

Scottish Progression Award in Aquaculture





If you work in the Aquaculture industry, or if you are thinking about a career in Aquaculture, you might be interested in the Scottish Progression Award (SPA) in Aquaculture.

This new qualification is for anyone working part-time in the industry or anyone who is at school or college and would like an introductory course in Aquaculture. The SPA will equip you with the basic skills, knowledge and understanding to work in the industry. It will help you to progress to more advanced qualifications, such as the SVQs (at levels 2 and 3) in Aquaculture, or eventually to the HNC in Fish Farm Production Management and to the HND in Fish Husbandry. From this route, you could progress to a university degree in Aquaculture or Marine Science.



You can do an SPA in any of the following areas:

◆ Salmon ◆ Trout ◆ Mussels ◆ Oysters ◆ Scallops

What are Scottish Progression Awards?

Scottish Progression Awards (SPAs) have been designed by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) as a good way to get yourself started on the road to getting a qualification that recognises the skills and knowledge which you use in your work, or which you will gain during work placement or work experience.

You can study to build up the knowledge and understanding at a college, a school, or a training centre (and, in time, you'll also be able to do it online). A work placement can be organised if you need it.

What are the benefits of doing the SPA in Aquaculture?

The SPA has been designed to:

- ◆ Provide a nationally-recognised qualification
- ◆ Give you hands on experience of the industry
- ◆ Provide you with the knowledge and understanding to work in the industry
- ◆ Provide links to other qualifications including SVQs
- ◆ Help with career progression

More about the SPA

The SPA in Aquaculture is made up of four Units – these vary, depending on which area you choose to do your SPA in. The Units give you an introduction to the industry. Some cover the knowledge and skills for the husbandry and hatchery, and Health and Safety is also stressed.

Units that make up the qualification for Salmon and Trout Farming

- 1 Introduction to fish farming
- 2 Husbandry
- 3 Harvesting
- 4 Hatchery

Units that make up the qualification for Mussel, Oyster and Scallop Farming

- 1 Introduction to fish farming
- 2 Husbandry
- 3 Harvesting
- 4 Spat collection

Units that make up the qualification for Oyster Farming

- 1 Introduction to fish farming
- 2 Husbandry
- 3 Harvesting
- 4 Hatchery



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