

SCQF Partnership Study Visits and Consultancy Services



scottish credit and
qualifications framework

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

Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework:

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) is internationally recognised and highly regarded and the SCQF Partnership has built up over 15 years of expertise in Framework development and implementation.

- Scotland's lifelong learning framework with 12 levels of qualifications
- a unified framework bringing together all main Scottish academic and vocational qualification systems
- recognises formal, non-formal and informal learning
- 11,500 qualifications and learning programmes on the SCQF
- created in 2001, one of the oldest frameworks in the world
- SCQF Partnership created in 2006 to oversee the quality and integrity of the Framework; promote and develop the Framework and manage relationships with other frameworks within UK, EU and worldwide
- key part of Scottish Government's education, training and skills policy



“The SCQF Partnership and practitioners have helped us all to better understand and frame our education and skills system.”

John Swinney MSP

Deputy First Minister, Cabinet Secretary
for Education and Skills, Glasgow 2018

The SCQF Partnership Team has built extensive knowledge and experience since the creation of the SCQF in 2001 and is regularly requested to provide expert guidance on qualifications framework development.

International consultancy

A wide range of consultancy services can be offered on a costed basis to interested parties in Europe and internationally. Topics include:

- advice on development of level descriptors
- implementing a Qualifications Framework (QF)
- allocating levels and credits to programmes of learning
- capacity building of institutions and individuals
- developing employer engagement strategies
- developing partnership and communication strategies and plans to support a QF
- developing tools to assess QF impact



International projects

The SCQF Partnership has been involved in many QF related projects over the years and can bring a wealth of knowledge and insight to other frameworks. Some of the more recent projects the Partnership has been involved with are:

- Referencing to the Hong Kong Qualifications Framework
- Referencing to the Bahrain Qualifications Framework
- Supporting the development and implementation of the QF in Macedonia
- Erasmus+ projects: NQF-in (looking at inclusion of non-formal learning) and D'Ahoy (skills frameworks)



More detailed information on our international projects and consultancy work can be found on our website www.scqf.org.uk

International study visits

The SCQF Partnership can organise study visits and sessions for groups visiting Scotland who wish to understand the Framework in more detail and hear about how the SCQF supports policies in education and training.

The visits can be tailored to suit the needs of the group and, in addition to providing information on our experience in the development of frameworks, qualification database development, allocating levels and credits, recognition of prior learning and quality assurance, we can also arrange visits to partner organisations such as colleges, universities, national skills and awarding agencies and credit rating bodies. This means that we can also provide input and information on:

- careers information and advice
- skills development and apprenticeships
- working with state and social partners
- taking account of key sectors and employers
- the structures, qualifications and quality assurance in general, vocational and tertiary education



Study visits can be tailored to suit individual groups' needs and can, if required, incorporate networking opportunities and cultural activities. Example visit programmes and costs can be found on our website www.scqf.org.uk

If you are interested in discussing a project or arranging a study visit, please contact the Partnership to allow us to establish your exact requirements and provide a provisional proposal and costing.

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