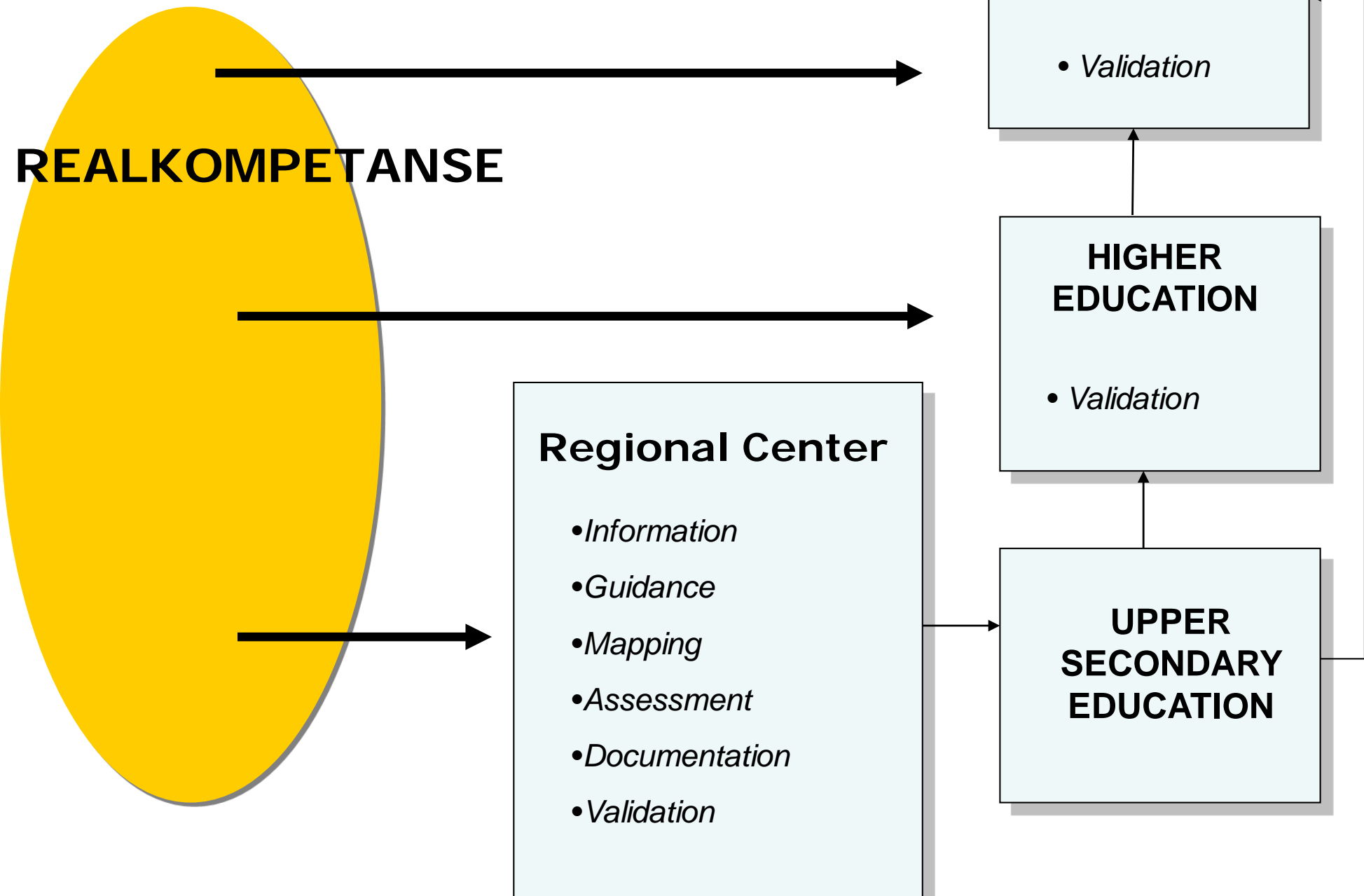


Accreditation/Validation of prior learning in Norway

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The process of validation



An example: Mary, she has a dream

- 26 years old
- Two children, age 4 and 1

- Dropped school at 16
- Many part time jobs
- Last 3 years as a health care assistant

