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Executive Summary

This report provides an overview of qualification activity for SQA Accreditation approved awarding bodies for the second quarter of 2011–12 (July–September 2011). The data is obtained directly from awarding bodies as part of their quarterly submission requirements and as such they are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the data submitted.

Currently Accredited Qualifications

During the second quarter of 2011–12 there were 938 accredited qualifications. These consisted of 771 Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) (82% of all qualifications), 39 Regulatory and Licensing qualifications (4% of all qualifications) and 128 ‘other’ accredited qualifications (14% of all qualifications).

SQA Accreditation collects quarterly registration and certification data from all its approved awarding bodies. The following summarises the data for Q2 2011–12:

Scottish Vocational Qualifications — 10,069 SVQ registrations were received, across all levels; a decrease of 8% compared to the same quarter in the previous year. During the same period 10,271 SVQ certifications were submitted across all levels; a decrease of 18% compared to the same quarter in the previous year. As was the case last quarter (Q1, 2011–12), SVQ Levels 2 and 3 had the highest number of registrations and certifications, reflecting the high number of qualifications at these levels compared to other levels.

Regulatory and Licensing Qualifications — 2,788 Regulatory and Licensing registrations were submitted to SQA Accreditation; a decrease of 10% compared to Q2 2010–11. During the same period 2,603 Regulatory and Licensing certifications were submitted to SQA Accreditation; a decrease of 13% compared to the same period in 2010–11.

‘Other’ Qualification — 3,590 ‘other’ qualification registrations were submitted to SQA Accreditation; an increase of 882% compared to the same period in 2010–11. During the same period 3,664 ‘other’ certifications were submitted; an increase of 925% compared to Q2 2010–11.

Analysis by Awarding Body

It was clear from the data that different awarding bodies specialised in different qualification types, for example, SQA was the leading awarding body in terms of registering and certificating SVQ candidates, while BIIAB was the leader for Regulatory and Licensing Qualifications and NEBOSH was the front runner for ‘other qualifications’.

SVQs — SQA registered 8,399 candidates (83% of all SVQ registrations) and certificated 8,862 (86% of all SVQ certifications).

Regulatory and Licensing qualifications — BIIAB registered 1,517 candidates (54% of all Regulatory and Licensing registrations) and certificated 1,474 (56% of all Regulatory and Licensing certifications).

Other — NEBOSH registered 2,579 candidates (71% of all 'other' registrations) and certificated 2,945 (80% of all 'other' certifications).

Analysis by Area of Competence

Areas 007: Providing Goods and Services and Area 008: Providing Health, Social Care and Protective Services demonstrated the highest level of registrations and certifications for all qualification types.

Introduction

This statistical report is published by SQA Accreditation which is the national accrediting body for Scotland. We set and specify the requirements for accrediting qualifications in order to support the needs of learners and employers in Scotland. We do this by promoting and maintaining public confidence in accredited qualifications and approved awarding bodies.

The information shown has been produced from data provided to SQA Accreditation by the respective awarding bodies. Data covers SQA accredited qualifications during the second quarter of 2011–12 (July–September) and focuses on those candidates who were:

- Registered for an SQA accredited qualification
- Certificated for an SQA accredited qualification

At the point of accreditation, all qualifications are allocated a *qualification type* and an *area of competence*, which are used to classify qualifications in this report. This provides information on the number of registrations and certifications according to awarding body, area of competence, qualification type and level. Data may be revised in subsequent reports due to late submission or if any errors are identified.

For upcoming data submissions, the following deadline dates apply and must be adhered to by all awarding bodies in order to ensure consistency and accuracy of data in future reports:

- 20 January 2012 for Q3 2011–12 data (October to December 2011)
- 13 April 2012 for Q4 2011–12 data (January to March 2012)
- 13 July 2012 for Q1 2012–13 data (April to June 2012)
- 12 October 2012 for Q2 2012–13 data (July to September 2012)

Quarterly Statistics

SQA Accreditation has always accredited SVQs. In 2006 the remit was extended to accredit Regulatory and Licensing Qualifications and later in 2009 this remit was further opened up to include the accreditation of all qualifications excluding degrees. This report covers all qualifications types that we accredit, categorised as:

- Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs)
- Regulatory and Licensing Qualifications (R&L)
- 'Other' accredited qualifications

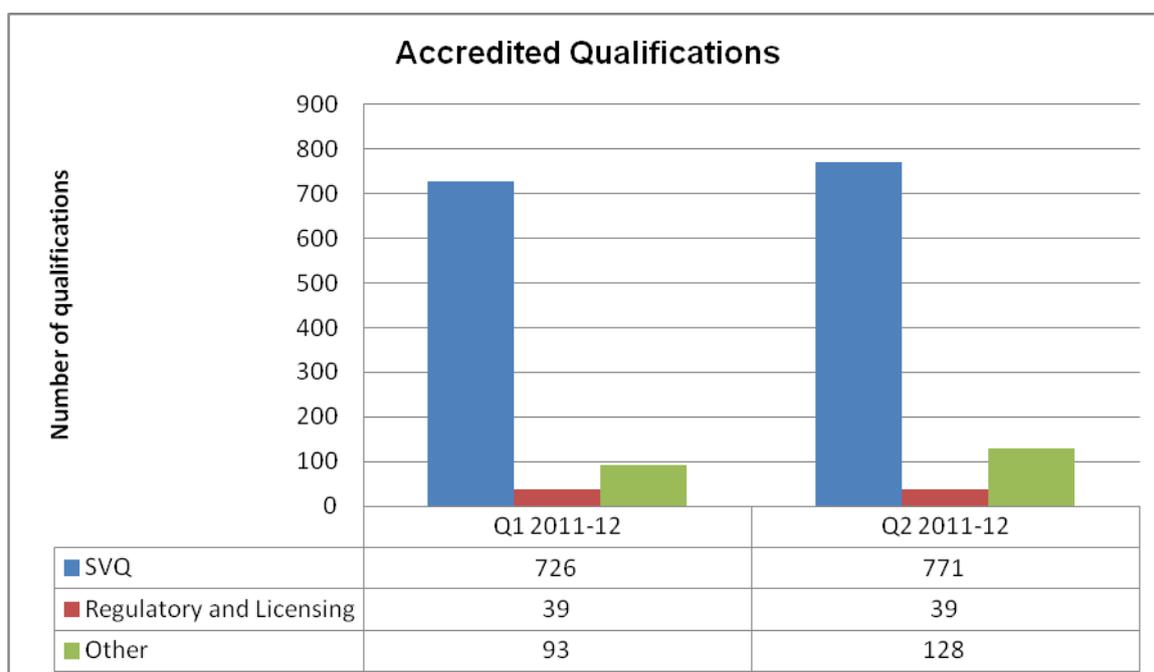
The report presents an overview of accreditation activity for the second quarter of 2011–12 (July–September 2011). It also reports qualifications statistics based on the data submitted to us by awarding bodies. Awarding bodies have responsibility for ensuring the accuracy of the data submitted.

Please note, City & Guilds data for this quarter has been omitted from this report because discussions are on-going to obtain clarification around data relating to SVQs which have pathways. When the data is available an addendum to this report will be produced and will be made available on the SQA Accreditation website.

Currently Accredited Qualifications

During the second quarter of 2011–12 there were 938 qualifications accredited by us. These are made up of 771 SVQs (82%), 39 Regulatory and Licensing qualifications (4%) and 128 'other' accredited qualifications (14%).

Figure 1 — Accredited Qualifications



The total number of qualifications accredited has increased from 858 in Q1 2011–12 to 938 in Q2 2011–12, this rise has come from a 6% increase in the number of accredited SVQs and a 37% increase in the number of ‘other’ qualifications accredited.

The most substantial growth occurred in the ‘other’ qualifications market. The increase may be attributed to two potential factors.

- The majority of new ‘other’ qualifications are from IMI Awards Limited and CMI.
- The increased awareness of SQA Accreditation’s extended remit to accredit a wider range of qualifications.

