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The Pathway to Success



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SQA Advanced Qualifications

SQA Advanced Qualifications are higher education qualifications at certificate and diploma level. They cover the practical skills to do a job and the theoretical knowledge employers and universities expect.

Achieving an SQA Advanced Certificate or SQA Advanced Diploma is one of the best ways to progress into further studies or to develop a career.

Who are SQA Advanced Qualifications for?

These qualifications are suitable for:

- students preparing for further education
- school leavers
- adult learners returning to education
- employees looking to boost their career
- someone who wants to start their own business

What subjects are available as Advanced Qualifications?

SQA Advanced Qualifications are available in a wide range of subjects, including business, computing, hospitality and retail. Whatever you need, there's a qualification to suit you.

See our full list of qualifications at:

[sqa.org.uk/advancedsubjects](https://www.sqa.org.uk/advancedsubjects)



Benefits of an SQA Advanced Qualification

SQA Advanced Qualifications have been designed by Qualifications Scotland to help learners enter the workplace or progress to a degree at university.

They are flexible to suit different needs and there are many subjects to choose from to suit different ambitions. They can also be a cost-effective path to further study.

Valued by universities

Universities recognise these qualifications as a route into year 2 or 3 of related undergraduate degree programmes.

Flexible

Students can study at a university in their own country or overseas.

International

Our qualifications are assessed in English and recognised internationally.

Trusted by employers

Students develop the knowledge and transferable skills that businesses around the world are looking for.

Designed by experts

Our qualifications are created with colleges, universities and industry to make sure they are relevant.

Practical skills

Students gain important skills, such as communication and problem-solving, that are essential for further study and a successful career.



How SQA Advanced Qualifications work

SQA Advanced Certificates and SQA Advanced Diplomas are made up of unit credits. One credit represents about 40 hours of timetabled learning and 40 hours of self-guided learning and study.

- SQA Advanced Certificates are made up of 96 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 7, and usually take one year to complete.
- SQA Advanced Diplomas are made up 240 SCQF credit points at SCQF level 8, and usually take two years to complete.

Graduates can join a number of professional bodies or enter a related undergraduate degree. Whether they want to go straight into a job or continue their studies, an SQA Advanced Qualification is a great place to start.

Diploma to Degree

Graduates of an SQA Advanced Diploma can progress directly into the second or third year of a related undergraduate degree programme at university. We make this journey as smooth as possible through our Diploma to Degree programme.

Our university partners are highly regarded international institutions in countries including the UK, USA, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. These partnerships have various progression options, including online delivery, giving students the choice to study in their own country or abroad.

This can be a cost-effective way to study abroad and achieve a degree at an international higher education institution.

Find out more:

- sqa.org.uk/diplomatodegree
- sqa.org.uk/progressionpartners
- sqa.org.uk/d2dstudents

Recognition by professional bodies

Many professional bodies in the UK and internationally recognise the quality and value of SQA Advanced Qualifications. This has led many bodies to enter into agreements with us and offer the following recognition:

- full or partial exemptions from professional body exams
- acceptance as a membership entry requirement

You can find information about specific agreements on relevant qualification pages and in group award specifications.





I wanted to study to degree level. When I heard about Qualifications Scotland's Diploma to Degree programme, it sounded like a good option for me. I had just finished many years of school study, so I liked that it was a fast-track qualification to an internationally recognised degree.

The transition from college to university was very smooth. It was great to study alongside other students from other countries and nationalities. I learned a lot, both academically and socially. The Diploma to Degree pathway has given me a great opportunity to build on and I look forward to the future.



Student:

Muhannad Mohammed Ali Al Raba'ni

Journey:

SQA Advanced Diploma in Accounting >>
BA Accountancy and Business Studies
at Muscat College

Get in touch

Our friendly team are ready to help you start your journey with Qualifications Scotland — whether you have a question or are ready to work with us, we're here to help.



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