

Information Note Series 5:

Becoming an SCQFP Approved Credit Rating Body

5.3 A statement on eligibility of non-UK based organisations and CRB status

The SCQF Partnership requires all Credit Rating Bodies (CRBs) to meet our Quality Assurance Model criteria and to participate in our model for quality review. Any application from a body based wholly outside of the UK would need to fully meet these requirements.

An applicant body needs to be able to demonstrate that it has a track record of operating in Scotland or for the Scottish market. It needs to demonstrate that it designs and offers programmes which can and have been undertaken by Scottish candidates or that its programmes are actively available and relevant to Scottish candidates. This requirement is the same as that required of any UK based organisations wishing to become a CRB.

Therefore in any application from a body outside of the UK would be required to demonstrate:

- any promotion carried out in Scotland or in the UK of programmes;
- the actual and potential number of Scottish candidates undertaking the organisation's programmes;
- the benefits of SCQF credit rating to learners successfully completing existing credit rated programmes and why it would be important for them. So, for example, the number of successful learners who would use SCQF credit to access further learning in the Scotland/UK or the number of those who would use SCQF credit to access the Scottish/UK job market;
- existing partnerships with UK education bodies and organisations.

The SCQF Partnership would strongly recommend that, prior to any application being made, a full analysis of the approval criteria is carried out by the applicant body to determine whether it meets these criteria and that an initial conversation is held with SCQFP Officers to discuss that analysis.