- Mary's dream: to be a fully trained health care worker, or a nurse

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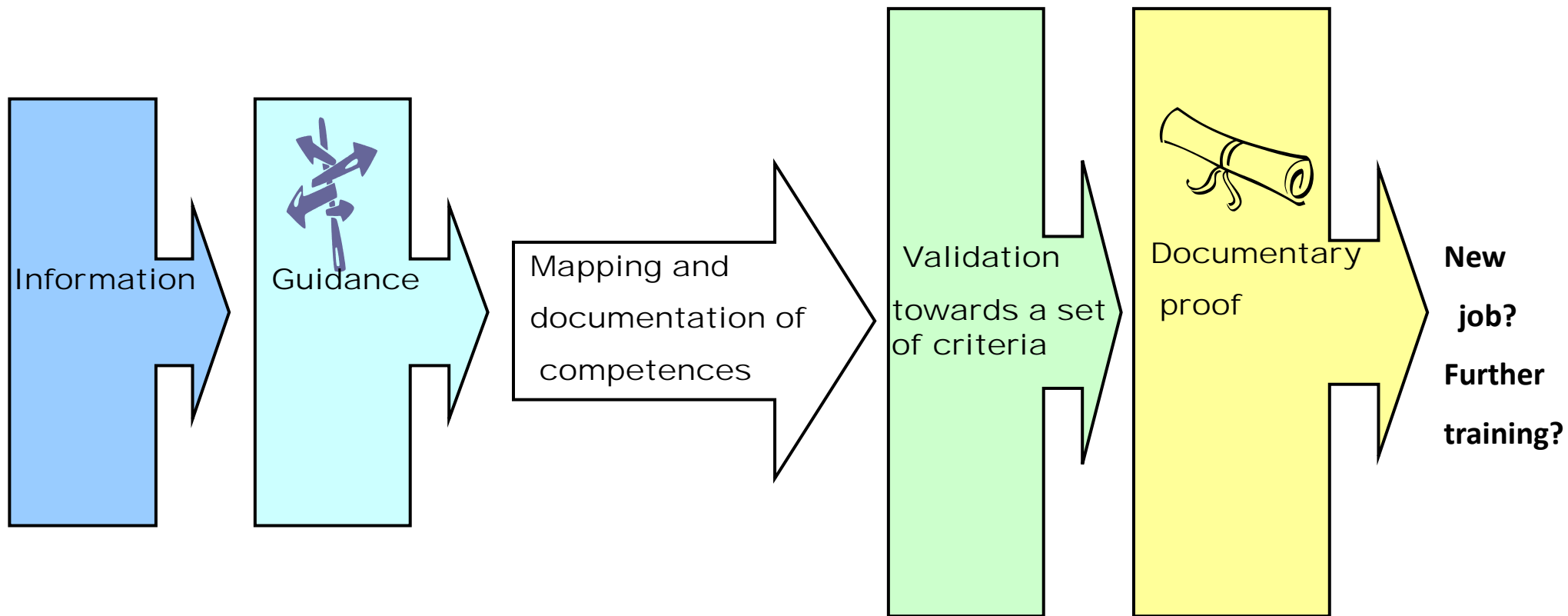
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Validation in Education sector

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National
curricula

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Local curricula

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Local curricula

Procedure, upper secondary education (Mary as a health care worker)

- 19 counties with centres for validation
- National curricula as criteria
- Different methods
- Documentation of results



Admission to higher education based on non-formal and informal learning

- For applicants who are 25 years or older without a general college and university admissions certification
 - Based on their informal and non-formal learning, adequate for the course concerned
 - The admittance procedures are decided locally
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Method: Analyse documents

- Mary needs to send in her documents

Method: Dialogue



Method: Vocational testing



What is prior learning?

- Film showing an employees prior learning, try the link:
- <http://www.vox.no/templates/CommonPage.aspx?id=2616&eplanguage=NO>
- www.vox.no / English / validation / video

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