The areas with marginally more growth for ‘other’ qualifications were:

- Area 007: Providing Goods and Services
- Area 008: Providing Health, Social Care and Protective Services

Top 10 Registrations and Certifications

During the second quarter of 2011–12 (Jul–Sep) the following 10 qualifications experienced the highest number of registrations across all qualification types:

Table 1 - Top 10 performing qualifications in terms of Registrations

Qualification Title	Qualification Type	No. of Registrations
NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety	Other	1,621
SQA SVQ 2 in Health and Social Care	SVQ	1,158
BIIAB Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Holders	R&L	946
SQA SVQ 3 in Health and Social Care (Adults)	SVQ	688
EDI Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Holders (On-Sales and Off-Sales)	R&L	484
EAL SVQ 2 in Performing Engineering Operations at SCQF Level 5	SVQ	476
BIIAB Award in Door Supervision (Scotland)	R&L	402
SQA SVQ 3 in Children’s Care Learning and Development	SVQ	393
ITC Certificate in Outdoor First Aid	Other	379
NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety	Other	349

During the second quarter of 2011–12 (Jul–Sep) the following 10 qualifications experienced the highest number of certifications across all qualification types:

Table 2 - Top 10 performing qualifications in terms of certifications

Qualification Title	Qualification Type	No. of Certifications
NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety	Other	1,970
SQA SVQ 2 in Health and Social Care	SVQ	1,092
BIIAB Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Holders	R&L	905
SQA SVQ 3 in Carpentry and Joinery (Construction)	SVQ	629
SQA SVQ 3 in Health and Social Care (Adults)	SVQ	604
EAL SVQ 2 in Performing Engineering Operations (Engineering Practices)	SVQ	476
NEBOSH National Certificate in Construction Health and Safety	Other	428
BIIAB Award in Door Supervision (Scotland)	R&L	402
EDI Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Holders (On-Sales and Off-Sales)	R&L	385
ITC Certificate in Outdoor First Aid	Other	372

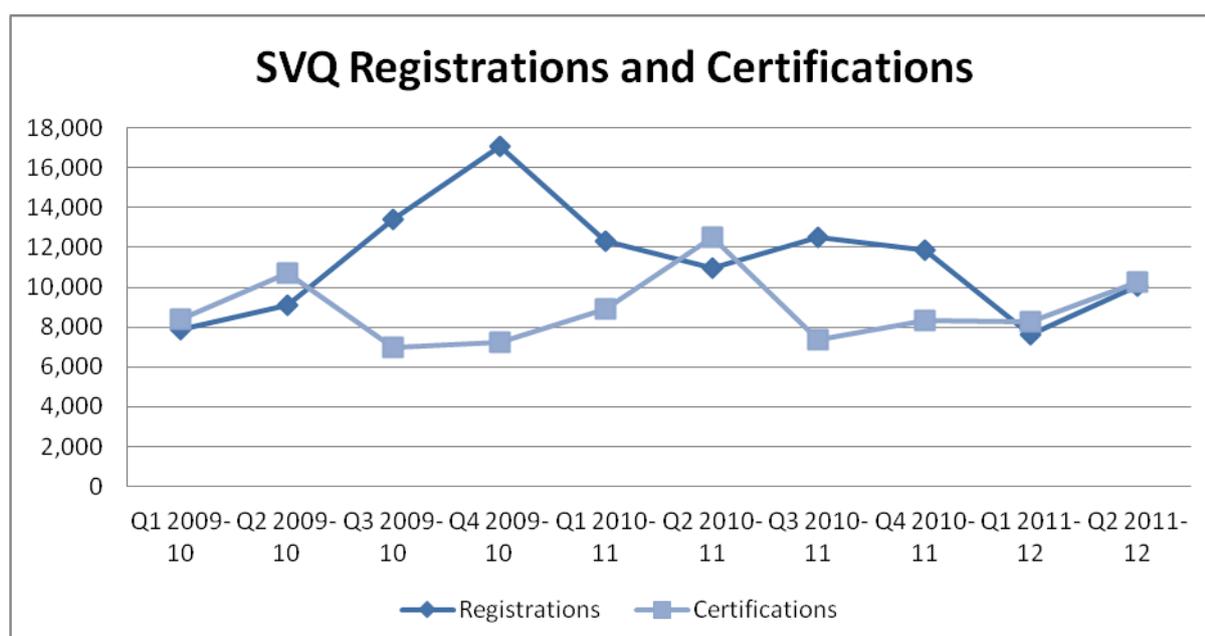
Analysis by Qualification Type

SQA Accreditation has collected SVQ data from awarding bodies for several years and is able to present trends in this data. Since starting to collect data for R&L and ‘Other’ qualifications in April 2010, it is now possible to start providing similar analysis across all qualification types without limiting statistics to SVQs.

Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs)

During the second quarter of 2011–12 (Jul–Sep) 10,069 SVQ registrations were received, across all levels.

Figure 2 - SVQ Registrations and Certifications



This is a decrease of 8% compared to the same time last year but an increase of 11% on the same time in 2009. During the same period 10,271 SVQ certifications were submitted across all levels; a decrease of 18% compared to the same quarter last year and a decrease of 4% on the same time in 2009.

These registrations and certifications cover 716 different qualifications offered by 17 different awarding bodies. During this quarter, SVQs represented 82% of all currently accredited qualifications, 61% of all registrations and 62% of all certifications.

The SVQ with the highest number of registrations this quarter was the SQA SVQ 2 in Health and Social Care with 1,158 registrations. This SVQ also experienced the highest number of certifications with 1,092.

Analysis by SVQ Level: SVQ Registrations and Certifications by Level

The majority of SVQ registrations were at Level 3, with 4,978 registrations representing 49% of SVQ registrations. The majority of SVQ certifications were at Level 3, with 4,747 certifications representing 46% of SVQ certifications during the second quarter of 2011–12 (Jul–Sep) (see Figures 3 and 4).

Figure 3 - Registrations by SVQ Level

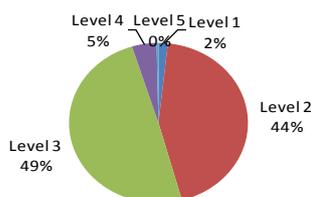
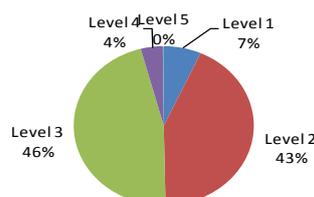


Figure 4 - Certifications by SVQ Level



The distribution of registrations and certification across levels remains relatively stable with the majority of registrations and certifications also being at Levels 2 and 3 for the last two quarter. Level 2 and 3 qualifications show higher levels of registrations and certification because there are considerably more of these qualifications relative to other levels as shown below.

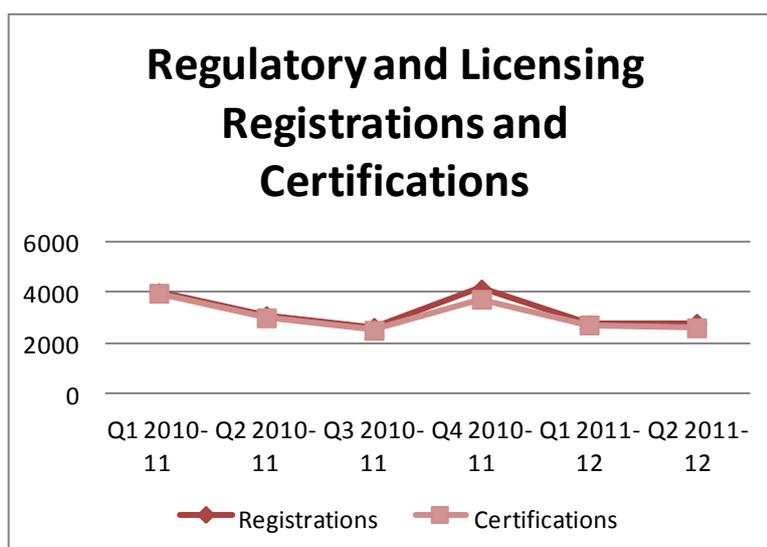
Level 1	47
Level 2	349
Level 3	310
Level 4	57
Level 5	8

This may be linked to the increased focus on Modern Apprenticeships (MA) for which these qualifications may form a considerable part. SQA Accreditation does not receive separate uptake figures for MAs to compare these with uptake for the same SVQ which is completed outwith an MA. However, in light of the fact that the Scottish Government marketed the MA as a flagship programme in the refreshed skills strategy by Scottish Government, 2010 it remains a reasonable connection to make.

Regulatory and Licensing Qualifications (R&L)

During the second quarter of 2011–12 (Jul–Sep) 2,788 Regulatory and Licensing registrations were submitted to SQA Accreditation. This is a decrease of 10% compared to the same time last year. During the same period 2,603 Regulatory and Licensing certifications were submitted to SQA Accreditation; also a decrease of 13% compared to the same quarter last year. The peak in Q4 2010–11 is largely related to the 616 registrations submitted by City & Guilds which were not submitted in Quarters 1 and 2 of 2011–12.

Figure 5 - Regulatory and Licensing Registrations and Certifications



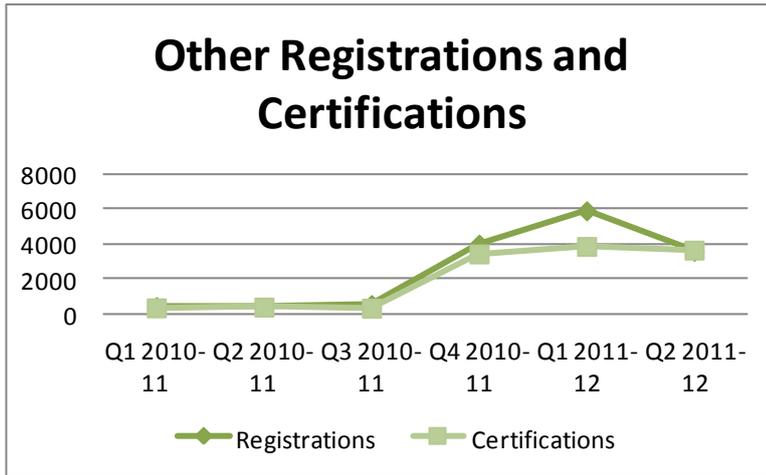
These registrations and certifications cover 39 different qualifications offered by ten different awarding bodies. During this quarter, Regulatory and Licensing Qualifications represented 4% of all currently accredited qualifications, 17% of all registrations and 16% of all certifications. The Regulatory and Licensing Qualification with the highest number of registrations this quarter was the BIIAB Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Holders (SCPLH) with 946 registrations. This qualification also experienced the highest number of R&L certifications with 905.

