

Using the SCQF to develop learning pathways

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Resources

All materials discussed during this workshop can be found at the following link:

https://padlet.com/mboyle57/the_scqf_an_introduction



Objectives

- Overview of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework
- Projects and resources
- Uses of the Framework
- UK and European Frameworks

What is it and what does it do?

- It's Scotland's lifelong learning framework – designed to help people of all ages and circumstances to access appropriate education and training over their lifetime, so as to fulfil their personal, social and economic potential
- It helps people understand qualifications and how they relate/compare to one another
- It helps all learners plan their learning and provides a mechanism for making better informed choices
- It recognises people's learning and gives them credit for what they've achieved. This means that it can support credit transfer



SCQF Partnership



Established November 2006
Company Ltd by Guarantee
Registered Charity in Scotland

Features of the SCQF

- The Framework has 12 Levels
- Levels are based on learning outcomes
- Credits – 1 credit point equates to 10 hours of learning for a ‘typical’
- Formally assessed
- Quality assured

The SCQF framework

What it is

- Descriptive framework
- Brings together the main Scottish academic and vocational qualification systems into a single, unified framework
- Provides a national vocabulary for describing all kind of learning; formal, non-formal and informal

What it is NOT

- One regulated Framework
- Owned by Government or any single sector or stakeholder
- Intended to prescribe internal organisation/shape of learning programmes



Benefits for Learners

- Everything on SCQF is quality assured
- Parity of esteem- embeds confidence & motivation
- Embraces academic & vocational learning
- Helps learners to plan their learning effectively
- Promotes Recognition of their Prior Learning (RPL)
- Avoids duplication of learning

Our programmes & projects

- Schools, FE and HE
- Employers
- Refugee / Migrant support groups
- Veterans
- Benchmarking to Ukrainian QF
- CLD
- SDS
- CIAG and more.....

SCQF in numbers



10,400+ qualifications/learning programmes



54 organisations (known as Credit Rating Bodies) have the authority to place qualifications on the SCQF



300 different organisations own these qualifications



850 other qualifications in addition to SQA, university degree, Apprenticeships and SVQ qualifications are on the SCQF



93% of programmes at SCQF Level 6 are not Highers

THE SCOTTISH CREDIT AND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

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SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12				Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11				Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10				Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9			Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma		Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher				Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3				
2	National 2, Awards				
1	National 1, Awards				

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SCQF Levels					
12	Examples of other programmes on the SCQF				
11			Mind over Matter Decision Making Processes	Chartered Management Institute Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership	Historic Environment Scotland Building Conservation in Context
10			Mercat Tours Ltd. Walking Tour Guiding	BASI BASI Alpine Ski Level 4 Technical	Scottish Police College Event Command Course
9			Mountain Training Scotland Winter Mountain Leader Award	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Emergency Response Driver Training instructor	Social Enterprise Academy Developing Skills for a Coaching Culture
8	COSCA Counselling Skills Certificate	Foundation for Social Improvement Certificate in Fundraising Practice	The Governance Forum The Governance Certificate Course	College Development Network Cooperative Learning Principles and Practice	Listen Well Scotland Effective Listening for Life, Health and Community
7	The Boys' Brigade George VI Leadership Programme	Youth Scotland Youth Achievement Awards - Platinum	Institute of Counselling Introduction to Counselling Skills	Scottish Amateur Swimming Association Early Childhood Swim Teaching	Lanarkshire Recovery Consortium Advocacy Practice
6	Sports Leaders UK Sports Leadership	Direct Devitt Comedy and Confidence	NHS Education for Scotland Caring for Smiles	Deaf Action Introduction to Tutoring British Sign Language	Diversity Matters Everyone Together
5	Cycling Scotland Cycle Training Assistant	Duke of Edinburgh's Awards DoE Leadership	The Outward Bound Trust Adventure & Challenge Award	Glasgow Kelvin College Certificate in Youthwork Practice	Rural & Urban Training Scheme Bikefix Leadership Award
4	Street Soccer Scotland First Steps to Employment	West College Scotland Vocabulary in Action	Learning Alliance Scotland Effective Mentoring & Peer Education	New College Lanarkshire Relationships	South Lanarkshire Council Exploring and Sharing Youth Work Practice
3	Shetland College, UHI Letters, Leaflets and Labels	West Lothian Council Employability Award	Glasgow Clyde College Click 2 Connect	Rathbone OneLife	Lead Scotland Community Action and Leadership
2	Youth Scotland H16 Three Star Award	Playback ICE Moving on Transition in Action	Forest and Outdoor Learning Skills 2 Newbattle Abbey College	SQA Awarding Body Steps to Work Award	
1	SQA Awarding Body Cycling Award	Borders College Ready for Retail		SQA Awarding Body Personal Achievement Bronze, Silver and Gold	

SCQF Database



SEARCH OUR DATABASE OF
PROGRAMMES >>>

Find qualifications and learning programmes across Scotland that are on the SCQF.

