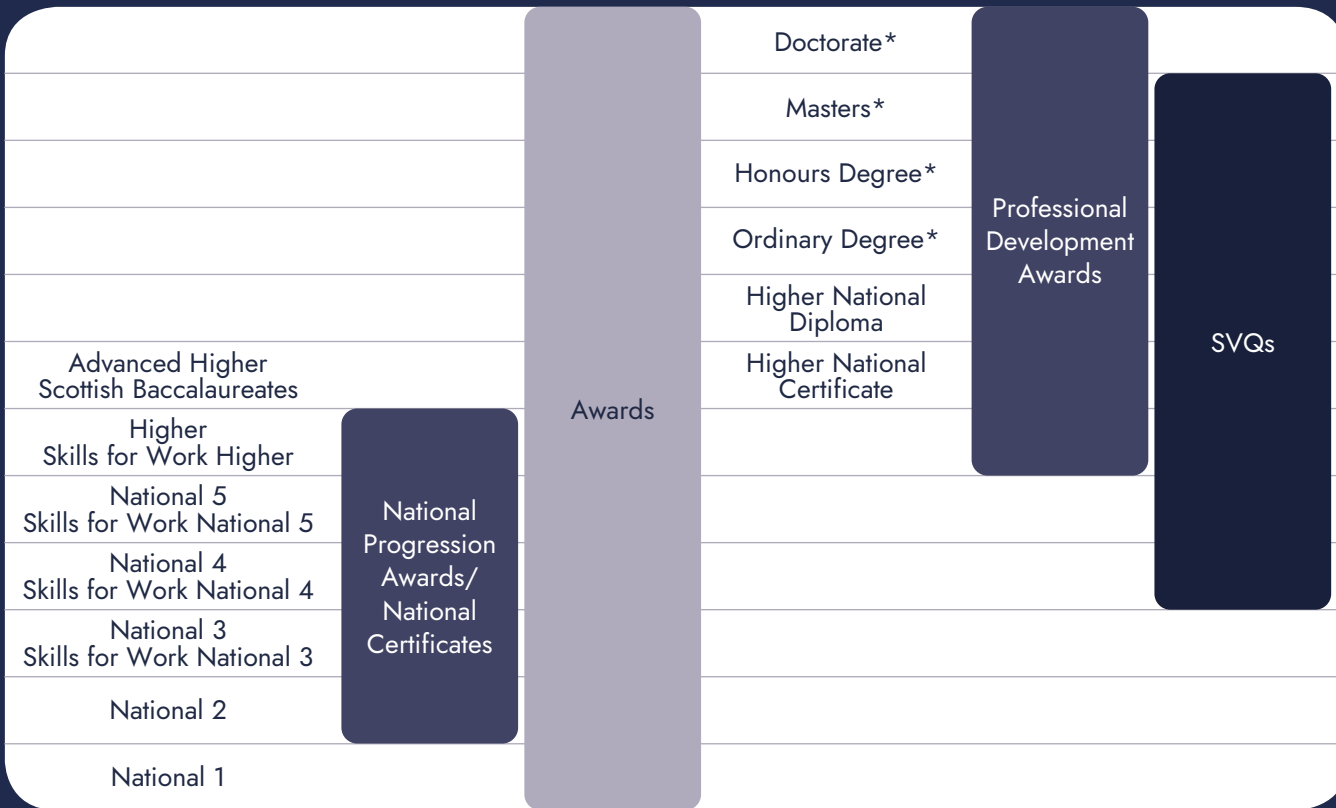


SCQF Levels

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\*Benchmark qualifications of higher education institutions

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) helps people to understand and compare different qualifications in Scotland.

It does this by using two measures: **Levels** (1–12) show how complex the learning of a qualification is. Credit points indicate the volume of learning required to achieve a qualification.

One SCQF credit point represents 10 notional learning hours.

Qualifications created by Qualifications Scotland are developed using SCQF level and credit points. This information is shown on the Scottish Qualifications Certificate. The Ready Reckoner shows the level and credit points for Units, Courses and Group Awards.

Units	
Type	Credit points
Higher National Units SCQF levels 5–12	8
National Units SCQF level 7	8
National Units SCQF levels 1–6	6
SVQ Units SCQF levels 4–12	varies

National Qualifications		
Type	SCQF level	Credit points
Advanced Higher	7	32
Higher	6	24
National 5	5	24
National 4	4	24
National 3	3	18
National 2	2	18
National 1	1	6

Scottish Baccalaureates	
SCQF level	Credit points
7	104

Group Awards		
Type	SCQF level	Credit points
Higher National Diploma	8	240
Higher National Certificate	7	96
National Certificate	4–6	72
National Certificate	2–3	54
Awards <sup>1</sup>	1–12	varies
Professional Development Awards <sup>1</sup>	6–12	varies
National Progression Awards <sup>1</sup>	2–6	varies

More information on the SCQF, and Qualifications Scotland's interactive ready reckoner, can be found at [sqa.org.uk/scqf](https://sqa.org.uk/scqf)

<sup>1</sup> These are flexible Group Awards. SCQF credit points will vary according to the number of credits that they are made up of.