All Other Accredited Qualifications (Other)

During the second quarter of 2011–12 3,590 'other' qualification registrations were submitted to SQA Accreditation. This is an increase of 882% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. During the same period 3,664 'other' certifications were submitted; an increase of 925% compared to the same quarter of the previous year. The other qualifications category has shown a steady increase in registrations and certifications over the last year.

These registrations and certifications cover 89 different qualifications offered by 16 different awarding bodies. During this quarter, 'other' qualifications represented 14% of all currently accredited qualifications, 22% of all registrations and 22% of all certifications.

Figure 6 - 'Other' Registrations and Certifications



The 'other' qualification with the highest number of registrations this quarter was the NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety with 1,621 registrations. This qualification also experienced the highest number of 'other' certifications with 1,970.

Analysis by Awarding Body

During Q2 2011–12 (Jul–Sep) the awarding body with the highest number of SVQ registrations overall was SQA with 8,399 registrations (83% of all SVQ registrations). This awarding body also experienced the highest number of SVQ certifications overall with 8,862 certifications (86% of all SVQ certifications). For Regulatory and Licensing qualifications the top registering and certifying awarding body was BIIAB with 1,517 registrations (54% of all Regulatory and Licensing registrations) and 1,474 certifications (56% of all Regulatory and Licensing certifications). NEBOSH was the top registering and certifying awarding body for 'other' qualifications with 2,579 registrations (71% of all 'other' registrations) and 2,945 certifications (80% of all 'other' certifications).

Throughout Q2 2011–12, 1st4sport Qualifications, Active IQ, IRRV and WCSM all indicated that they had no registrations or certifications for any of their qualifications. In terms of breakdown by qualification type, awarding bodies tended to focus on specific qualification types with only EDI registering or certifying qualifications across all types (see Figures 7 and 8). Please note the scale used in these graphs has been adjusted to make the figures more readable in comparison with some high registering and certifying awarding bodies such as BIIAB, NEBOSH and SQA).

Figure 7 - Types of Registrations by Awarding Body

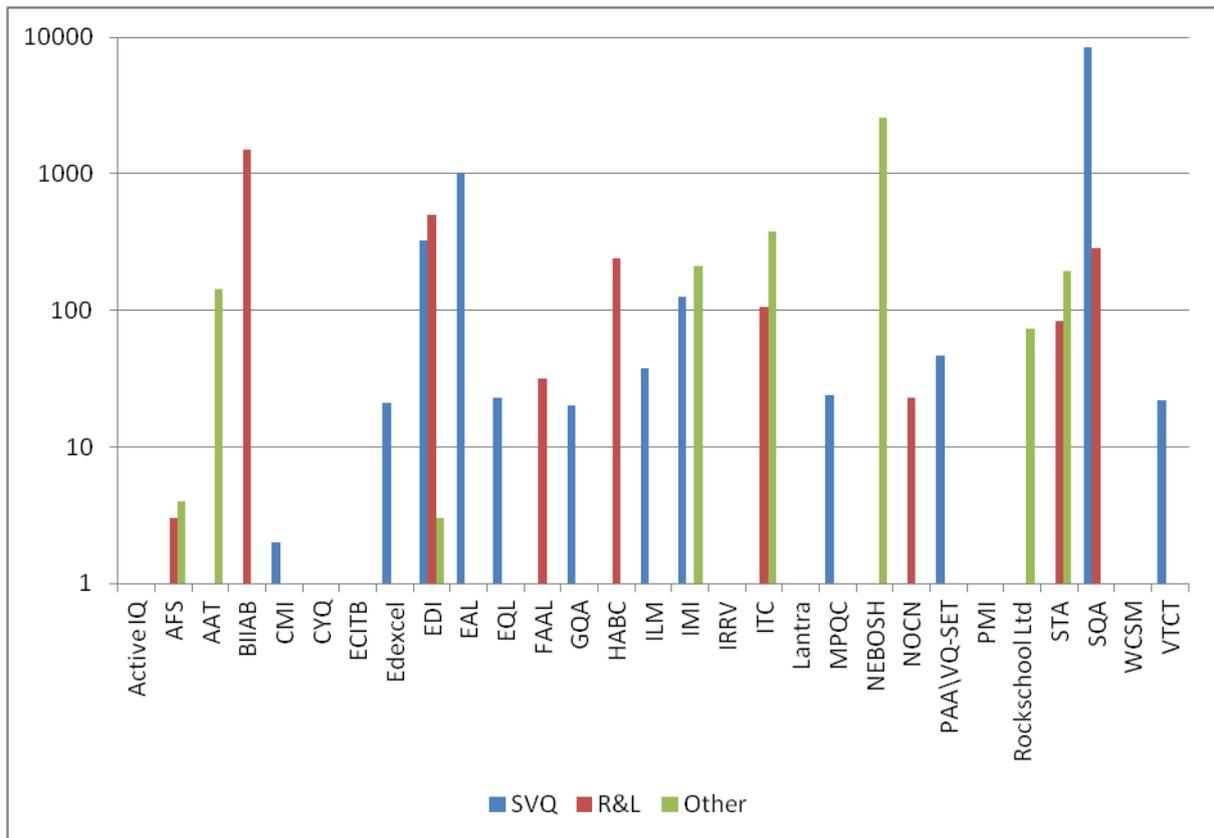
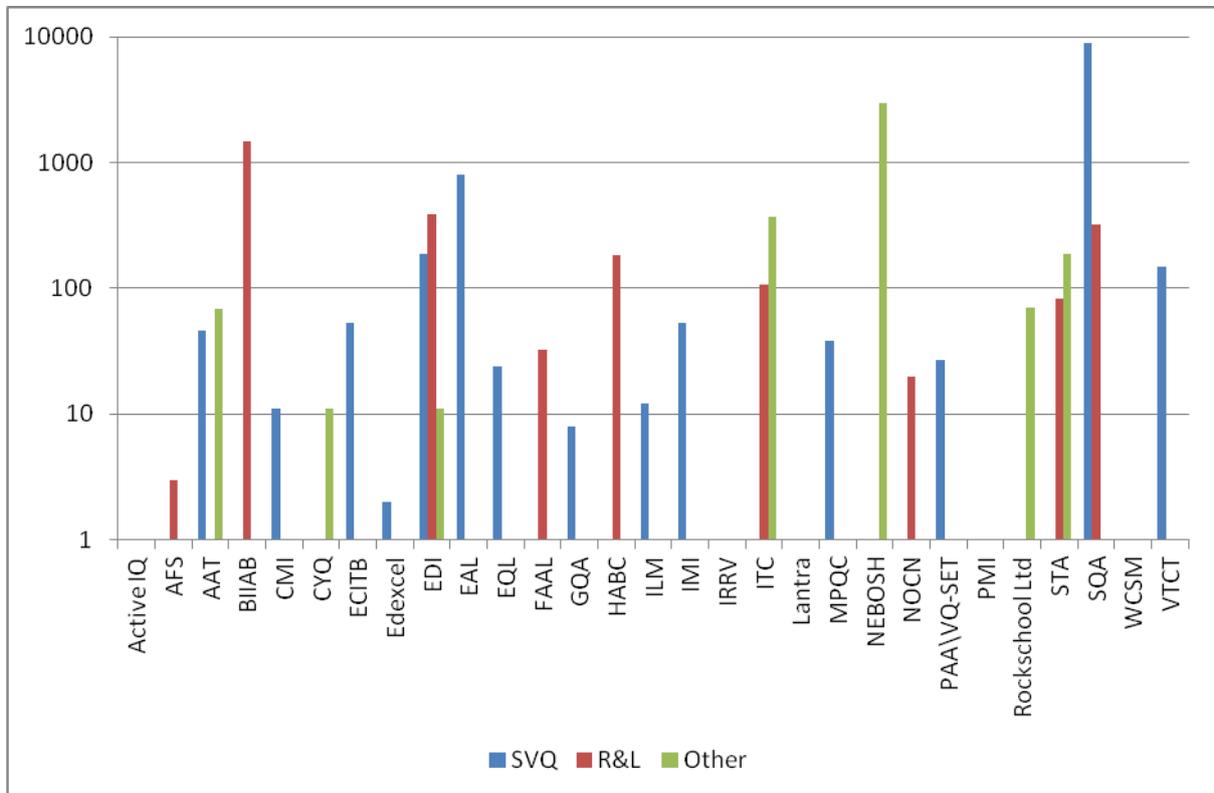


Figure 8 - Types of Certifications by Awarding Body



Analysis by Area of Competence

SQA Accreditation has developed 11 areas of competence. Each qualification is assigned an area of competence at the time of accreditation as shown below.

