

# THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

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**The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) promotes lifelong learning in Scotland and is a way of comparing the wide range of Scottish qualifications and learning programmes. It covers achievements such as those from school, college, university, and the workplace.**

It supports everyone in Scotland by:

- helping people of all ages and circumstances access appropriate education and training so they can meet their full potential;
- helping employers, learners and the general public to understand the full range of Scottish qualifications, how qualifications relate to each other and to other forms of learning, and how different types of qualification can contribute to improving the skills of the workforce.

The SCQF helps describe both programmes of learning and qualifications, support the development of progression routes and maximise the opportunities to transfer credit points between qualifications.

The SCQF also helps to illustrate the relationships between Scottish qualifications and those in the rest of the UK, Europe and beyond, which can clarify opportunities for international progression routes and credit transfer.

For more information on the SCQF, visit [www.scqf.org.uk](http://www.scqf.org.uk) or contact the team on **0845 270 7371**.

For information on the SCQF level and credit points for learning programmes which have been credit rated, search the SCQF database at [scqf.org.uk/the-framework/search-database/](http://scqf.org.uk/the-framework/search-database/).



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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.scf.org.uk](http://www.scf.org.uk) to view the interactive version of the Framework or search the Database.

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	SVQs/MAs	
12	Some SQA qualifications are changing between 2013-2016. See <a href="http://www.sqa.org.uk/readyreckoner">www.sqa.org.uk/readyreckoner</a>			↑	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	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
8		Higher National Diploma	↓	Diploma Of Higher Education	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4	
7	Advanced Higher Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3	
6	Higher	↑			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3	
5	National 5 Intermediate 2			↓	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 2	
4	National 4 Intermediate 1	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ 1	
3	National 3 Access 3					
2	National 2 Access 2					
1	National 1 Access 1					