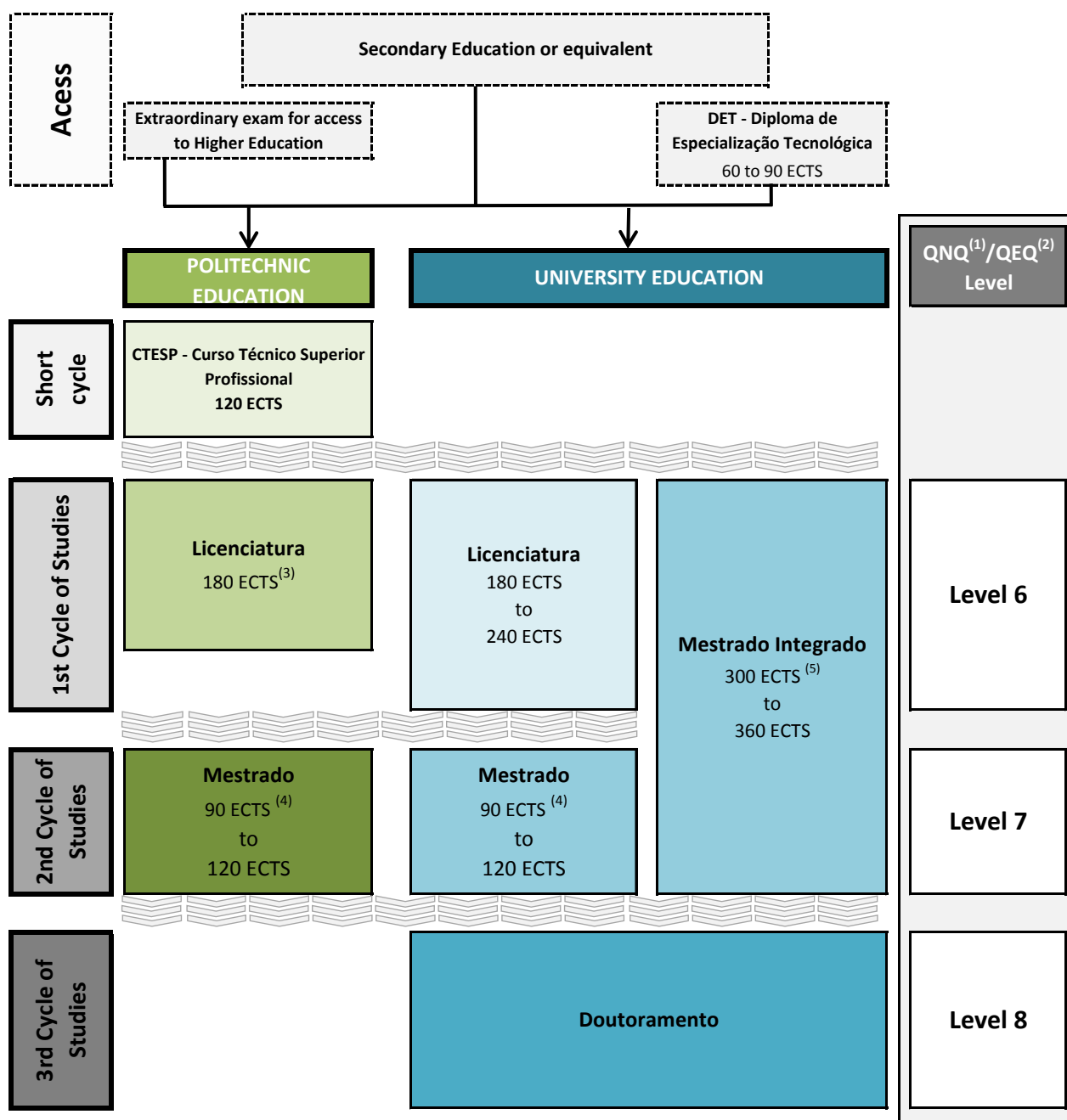


# Portuguese Higher Education System



<sup>(1)</sup> QNQ - National Qualifications Framework.

<sup>(2)</sup> SEQ - European Qualifications Framework.

<sup>(3)</sup> Except when in order to exercise a certain professional activity requiring education and training ranging between 210 and 240 ECTS.

<sup>(4)</sup> In exceptional circumstances, a cycle of studies leading to a Mestre degree in a specialized field may have 60 credits, resulting from a stable and consolidated practice in that specific field at international level.

<sup>(5)</sup> A Mestre degree may also be awarded following an integrated cycle of studies, for access to a professional activity, if the length: a) is established by European Union regulations; b) results from a regular and consolidated practice within the European Union; in such cases, a Licenciado degree is awarded to students having obtained 180 ECTS (3 years, 6 semesters).