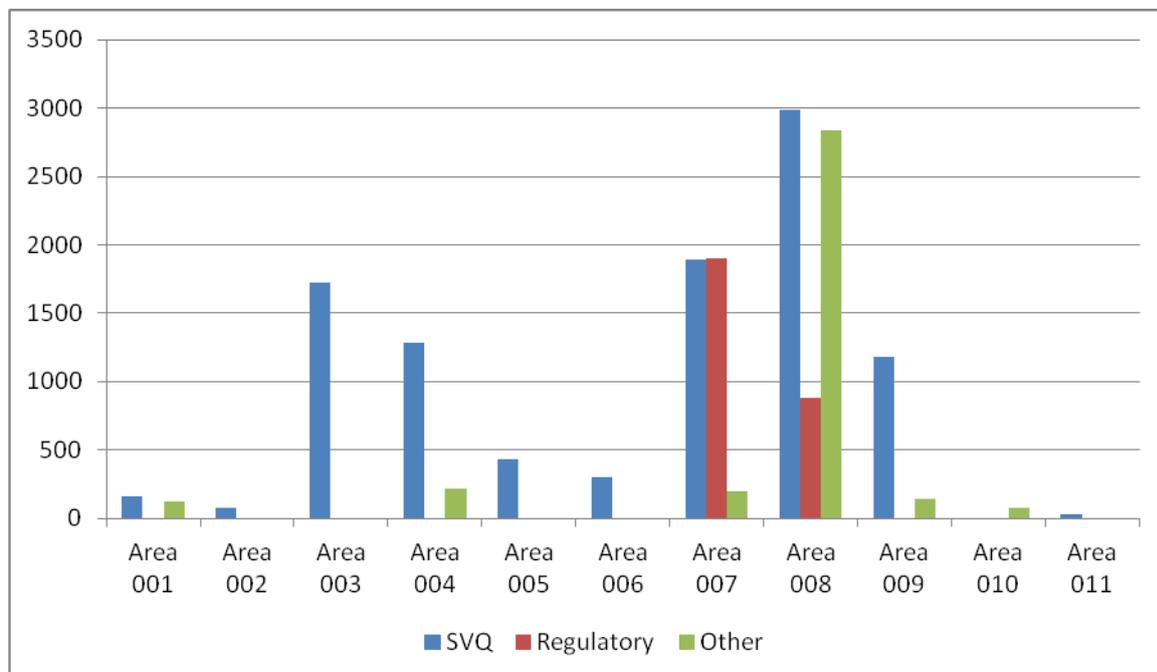
- 001 Tending Animals, Plants and Land
- 002 Extracting and Providing Natural Resources
- 003 Constructing
- 004 Engineering
- 005 Manufacturing
- 006 Transporting
- 007 Providing Goods and Services
- 008 Providing Health, Social Care and Protective Services
- 009 Providing Business Services
- 010 Communicating and Entertaining
- 011 Developing and Extending Knowledge and Skill

Each awarding body and Sector Skills Council has a responsibility for verifying the allocation of these areas on a monthly basis when they are published at the following website <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa//42336.html>. These classifications are combined with registration and certification data submitted by awarding bodies to produce the statistics below.

Registrations by Areas of Competence

Registrations across areas of competence vary considerably. The following diagram provides an overview of the number of registrations for each area of competence further broken down by qualification type.

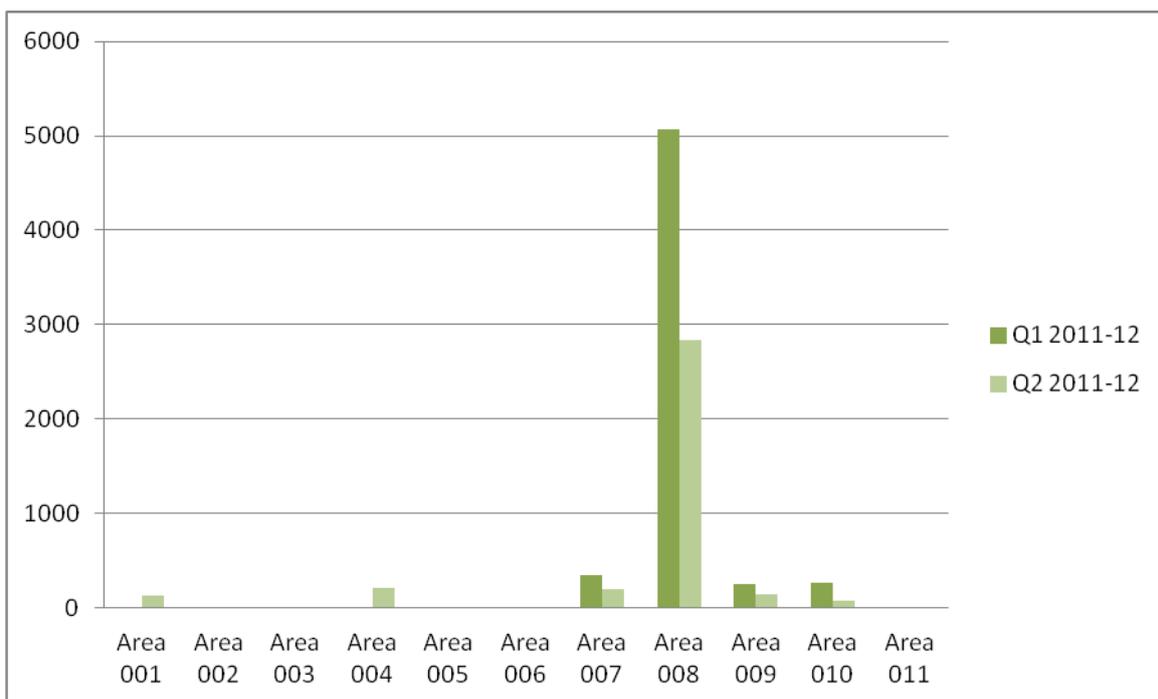
Figure 9 - Registrations by area of competence and qualification type



- The area of competence with the highest number of SVQ registrations was Area 008: Providing Health, Social Care and Protective Services with 2,985 registrations, representing 29% of SVQs during the second quarter of 2011–12 (Jul–Sep).
- The area of competence which experienced the highest number of Regulatory and Licensing registrations was Area 007: Providing Goods and Services with 1,902 registrations, representing 68% of Regulatory and Licensing qualifications during the second quarter of 2011–12 (Jul–Sep).
- The area of competence which experienced the highest number of 'other' registrations was Area 008: Providing Health, Social Care and Protective Services with 2,837 registrations, representing 79% of 'other' qualifications during the second quarter of 2011–12 (Jul–Sep).

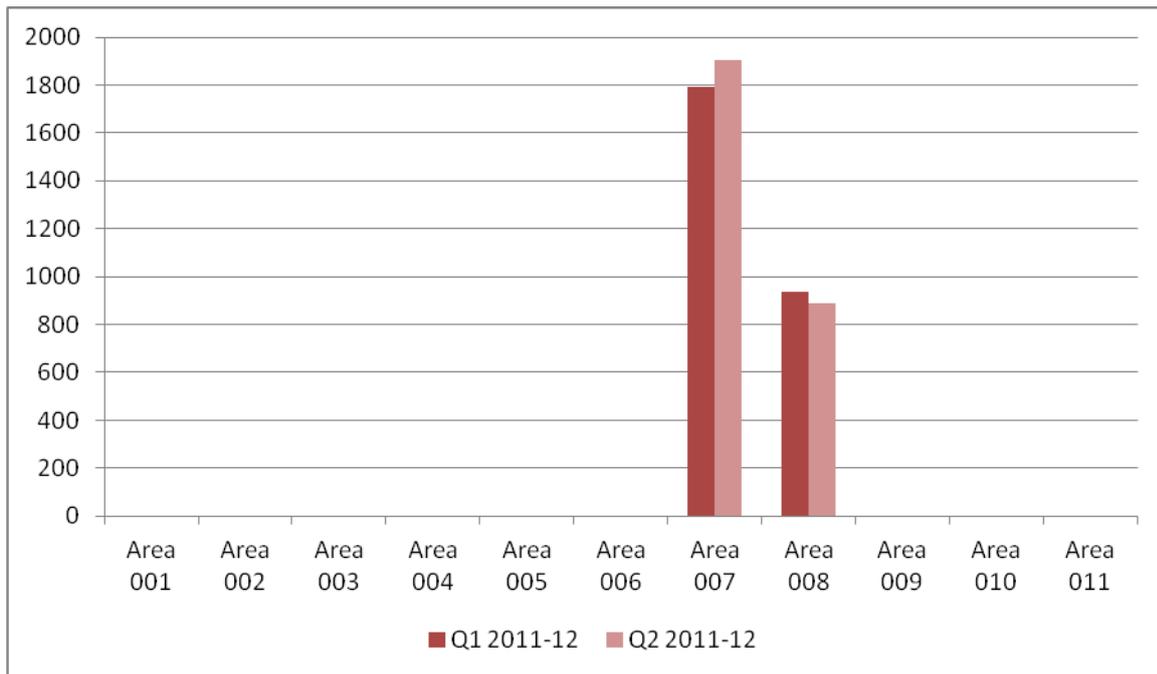
Compared to the previous quarter there appears to be a slight shift in the areas where 'other' provision is available as shown in Figure 10. For example, in the last quarter other qualifications were seen in areas 007, 008, 009 and 010. Yet in this quarter, 'other' qualifications are seen in Areas 001, 004, 007, 008, 009 and 010. Area 008 experienced the most significant drop in registrations with a 44% decrease.

