

Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework

What is the SCQF?

The SCQF is Scotland's qualifications Framework which includes both vocational and academic qualifications. It is a tool that underpins and supports lifelong learning in Scotland and enables learners, learning providers and employers to understand the full range of Scottish qualifications and how they relate to each other. The Framework enables more flexible progression across all learning sectors.

Qualifications are placed in the Framework by allocating them a level and SCQF credit points.

The level shows how demanding a qualification is and the SCQF credit points show the amount of learning involved. 1 SCQF credit point represents the amount of learning achieved through a notional 10 hours learning time.

Several sectors are currently working to implement and develop the SCQF, including Health, Community Learning and Development and Social Services.

SCQF level	SQA National Units, Courses and Group Awards	Higher Education	Scottish Vocational Qualifications
12		Doctorates	
11		Masters	SVQ 5
10		Honours degree Graduate diploma	
9		Ordinary degree Graduate certificate	
8		Higher National Diploma Diploma in Higher Education	SVQ 4
7	Advanced Higher	Higher National Certificate Certificate in Higher Education	
6	Higher		SVQ 3
5	Intermediate 2 Credit Standard Grade		SVQ 2
4	Intermediate 1 General Standard Grade		SVQ 1
3	Access 3 Foundation Standard Grade		
2	Access 2		
1	Access 1		

Scottish Vocational Qualifications have been provisionally placed in the Framework and work is underway to formally allocate SCQF level and credit. This will be taken forward by the Scottish Qualifications Authority, working in partnership with other UK Regulatory Bodies, Sector Skills Councils and Awarding Bodies.

Where can I access more information on the SCQF?

More information on the SCQF is available on www.scqf.org.uk

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