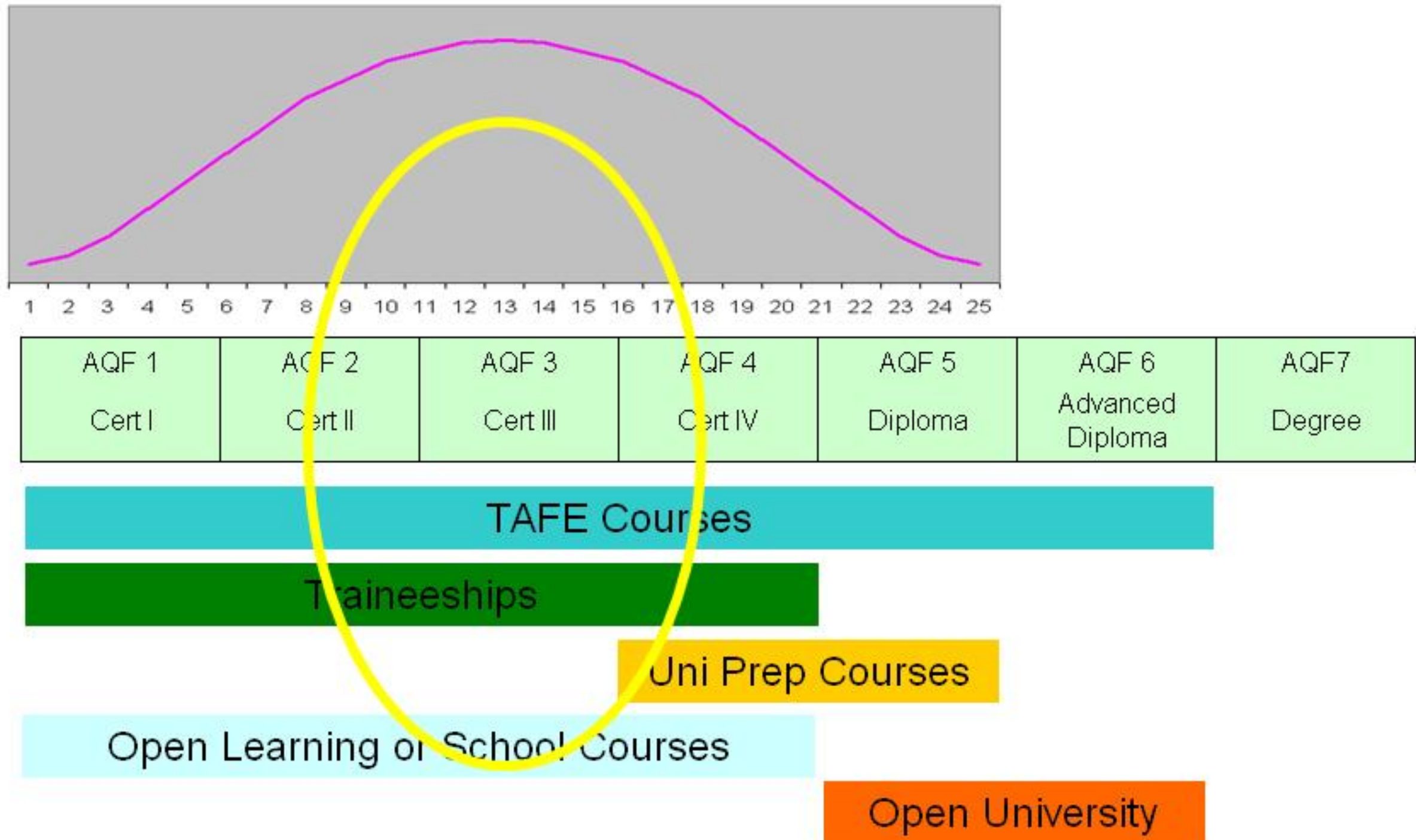
Advantages

- Achievable and realistic course load
- Many mid-point possibilities – work ready for the “gap year” or income support
- Introduction to tertiary study style
- WACE + English + High level TAFE qual for university entry

Disadvantages

- Some Uni courses may require specific TEE subjects

Advantages for students considering "people / technical" careers:



Advantages

- Most school course options don't suit ability
- Maturing of aspirations possible
- Many alternate level possibilities
- Career focussed
- Full recognised qualifications
- WACE for future promotion and advancement

Disadvantages

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