Figure 10 - Quarterly Registrations for 'Other' Qualifications



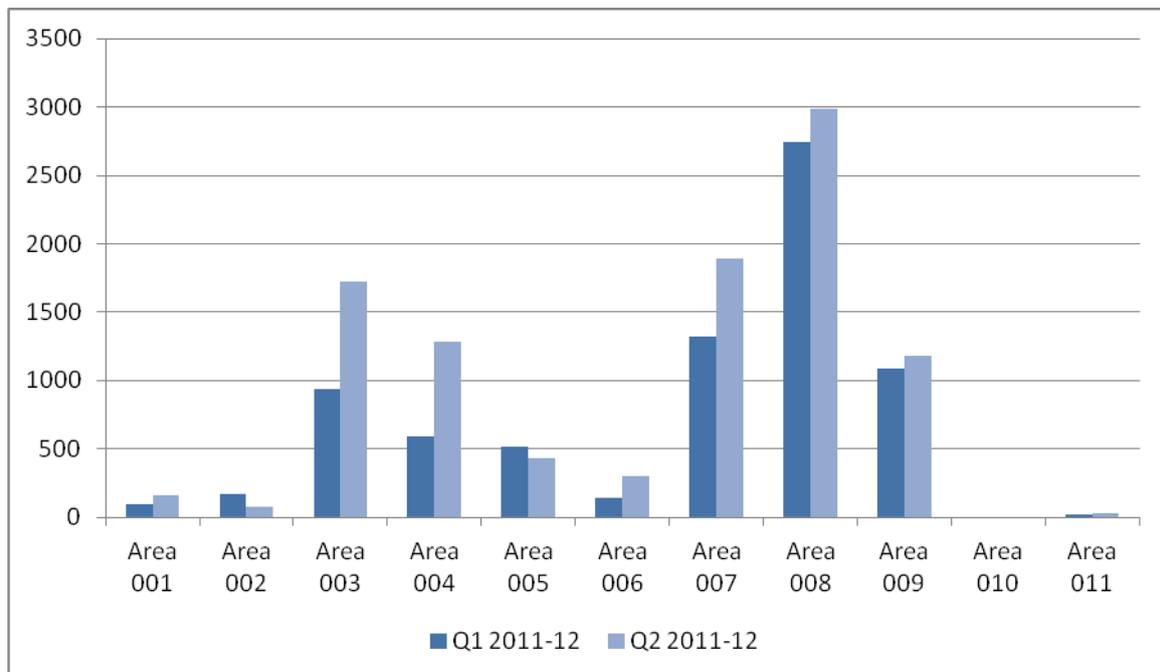
The distribution of qualifications across areas has changed slightly for the Regulatory and Licencing Qualifications with an increase of 6% for Area 007 and a decrease of 5% for Area 008 as shown in Figure 11. These qualifications are still only offered in the areas of Providing Goods and Services and Providing Health, Social Care and Protective Services.

Figure 11 – Quarterly Registrations for Regulatory and Licencing Qualifications



Similarly, for SVQs registrations, the range of areas has not changed as shown in Figure 12. Only Area 010 Communicating and Entertaining has no SVQ registrations. However, compared to the previous quarter there has been an increase in every area except Area 002 and Area 005.

Figure 12 - Quarterly Registrations for SVQs

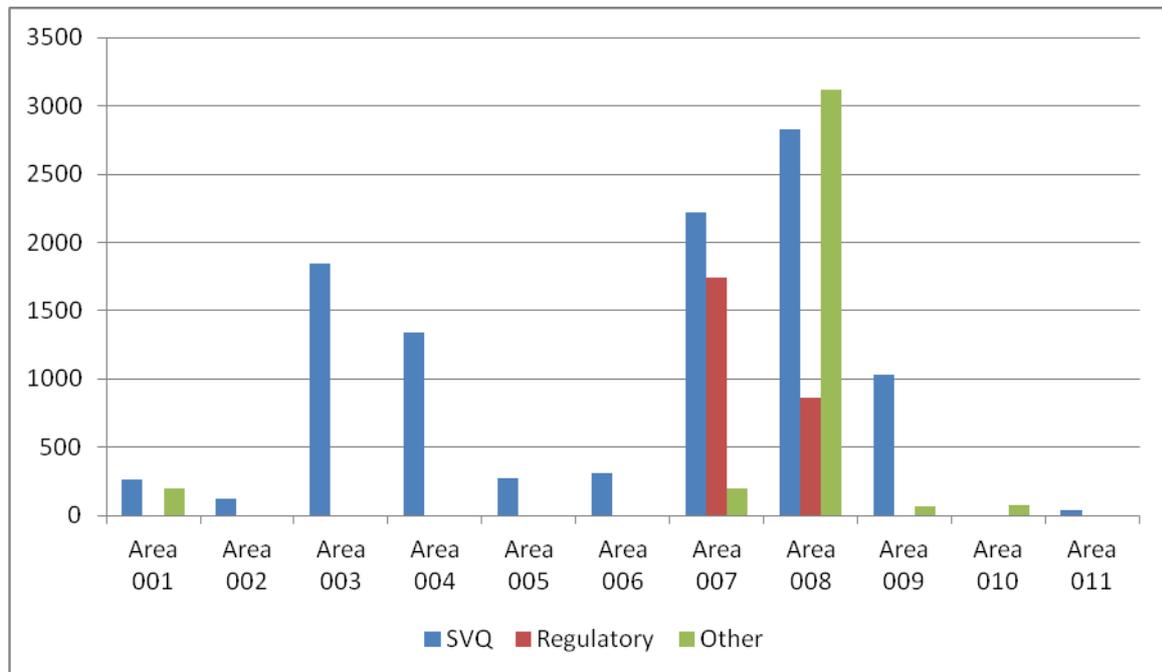


Certifications by Area of Competence

Certifications by area of competence are considerably lower than registrations, yet the general trends are similar in the sense that the most certifications were for areas 007 and 008 with fewer certifications in areas 001, 002, 010 and 011.

- The area of competence which experienced the highest number of SVQ certifications was Area 008: Providing Health, Social Care and Protective Services with 2,832 certifications, representing 27% of SVQs during this period.
- The area of competence which experienced the highest number of Regulatory and Licensing certifications was Area 007: Providing Goods and Services with 1,743 certifications, representing 67% of Regulatory and Licensing qualifications during the same period.
- The area of competence which experienced the highest number of 'other' certifications was Area 008: Providing Health, Social Care and Protective Services with 3,120 certifications, representing 85% of 'other' qualifications during the same period.

Figure 13 - Certifications by Area of Competence and Qualification Type



When comparing certifications to Q1 2011–12, the number and distribution of certifications across the areas of competence and qualification types remained fairly stable.

Analysis by Qualification Developer

SQA Accreditation focuses more prominently on analysis by area of competence rather than Sector Skills Councils or qualification developers because some SSCs develop qualifications across a range of sectors. Nevertheless the breakdown of registrations and certifications by qualification developer is presented in Figures 14 and 15 on pages 15 and 16.