Search the Database

This database can help you find qualifications and learning programmes across Scotland that are on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF). NB: It is not a database of all qualifications in Scotland because not all qualifications are on the SCQF.

More information about the database



Funded by the
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of the European Union

This database has been updated and improved with the support of the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. This work will lead to providing users with links to the Learning Opportunities and Qualifications in Europe Portal.

Subject

--- None Selected ---

Title or keyword of qualification/programme

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Owner of qualification/programme

Credit Rating Body

--- None Selected ---

SCQF Level



Can't find your programme? Click here to include archived programmes in your search

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🔍 Search

<http://scqf.org.uk/the-framework/search-database/>



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SCQF and the rest of the UK and Europe

Main stages of education/employment Qualifications can be taken at any age in order to continue or return to education or training	Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, and OES sector-recognised standards for England (SRS) WWW QAA AC UK WWW OFFICEFORSTUDENTS.ORG UK	Regulated Qualifications Framework for England and Northern Ireland register.ofqual.gov.uk	Credit and Qualifications Framework for Wales WWW QUALIFICATIONS.WALES WWW GOV.WALES/CQFW	National Framework of Qualifications for Ireland WWW QQI.IE	Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework WWW SCQF.ORG.UK
	LEVEL	LEVEL	LEVEL	LEVEL	LEVEL
Professional or postgraduate education, research or employment	8 Doctoral Degree	8 Vocational, Technical and Professional Qualifications	8 Doctoral Degree, Vocational Qualifications	10 Doctoral Degree, Higher Doctorate	12 Doctoral Degree, Professional Apprenticeship, Professional Development Award (PDA), Award
Higher education	7 Master's Degree, Integrated Master's Degree, Postgraduate Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), Postgraduate Certificate	7 Vocational, Technical and Professional Qualifications	7 Master's Degree, Vocational Qualifications, Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)	9 Master's Degree, Postgraduate Diploma	11 Master's Degree, Postgraduate Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate, Professional Apprenticeship, Graduate Apprenticeship, PDA, SVQ, Award
Advanced Skills Training	6 Bachelor's Degree with Honours, Bachelor's Degree, Level 6 PGCE certificates, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	6 Vocational, Technical and Professional Qualifications	6 Honours Degree, Vocational Qualifications, Professional Certificate in Education	8 Honours Bachelor Degree, Higher Diploma	10 Bachelor's Degree with Honours, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate, Professional Apprenticeship, Graduate Apprenticeship, PDA, SVQ, Award
Entry to professional graduate employment	5 Foundation Degree, Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE), Higher National Diploma (HND)	5 Vocational, Technical and Professional Qualifications, Higher National Diploma (HND)	5 Foundation Degree, Vocational Qualifications, Higher National Diploma (HND)	7 Ordinary Bachelor Degree	9 Bachelor's/Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Apprenticeship, Technical Apprenticeship, PDA, SVQ, Award
Specialised education and training	4 Higher National Certificate (HNC), Certificate of Higher Education (CertiHE)	4 Vocational, Technical and Professional Qualifications, Higher National Certificate (HNC)	4 Higher National Certificate (HNC), Certificate of Higher Education (CertiHE), Vocational Qualifications	6 Advanced Certificate, Higher Certificate	8 Higher National Diploma (HND), Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE), Technical Apprenticeship, Higher Apprenticeship, PDA, SVQ, Award
Qualified/Skilled worker Entry to higher education Completion of secondary education	3 Technical Level Qualification Access to HE Diploma ^a	3 Vocational, Technical and Professional Qualifications, GCE AS and A Level	3 Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales, Vocational Qualifications, AS and A Level, Access to HE	5 Level 5 Certificate, Leaving Certificate	7 Higher National Certificate (HNC), Certificate of Higher Education (CertiHE), Modern Apprenticeship, PDA, SVQ, Scottish Baccalaureate, Advanced Higher, Award
Progression to skilled employment Continuation of secondary education	^a The Access to HE Diploma is regulated by QAA but is not part of the FHEQ or part of the OES's sector recognised standards.	2 Vocational & Technical Qualifications, GCSE at grade A ⁺ -C and grade 9-4, Functional Skills (England), Essential Skills Qualification (NI)	2 Welsh Baccalaureate National SCC, Vocational Qualifications, Essential Skills Wales Qualifications, GCSE at grade A ⁺ -C	4 Level 4 Certificate, Leaving Certificate	6 Higher, Modern Apprenticeship, Foundation Apprenticeship, National Progression Award (NPA), National Certificate, PDA, SVQ, Award
Secondary education. Initial entry into employment or further education	1 Vocational & Technical Qualifications, GCSE at grade D-G and grade 3-1, Functional Skills (England), Essential Skills Qualifications (NI)	1 Vocational & Technical Qualifications, GCSE at grade D-G and grade 3-1, Functional Skills (England), Essential Skills Qualifications (NI)	1 Welsh Baccalaureate Foundation SCC, Vocational Qualifications, Essential Skills Wales Qualifications, GCSE at grade D-G	3 Level 3 Certificate, Junior Cycle	5 National 5, Modern Apprenticeship, SVQ, NPA, National Certificate, Award
	Entry Level Entry Level Certificate (sub levels 1-3), Functional Skills (England), Essential Skills Qualifications (NI)	Entry Level Entry Level Certificate (sub levels 1-3), Functional Skills (England), Essential Skills Qualifications (NI)	Entry Level Entry Level Qualifications, Essential Skills Qualifications	2 Level 2 Certificate, Junior Cycle	4 National 4, SVQ, NPA, National Certificate, Award
				1 Level 1 Certificate, Junior Cycle	3 National 3, NPA, National Certificate, Award
					2 National 2, NPA, National Certificate, Award
					1 National 1, Award

