

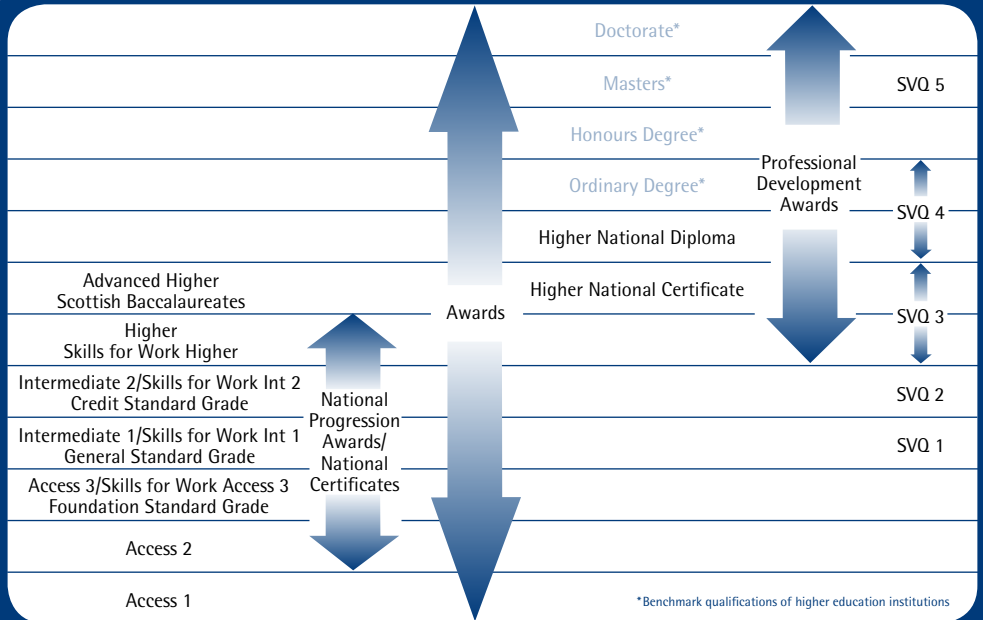


SQA Qualifications in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework



SCQF Levels

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*Benchmark qualifications of higher education institutions

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) helps people to understand and compare different qualifications in Scotland.

It does this by using two measures:

Levels (1-12) show how complex the learning of a qualification is.

Credit points indicate the volume of learning required to achieve a qualification.

One SCQF credit point represents 10 notional learning hours.

SQA qualifications are developed using SCQF level and credit points. This information is shown on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate. The Ready Reckoner shows the level and credit points for SQA Units, Courses and Group Awards.

Units ¹	
Type	SCQF credit points
Higher National Units SCQF levels 5-12	8
National Units SCQF level 7	8
National Units SCQF levels 1-6	6
SVQ Units SCQF levels 4-12	varies

National Units at SCQF levels 1-6, made up of 40hrs guided learning and 20hrs self-directed learning, have 6 SCQF credit points.

National Units at SCQF level 7 and all Higher National Units, made up of 40hrs guided learning and 40hrs self-directed learning, have 8 SCQF credit points.

National Courses		
	SCQF level	SCQF credit points
Advanced Higher	7	32
Higher	6	24
Intermediate 2	5	24
Intermediate 1	4	24
Access 3	3	18
Access 2	2	18

Standard Grades		
	SCQF level	SCQF credit points
Credit	5	24
General	4	24
Foundation	3	24

Group Awards				
	SCQF level	SCQF credit points		SCQF level
Higher National Diploma	8	240	Awards ²	1-12
Higher National Certificate	7	96	Professional Development Awards ²	6-12
National Certificates	4-6 2-3	72 54	National Progression Awards ²	2-6

Scottish Baccalaureates	
SCQF level	SCQF credit points
7	104

Scottish Vocational Qualifications ³	
	SCQF level
SVQ 5	11
SVQ 4	8-9
SVQ 3	6-7
SVQ 2	5
SVQ 1	4

¹ Fractional SQA Units are given proportionate SCQF credit points.

² These are flexible Group Awards. SCQF credit points will vary according to the number of credits that they are made up of.

³ Please refer to SQA's website for information on SVQs. The allocation of SCQF credit points and levels to SVQs will be undertaken as and when they are revised.