

Unit equivalences: Core Skill Communication, National Literacy and National Certificate Communication

Core Skill: Communication (Core Skills Framework)	Literacy (Skills for Learning, Life and Work Framework)	National Certificate (NC) Communication at SCQF level 6
Core Skill: Communication allows progression from SCQF levels 2 to 6 and is used in schools and colleges, in community learning and development, and in work-based learning. It can be offered to 'early leavers' and is sometimes used as an alternative to Higher English.	This Unit is a mandatory Unit in the English Course at SCQF levels 3 and 4, and is for the school, college and community learning and development sectors. It can be taken as a freestanding Unit at SCQF levels 3, 4 and 5 only.	NC Communication at SCQF level 6 is offered in schools and colleges and is an alternative to Higher English when completed with the Literature 1 Unit. The Unit is internally assessed and is included in many SWAP programmes in order to articulate with higher education.
<p>Similarities to Literacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Covers the same skills ◆ Technical accuracy at Core Skill higher levels <p>Similarities to NC Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Covers the same skills ◆ All Outcomes have similar importance 	<p>Similarities to Core Skill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Covers the same skills <p>Similarities to NC Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Covers the same skills ◆ Main focus is on achieving a level in the skill 	<p>Similarities to Core Skill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Covers the same skills <p>Similarities to Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Main focus is on achieving a level in the skill
<p>Differences to Literacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Less technical accuracy at lower levels ◆ Part of a suite of skills all linked as Core Skills <p>Differences to NC Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 6 SCQF credit points ◆ Excludes fiction 	<p>Differences to Core Skill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Need to use formal continuous prose in Writing ◆ Doesn't look to develop any other skills explicitly — the Unit is about reaching a skill level in literacy rather than developing skills to be built on <p>Differences to NC Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Technical accuracy focus — need to use continuous prose ◆ 6 SCQF credit points 	<p>Differences to Core Skill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 12 SCQF credit points — suits a wide range of learners who need to reach the same end point but who may take different times to do so ◆ Does not exclude fiction ◆ Progression pathways tend to be different <p>Differences to Literacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Does not require continuous prose