Figure 14 - Types of Registration by Qualification Developer

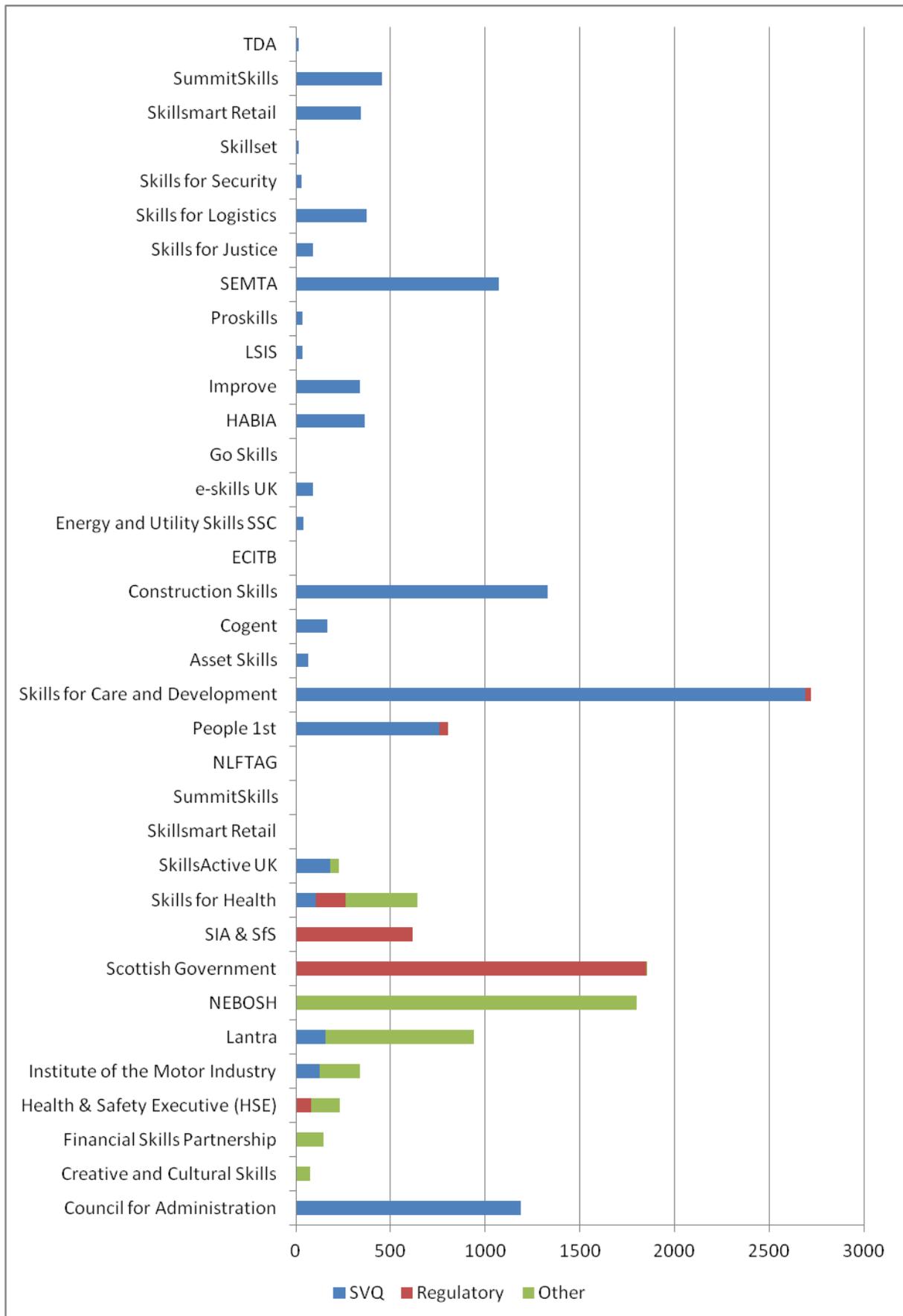
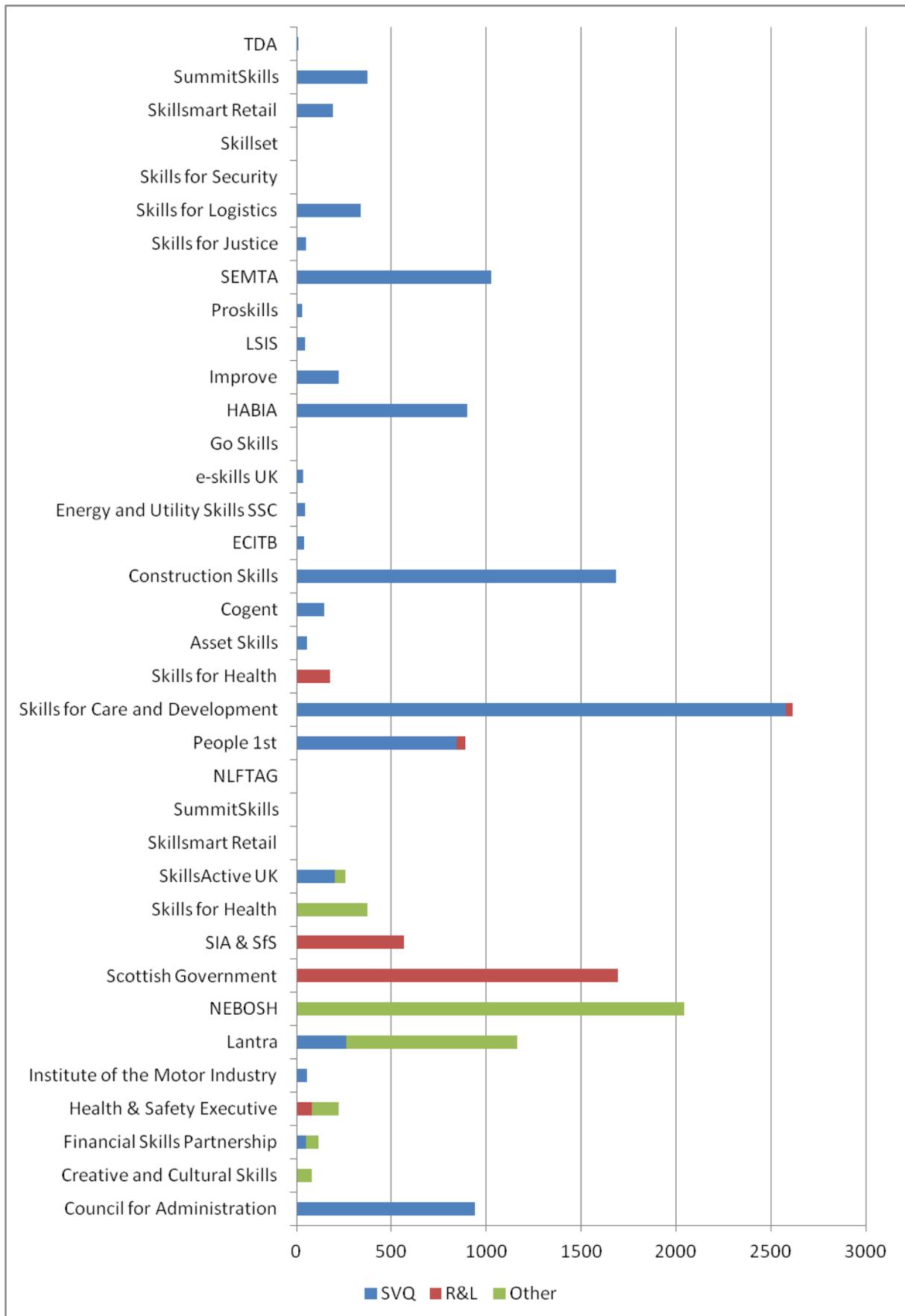


Figure 15 - Type of Certification by Qualification Developer



Workplace Core Skills

This is the first quarter that uptake on Workplace Core Skills has been reported; therefore we do not have data to compare this with. During the second quarter of 2011–12 there were 135 accredited Workplace Core Skills, these range from SCQF level 3 to 6.

There were 9,073 Workplace Core Skills registrations and 4,804 Workplace Core Skills certifications. The Workplace Core Skill with the most registrations and certifications was the Working with Others (SCQF level 4) offered by SQA with 1,262 registrations and 752 certifications.

EAL was the only awarding body to have no registrations and certifications for their Workplace Core Skills but this is due to the fact that they have only recently been accredited to offer the Workplace Core Skills again and therefore have yet to register any candidates.

Registrations for Workplace Core Skills are higher in all categories at SCQF level 4, except Numeracy which has more registrations at SCQF level 3. Certifications follow a similar pattern and are higher at SCQF level 4 for all categories except Numeracy and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) which were both higher at SCQF level 3.

