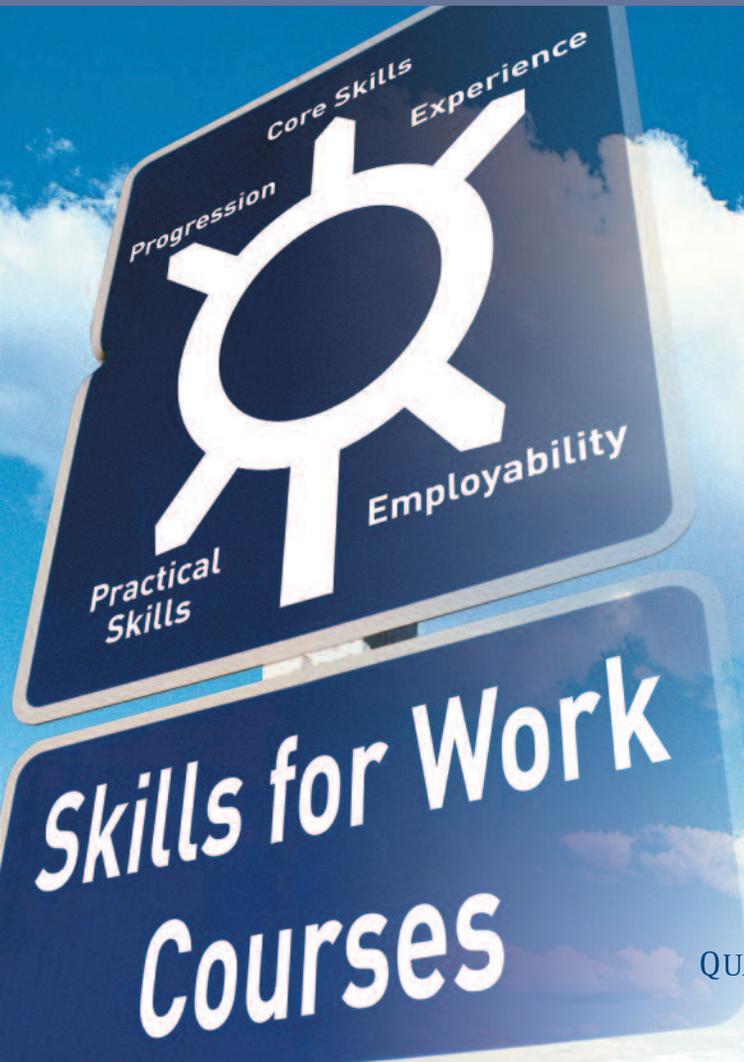


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Skills for Work Courses

Equipping young people with the skills they need for the world of work

From August 2007, a new range of Skills for Work Courses will be available. They are mainly for pupils in third and fourth year of secondary school, and they focus on the world of work.

These new qualifications encourage young people to become familiar with the world of work. They provide a variety of practical experiences that are linked to particular careers. The Courses will help young people to develop knowledge and skills that will be important for employment – and for life in general.

Young people taking one of these new Skills for Work Courses will normally spend some of their time at a local college, or other training provider. This will mean learning in a different environment, meeting new people and facing new challenges.

Skills for Work Courses provide young people with good opportunities to develop their self-confidence. They also aim to provide a very positive learning experience. For many young people, an early chance to work on practical skills that relate directly to jobs will provide real benefits.

Real benefits

Skills for Work Courses will help young people to acquire knowledge and develop skills that will be useful in work and for life in general. For example:

- an understanding of the workplace, including their own responsibilities (eg time-keeping, appearance, customer care)
- how to evaluate their own progress, strengths and weaknesses
- how to analyse and solve problems
- how to be adaptable and have a positive attitude to change

Achieving the Course

The young person's achievement will be assessed throughout the Course.

These Courses will be awarded upon successful completion of the Units that make up the Course. There is no final exam or grading. Assessment will involve a range of different tasks, including practical assignments, short tests and keeping personal records.

The Course will appear on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate in the same way as any other National Course.

Courses available from 2007–2008

Access 3 (SCQF level 3)

- Practical Experiences: Construction and Engineering

Intermediate 1 (SCQF level 4)

- Construction Crafts
- Early Education and Childcare
- Engineering
- Hairdressing
- Hospitality and Catering
- Rural Skills
- Sport and Recreation

Intermediate 2 (SCQF level 5)

- Construction Crafts
- Early Education and Childcare
- Financial Services
- Sport and Recreation

Higher (SCQF level 6)

- Health and Social Care





More information

Schools and colleges participating in the pilot have more detailed information on these new Courses. Details are also available on our website:

www.sqa.org.uk/skillsforwork.



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