

# SQA's Credit Rating Service



SQA's Credit Rating service gives organisations, like yours, the opportunity to gain national recognition for existing in-house qualifications and training programmes.

Through SQA's Credit Rating service, training programmes are positioned on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) and allocated a relevant SCQF level and credits.

## What is the SCQF?

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework is Scotland's national qualification framework, and makes the relationships between a wide range of qualifications (academic and non-academic) clearer.

All Scottish national qualifications are included on the SCQF.

Awards on the framework are allocated an SCQF level, reflecting the level of difficulty, and SCQF credits, which indicate length of time taken to complete.

*The Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) is a founding member of the SCQF Partnership and is represented on the Partnership Board.*



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qualifications framework



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# SQA's Credit Rating Process

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Working with SQA, your organisation will be supported through the process by a dedicated Credit Rating Officer.

**Review your options** — Our Business Development team will learn about you, what your aims are and ensure Credit Rating is right for you.

**Confirm requirements** — We will understand your needs and pass to the Credit Rating Officer to start the process — confirming SCQF criteria can be met.

**Programme review** — SQA Credit Rating team will review your programme — appointing two subject experts to confirm the SCQF level and SCQF credit points.

**Quality Assurance** — Your organisation either has its own quality assurance in place and provides suitable documentation or SQA can provide support in this area with visits conducted by an auditor.

**Ongoing support** — Our team will continue to support with any queries you may have.

## Benefits for your organisation

Through SQA's Credit Rating service, your organisation will benefit from:

- Enhanced training programmes with national recognition
- Improved quality assurance processes
- Recognised CPD training programmes and increased opportunities for your staff, or learners
- Improved staff morale and performance

'We absolutely see the value in continuing to work with SQA, who have supported us immensely on our journey so far. Our blended approach ensured we developed training that is focused on tangible outcomes allowing us to recognise our people and maximise the qualifications available to them.'

**Nicola Robbins,**  
Customer Experience and Quality Manager,  
Energy Saving Trust

## Customised Awards

SQA offers a variety of education services. As well as Credit Rating, we can work with you to develop and design qualifications that are specific to your organisation, known as Customised Awards. All Customised Awards are awarded, certificated and quality assured by SQA.

Customised Awards may be suitable for your organisation if existing SQA qualifications do not meet your needs.

## Get in touch

To find out more about SQA's Credit Rating service, speak to our business development team today.

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