



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 a notional 10 learning hours.

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



Units	
Type	SCQF credit points
Higher National Units Any SCQF level	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.

*Please refer to the SQA website for information on Scottish Group Awards, Scottish Progression Awards and the SVQ Credit Rating project due to complete in March 2008.

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	Professional Development Awards	6-12
Higher National Certificate	7	96	National Progression Awards	2-6
National Certificates	4-6 2-3	72 54		

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

SCQF credit points will vary according to the number of Units that make up the above qualifications.