



Ready Reckoner for SQA Qualifications in the SCQF

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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.

SQA qualifications 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 SQA Units, Courses and Group Awards.

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Units			
Туре	SCQF 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			
	SCQF level	SCQF 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	SCQF credit points	
7	104	

Group Awards				
	SCQF level	SCQF credit points		
Higher National Diploma	8	240		
Higher National Certificate	7	96		
National Certificate	4-6	72		
National Certificate	2-3	54		
Awards ¹	1-12	varies		
Professional Development Awards ¹	6-12	varies		
National Progression Awards ¹	2-6	varies		

Scottish Vocational Qualifications ²		
	SCQF level	
SVQ 5	11	
SVQ 4	8-9	
SVQ 3	6-7	
SVQ 2	5	
SVQ 1	4	

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

² Please refer to SQA's website for information on SVQs. The allocation of SCQF credit points and levels to SVQs will be undertaken as and when they are revised.