

Competence in Energy



Fuelling the Future



Oil and gas are the life blood of the economy – not just in Scotland but worldwide.

It is a demanding industry to work in, however, operating in some of the most challenging places on the planet. In these tough environments, everyone has to know how to do their job effectively, and be able to rely on the next person to do the same.

It is vital that everyone in the workforce is fully competent, and can prove their competence.

That's why SQA and OPITO are working together to provide qualifications that the industry recognises and can trust.

SQA – A Global Reputation

SQA is Scotland's national accreditation and awarding body. We are specialists in the development of qualifications and assessments.

Our qualifications are highly valued across the world.

Our reputation is founded on our track record of providing qualifications and assessments that are backed by rigorous quality assurance.

We have worked closely with the industry itself to develop a portfolio of awards that

are robust and yet flexible – ideally suited to the changing needs of this most demanding of industries.

In Partnership with OPITO

OPITO is a unique industry owned skills body. It exists solely to serve the global oil and gas industry to help improve the safety and skills of the workforce.

SQA and OPITO together provide the industry with a single source of world class vocational and educational qualifications and globally recognised certification.

Through this partnership, the demands of the industry will be met, giving employers full ownership of the skills and knowledge needed to ensure competency in its workforce and effective business, safety, and environmental performance.

The partnership will also work together with employers to identify gaps in the existing arrangements. We will ensure that the considerable employer investment returns greater value and is translated into successful learning within a structured framework which can be globally benchmarked, understood and acknowledged through formal qualifications and internationally recognised certification.

Together we are committed to developing the skills required today and to creating a clear path for career progression.

SQA Qualifications Overview

SQA offer qualifications at every level of the career ladder. They provide evidence of competence, routes for career progression, a framework for succession planning, and an aid for recruitment.

All qualifications are based on or aligned to National Occupational Standards. They are designed to support skills development and encourage lifelong learning in order to meet industry requirements for capability and capacity. Many are vocational, and we work in partnership with industry, education and government to develop them.

SQA qualifications are placed within the Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework (SCQF). This allows easy understanding and comparison of awards. The SCQF works in partnership with other frameworks within the UK and Europe to develop a greater understanding, and wider comparison of, qualifications in different countries.

SQA And The Oil and Gas Industry

SQA have developed qualifications to cover the core business areas of the Upstream and Downstream oil and gas industry.

These include:

- Production Process Operations – drilling extraction, processing and logistics
- Refinery Process Operations
- Process Engineering – design, installation, commissioning and maintenance

In addition, we cover the wider sustainable energy sector including:

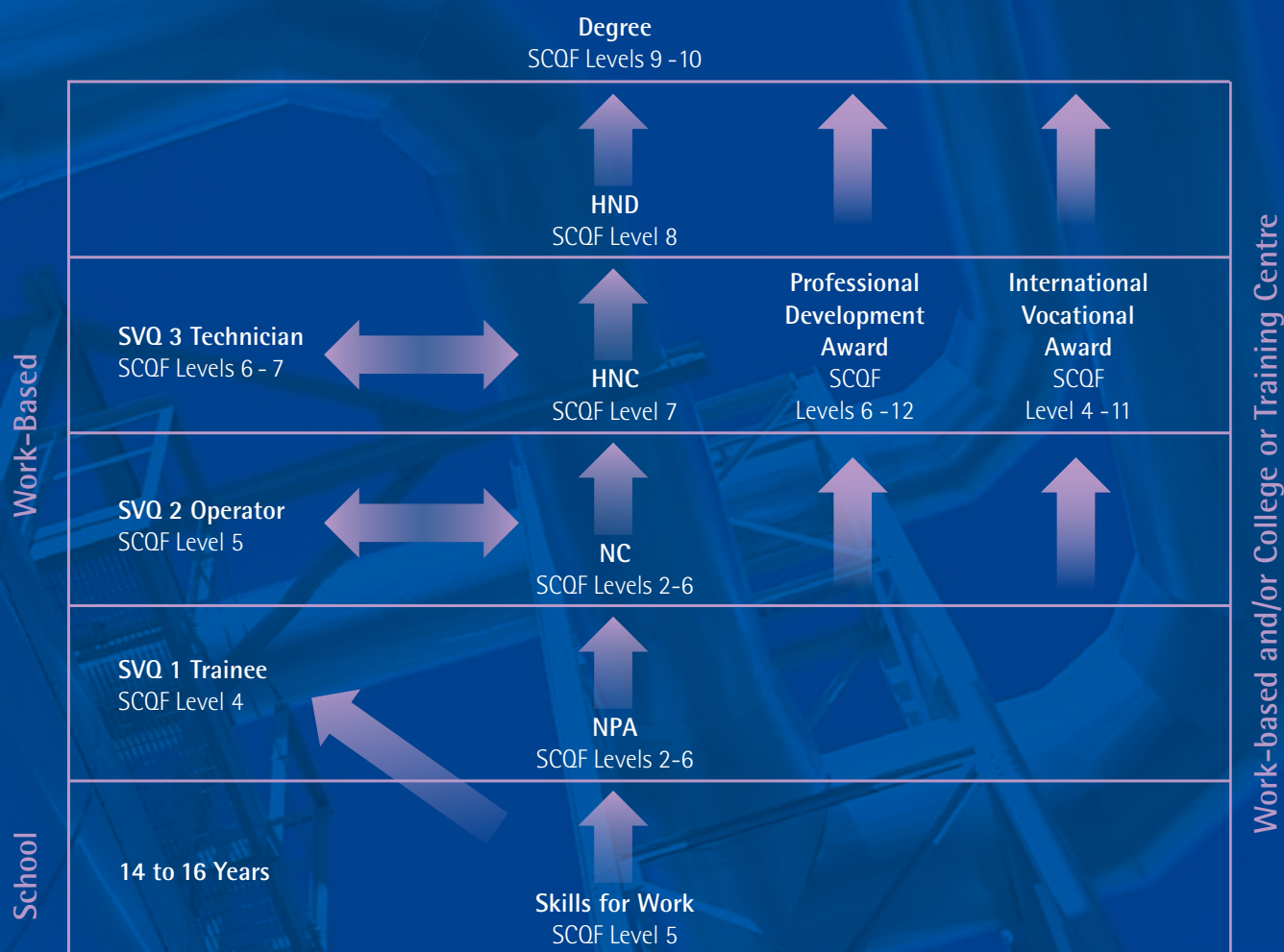
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Environmental Sciences
- Sustainable Environmental Management

Qualifications covering critical support disciplines such as management, ICT, Business and HR and Catering are also available.



Qualification Progression Model for the Oil and Gas Sector

This diagram shows more detail of how people can progress through SQA Oil and Gas qualifications from school to senior professional level.



Find Out More

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