Figure 16 – Communication Core Skills

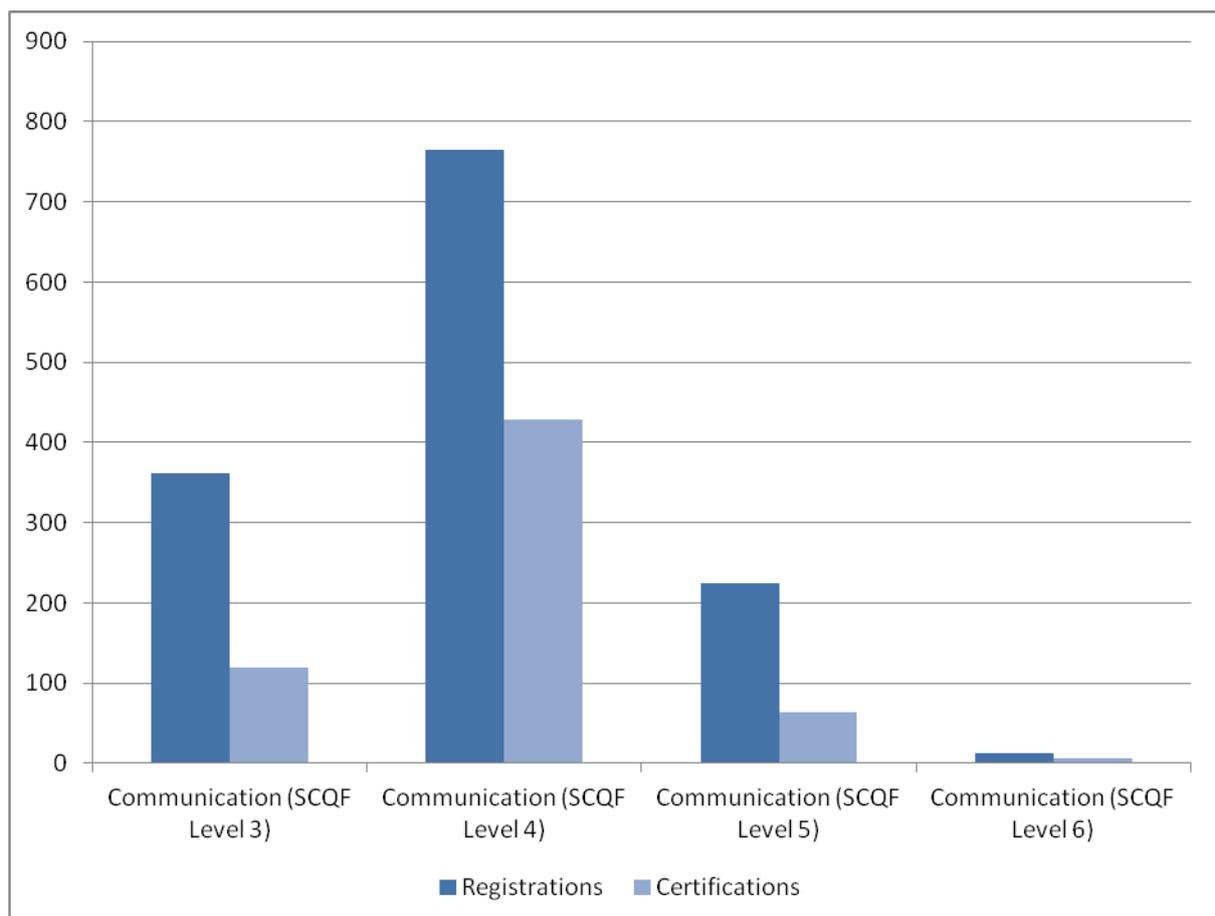


Figure 17 – Information and Communication Technology Core Skill

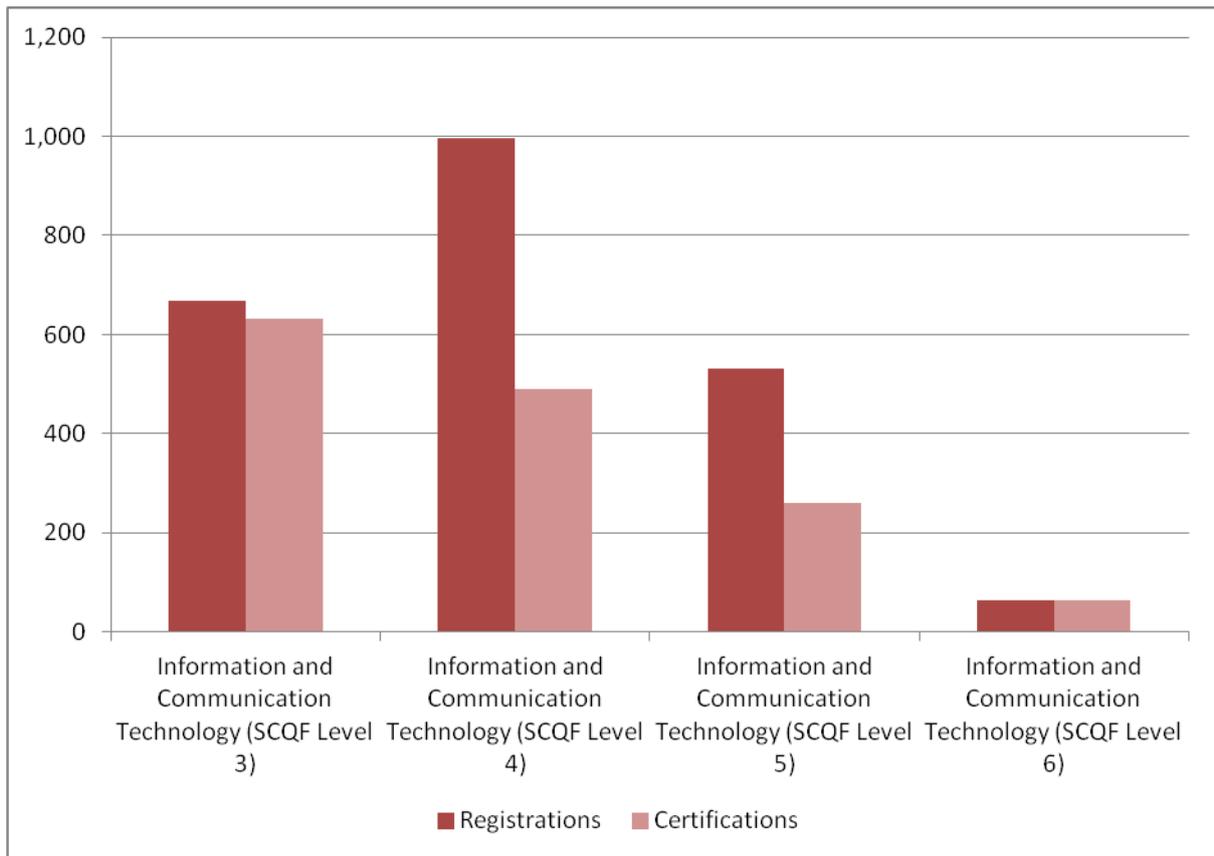


Figure 18 – Numeracy Core Skill

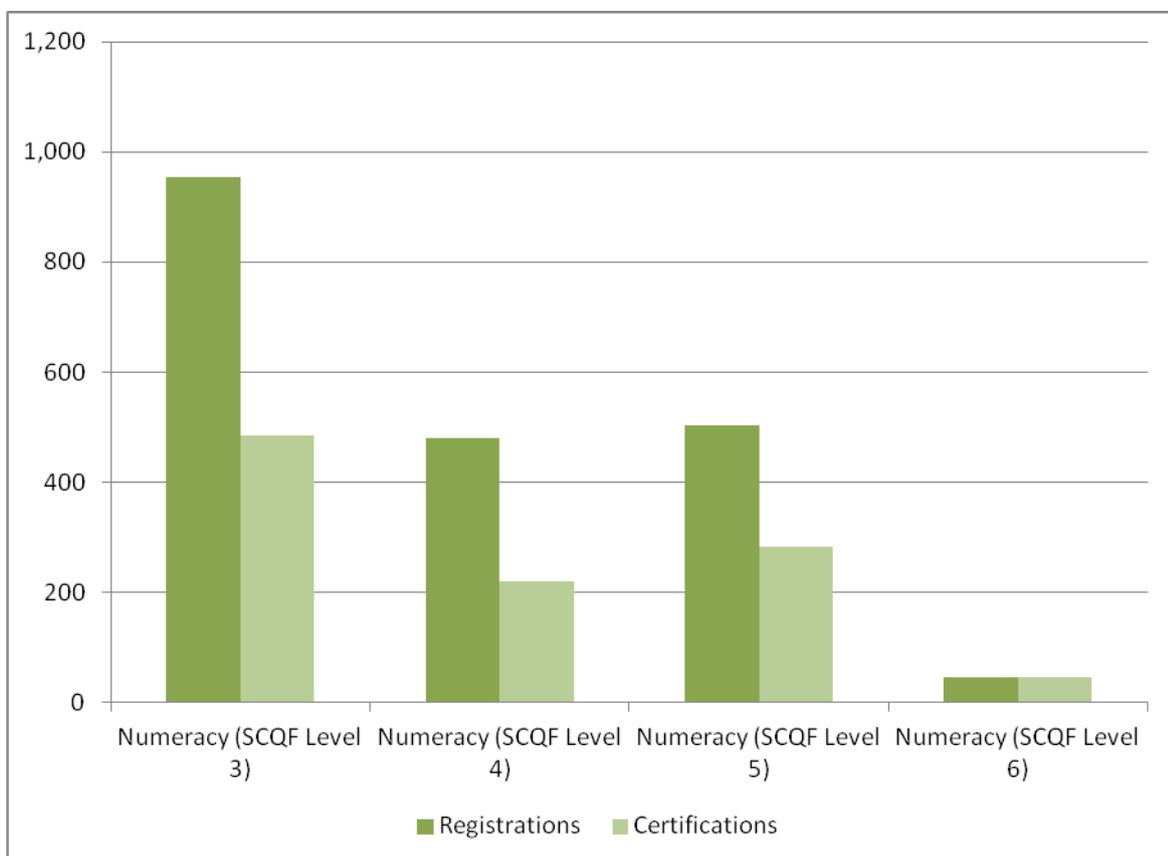


Figure 19 – Problem Solving Core Skill

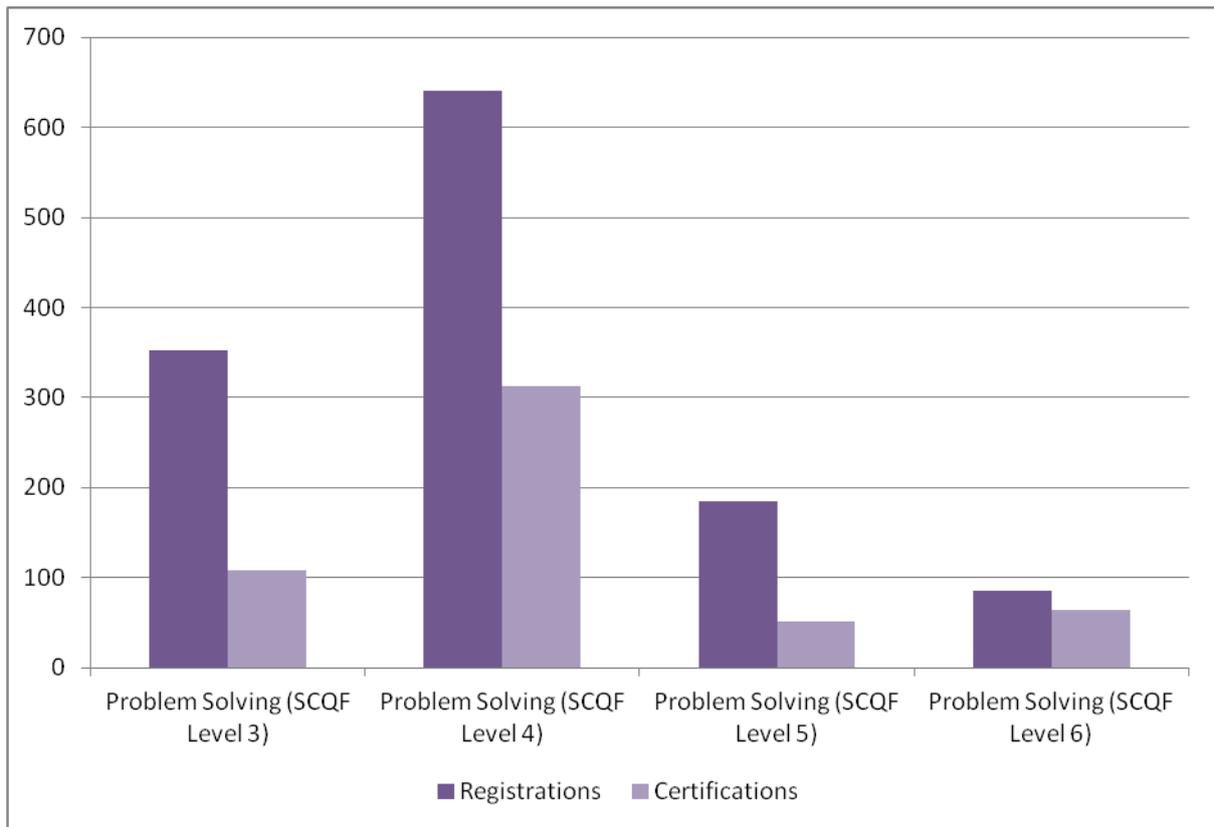
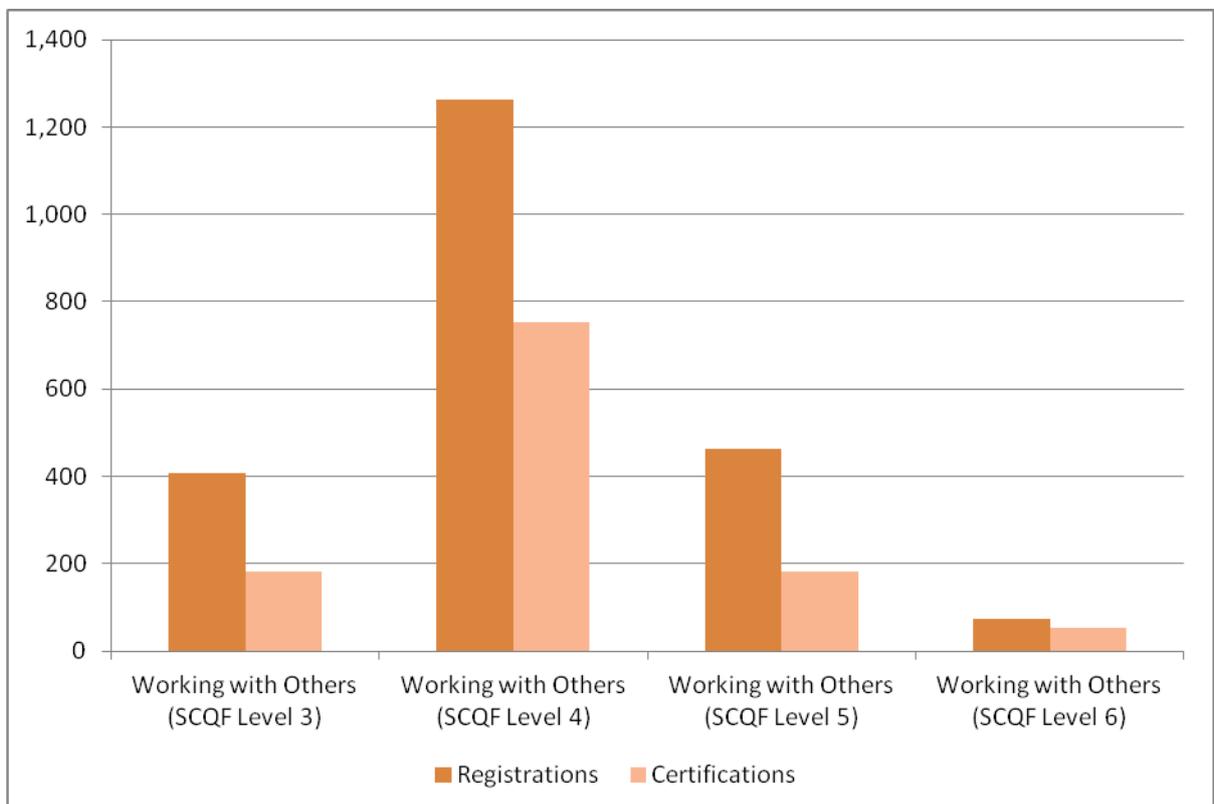


Figure 20 – Working with Others Core Skill



Glossary

Term	Description
Area of Competence	There are 11 occupational areas of competence. These range from Tending Animals, Plants and Land, to Engineering to Developing and Extending Knowledge and Skill. All SVQs are organised by the area of competence to which they belong.
Certifications	The process by which a centre requests a SVQ certificate for a candidate who has completed the full SVQ.
‘Other’ Accredited Qualification	All ‘other’ accredited qualifications which are not SVQs or regulatory and licensing qualifications.
Registrations	The process by which a centre informs an awarding body that a candidate has commenced working towards a SVQ.
Regulatory and Licensing Qualification	Qualifications which are defined or required by industry regulators, such as the Security Industry Authority, and often underpin licence to practise schemes.
