

SQA International Qualifications



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➤ **About SQA**

The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) is a well-established awarding body in many countries around the world. We provide a wide range of high quality, internationally recognised qualifications to help students progress in their education or career. We are a not-for-profit government sponsored agency sitting at the heart of Scotland's world-renowned education system.

➤ **Why work with us?**

- We have over 30 years' experience working internationally
- We are a not-for-profit government agency accountable to the Scottish Government
- Each SQA approved centre will be supported by a dedicated international account manager who will take the time to get to know your business and guide you through your journey with us
- You will also have access to our expert customer support team
- Our External Verifiers are subject specialists guaranteeing the highest standards of quality assurance through an in-depth knowledge of your sector
- Each SQA approved centre will have access to staff training and a marketing toolkit.

➤ SQA International Qualifications

At SQA, we offer a range of internationally recognised qualifications allowing learners to achieve their full and true potential at various levels including:

- SQA Advanced Certificate
- SQA Advanced Diploma
- Professional Development Awards (PDA)
- Customised Awards

Our qualifications are developed in partnership with industry and are underpinned by our rigorous quality assurance process so you can be confident in partnering with us.



➤ SQA Advanced Certificates and Diplomas

SQA Advanced Qualifications are internationally recognised higher education qualifications at certificate and diploma level. They provide students with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills such as information technology, communication, and problem solving that a university or employer would expect them to have. They have been developed to meet the skills needs of employers and the requirements of education professionals.

Typically, an SQA Advanced Certificate is equivalent to the first year of a degree and an SQA Advanced Diploma is equivalent to the first two years of a degree. The SQA Advanced Diploma enables advanced entry into many undergraduate degree programmes in SQA's partner universities and higher education institutions.

To view our full list of courses visit:
sqa.org.uk/advancedsubjects

➤ Practical Learning

SQA Advanced Qualifications aim to develop the high-level transferable skills and academic knowledge required for degree study or work. They use practical approaches to learning, with study methods including project and assignment work, group work, presentations, and case studies.

➤ Assessment

SQA Advanced Qualifications use a variety of assessment methods, such as an exam, essay, project, investigation and/ or a practical assignment. Assessment is quality assured through internal verification using an institution's own staff and external verification, using SQA subject experts from the education sector.

➤ Certification

On successful completion of an SQA Advanced Qualification students will receive:

- An SQA certificate with a summary of attainment
- A listing of all the units passed and the grade awarded

SQA Advanced Certificates are made up of 96 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 7. SQA Advanced Diplomas are made up of 240 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 8. Find out more about the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) in the following section.



› Reasons to deliver SQA Advanced Qualifications:

- › Recognised global qualifications underpinned with rigorous quality assurance
- › Clear progression routes for students to employment or further study
- › Progression opportunities for SQA Advanced Diploma graduates to one of our 50+ progression partners around the world, through SQA's Diploma to Degree programme

› Benefits to your students:

- › **Progression** – recognised by SQA's progression partner universities around the world to enable students to go on to complete a degree in a related field
- › **Flexible** – students will benefit from both real-world experience and academic recognition
- › **International** – our qualifications are assessed in English and underpinned with rigorous quality assurance
- › **Trusted by employers** - develops the knowledge and transferable skills employers are looking for





► International Recognition

SQA's Advanced Qualifications are aligned to the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). The SCQF is a way of comparing qualifications and making the relationship between qualifications clearer. It covers achievements such as those from school, college, university, and many work-based qualifications. The SCQF also illustrates the relationships between Scottish qualifications and those in the rest of the UK, Europe and beyond, which can clarify international progression routes and credit transfer.

SQA is also a member of the Federation of Awarding Bodies and the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). The Federation of Awarding

Bodies is the collective voice of the UK's world class qualifications and assessments industry. JCQ is a membership organisation representing the largest national awarding bodies offering qualifications in the UK.

SQA's Advanced Qualifications have also been evaluated by The Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute (ACEI), World Education Services (WES) and UK ENIC. This analysis provides further understanding of the value of SQA qualifications, the calibre of those who have achieved them, and how they compare with programs of study offered in universities and colleges around the world.

➤ Frameworks

SQA qualifications are aligned across relevant national and international frameworks:

- Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF)
- Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF)
- Credit and Qualifications Framework for Wales (CQFW)
- European Qualifications Framework (EQF)

This allows comparisons to be made between qualifications on different.

Comparable to	Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF)	European Qualifications Framework (EQF)	Regulated Qualifications Framework England/ Northern Ireland (RQF)	Credit & Qualifications Framework for Wales (CQFW)
*Doctorate	12	8	8	8
*Masters	11	7	7	7
*Honour Degree Ordinary Degree	10/9	6	6	6
*SQA Advanced Diploma	8	5	5	5/4
*SQA Advanced Certificate	7	5	4	4
	6	4	3	3
	5	3	2	2
	4	2	1	1
	3	1	E3	E3
	2		E2	E2
	1		E1	E1

Diploma to Degree

SQA's Diploma to Degree programme is a proven route for students to progress onto university after successful completion of an SQA Advanced Diploma. Learners can study in their own country before progressing onto universities in their own country, region or abroad to complete a degree, entering directly into second or third year. This option can be a cost effective route to studying abroad and achieving a degree at an international Higher Education Institution.

We make this journey as smooth as possible through our Diploma to Degree programme. SQA has partnered and set up articulation agreements with a number of highly regarded international institutions in countries such

as the UK, USA, Australia, Canada and New Zealand covering various progression models including online delivery.

These institutions recognise the SQA Advanced Certificate and SQA Advanced Diploma for advanced entry and provide students with a quality learning experience. SQA has over 50 progression partners around the world.

For a full list of SQA Progression Partners visit: sqa.org.uk/progressionpartners



➤ Professional Development Awards (PDAs)

SQA's Professional Development Awards (PDAs) are flexible qualifications for industry, training and education and can be used to either extend or broaden professional and vocational skills.

- SQA develops PDAs in partnership with industry and we link them to National Occupational Standards to ensure they are up to date and relevant.
- Employers use PDAs to meet skills gaps at all stages of career development — including advanced SCQF levels.

Backed by SQA's world-renowned expertise in developing and quality-assuring qualifications, PDAs are ideal for developing the skills of young people, graduates and other adult learners.

Find out more:

sqa.org.uk/internationalqualifications



➤ Customised Awards

SQA Customised Awards are unique qualifications created in partnership with all business types to achieve their objectives. Our tailored qualifications are the perfect solution for organisations looking to invest in their workforce, establish competitive advantage or demonstrate quality and compliance.

➤ Benefits to you:

- Internationally recognised
- Owned by you
- Enhance competitive advantage
- Demonstrate regulatory compliance
- Gain external recognition
- Achieve higher standards

➤ Benefits to your workforce:

- Achieve a recognised qualification
- Clearly map progression routes
- Increase motivation
- Enhance self-worth and empowerment

Find out more: sqa.org.uk/customisedawards



► Ready to find out more?

Contact SQA today to find out more about how your organisation could benefit from offering SQA qualifications. Our team is on hand to answer your queries and provide more in-depth advice.

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