

Sectoral Credible Quality Flexible

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As an integrated framework the SCQF includes all qualifications for

Schools

Colleges

Universities

There are also qualifications from

Companies (public and private sector)

Professional awarding organisations

Charitable organisations (Third Sector)

THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

This Framework diagram has been produced to show the mainstream Scottish qualifications already credit rated by SQA and HEIs. However, there are a diverse number of learning programmes on the Framework, which, due to the limitations of this format, cannot be represented here. For more information, please visit the SCQF website at www.scqf.org.uk to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	SVQs/MAc	
12			↑	Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11				Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship SVQ 5
10				Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship
9				Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate
8		Higher National Diploma		Diploma Of Higher Education	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 2
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ 1
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3				
2	National 2, Awards				
1	National 1, Awards				



scottish credit and
qualifications framework

European Qualification Framework

EQF (European)	QCF (England & N Ireland)	CQFW (Wales)	SCQF (Scotland)	NFQ IE (Ireland)
8	8	8	12	10
7	7	7	11	9
6	6	6	10/9	8/7
5	5/4	5/4	8/7	6
4	3	3	6	5
3	2	2	5	4
2	1	1	4	3
1	E3	E3	3	2/1
	E2	E2	2	
	E1	E1	1	

How does learning get onto the SCQF?

Process of Credit Rating:

- Regardless of the type of qualifications
- One set of guidance used by all Credit Rating Bodies
- One set of level descriptors

Credit Rating Bodies:

- Universities
 - Colleges
 - Scottish Qualifications Authority
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- City & Guilds
 - Chartered Banker Institute
 - Institute of Leadership and Management
 - Scottish Police College
 - ICAS
 - Institute of Counselling

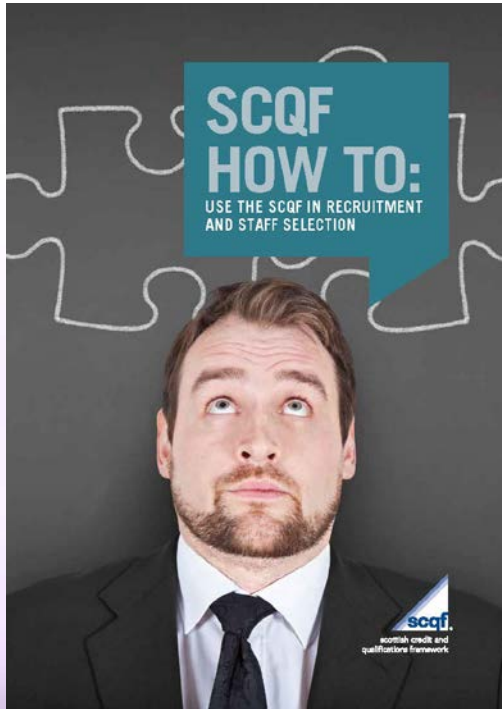
How does SCQF engage with employers?

- Multinational companies
- Sector skills councils
- Sectoral awarding organisations
- Trade Unions
- Federation of Small Businesses
- Institute of Directors
- Chambers of Commerce
- Other employer membership organisations

Mechanisms for engagement

- Credit rating
- Recruitment and selection
- Workforce development

3 guides for employers



Benefits for employers

- Gives an understanding of academic and vocational qualifications and employee skill levels
- Aligns learning programmes to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) via SCQF
- Gives recognition for in-house training via the process of credit rating
- Aids effective recruitment – Degree or Equivalent?
- Helps to recognise skills gaps
- Aids job evaluation processes and identify workforce development opportunities
- Improve company status

Benefits for employees

- Can give recognition for their learning and skills
- Helps them to understand the level of their learning
- Allows them to utilise their skills effectively
- Helps them to plan their career pathways
- Promotes company loyalty through effective workforce development
- Helps to increase confidence and motivation
- Aids learner mobility

- Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland working with International Federation of Accountants
- 20,000 members
- 100 countries around the world
- Chartered Accountant at SCQF Level 11

- Chartered Banker Institute is the only professional banking institute in the UK
- Links to European Banking & Financial Services Training Association (EBTN)
- 9 qualifications at SCQF levels 7 to 10





Microsoft[®]

6 Technical specialist qualifications
SCQF Levels 8 & 9



ORACLE[®]

Two qualifications at SCQF
Levels 7 & 8



12 qualifications at SCQF Levels 4, 5 & 6
Offered in schools and colleges

The National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health established 1979

- Offers a range of globally-recognised qualifications for health, safety and environmental management in the workplace
- 120 countries 600 course providers 50,000 students
- 16 qualifications on SCQF at Levels 5 – 11 with 4 international certificates



All the main snow sports countries are current members of the ISIA (the International Ski Instructors' Association) and BASIS is represented on the ISIA Board.

- Credit rated by the University of Edinburgh
- 5 disciplines
- 10 qualifications at SCQF Levels 6 & 7

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework Partnership

www.scqf.org.uk