



Scottish Qualifications Authority

Professional Development Award in Youth Work

SCQF Level 6 G9G3 46

FAQs

- Q *Where does the PDA 'fit' into the existing Youth Work Qualifications Framework?*
- A The PDA will provide opportunities for new staff or volunteers to develop the knowledge and skills needed to evidence competence against the NOS and therefore prepare candidates to move on to the SVQs when working in the sector.
- Q *Who is it for?*
- A This award is aimed at new recruits including part-time/sessional paid employees and volunteers — who have little or no experience of youth work. The secondary target group is staff, currently working within the CLD sector, who have no formal qualifications but are looking to improve on their professional practice, keep-up-to-date with legislation, and develop best practice within their own working environment. Each of the component Units can also be delivered individually for CPD purposes.
- Q *Are there any exemplars or other supporting documentation?*
- A The three component unit descriptors are available on SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk) and can be downloaded free. We are currently working on assessment exemplars — these will be available early in 2010. There is an Arrangements document which is now available to download from SQA's website.
- Q *My Centre already delivers the Youth Work SVQs — do we have to also be Approved to deliver the PDA*
- A Yes — submit a completed SA1 form (available from SQA's website) as normal for approval to offer this specific award. The Group Award code is G9G3 46. There is a standard £50 fee applicable.
- Q *What does it cost per candidate?*
- A The PDA is priced on a per-unit basis at £12.75 per unit. This means that this award carries a candidate registration fee of £38.25
- Q *Does the PDA carry SCQF credit points?*
- A Yes, the PDA has 24 credit points at SCQF level 6