Scottish Vocational Qualification	Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) are qualifications which combine skills, knowledge and ability within a specific occupational area and are delivered in a workplace setting. The standards for SVQs are designed by the appropriate Sector Skills Council (SSC).

Appendix 2

Abbreviation	Awarding Body
N/A	1st4sport Qualifications
AIQ	Active IQ
AFS	Alcohol Focus Scotland
AAT	Association of Accounting Technicians
N/A	BIIAB
CYQ	Central YMCA Qualifications
CMI	Chartered Management Institute
N/A	City & Guilds
N/A	Edexcel
EDI	Education Development International plc
EAL	EMTA Awards Limited
ECITB	Engineering Construction Industry Training Board
EQL	Equestrian Qualifications GB Limited
FAAL	First Aid Awards Limited
GQA	Glass Qualifications Authority
HABC	Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance
ILM	Institute of Leadership and Management
N/A	IMI Awards
IRRV	Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation
N/A	Lantra Awards Limited
ITC	ITC First Aid Limited
MPQC	Mineral Products Qualifications Council

Abbreviation	Awarding Body
NOCN	National Open College Network
NEBOSH	National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health
N/A	Rockschool Limited
N/A	PAA/VQ-SET
STA	Safety Training Awards
N/A	Scottish Association of Master Bakers
SQA	Scottish Qualifications Authority
WCSM	The Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers
VTCT	Vocational Training Charitable Trust

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