The table gives an indication of how you can compare qualifications across national boundaries. Examples of major qualifications at each level are provided. For further details of qualifications that are current or no longer available to learners, you will need to consult the website given at the head of each column.

This leaflet is designed to give some information to help you begin the process to compare qualifications across national boundaries, for example, by telling you what your qualification, or qualifications you are interested in studying, are broadly comparable to in UK countries and Ireland.

Developing the Young Workforce



School Ambassador Programme

- Nationwide initiative
- 230 schools currently involved – 15 more in process
- Share ideas and best practice across local authorities and between schools
- High demand to be involved



SCQF level 4

- Climate emergency training – 2 credits
- Biodiversity Action – 1 credits
- Mentoring award– 12 credits
- Direct Devitt Confidence Award – 4 credit points
- NPA Tenancy – 18 credits
- NPA Climate change and sustainability 12 credits
- Personal money management – 1 credit
- Independent living skills – 1 credit
- And many more.....

SCQF Level 5/6/7

- Powering Futures Challenge – 8 credit points
- Mental health and wellbeing – 24 credit points
- Adventure & Challenge – Outward Bound – 5 credit points
- Youth Achievement – 7-16 credit points
- NPA Esports – 18 credit points
- Customer service – 8 credits
- REHIS food hygiene – 1 credit
- And many more.....





Learner Pathways – Business Education at Marr College

SCQF
Level

Level 4

Level 5

Level 6

S3 Business Management

S3 Accountancy

S3 Social Enterprise

S3 (N4) Admin & IT

N5 Business Management

NPA Business & IT

N5 Financial Services (SFW)

N5 Admin & IT

Higher Business Management

FA Business Skills

NPA Business & IT

NPA Accountancy

Higher Admin & IT

Young Enterprise

NPA Business Skills

Higher Accountancy

- Careers**
- Accountant
 - Admin Assistant
 - Business Manager
 - Entrepreneur
 - Investment
 - Marketing
 - Project Manager
 - Retail
 - Teacher



Wider Achievement (1 Period Options)

Art Portfolio

Cake Baking (Level 5)

Drama: Acting Skills (Level 6)

Event Organisation (Level 6)

Languages for Life and Work (Level 3/4)

Leadership (Levels 5/6)

Music: Performing Music on One Instrument or Voice (Level 6)

Wider Achievement (2 Period Options)

Acting & Performance (Level 6)

Barista Skills (Level 5)

Computer Programming (Level 5)

Data Security (Level 5)

Digital Forensics (Level 5)

Ethical Hacking (Level 5)

Languages for Life and Work (Level 5/6)

UCAS update

UPDATES TO THE UCAS TARIFF TABLES

UCAS has been working closely with the SCQF Partnership and SQA to have all* SCQF level 6 programmes included in the UCAS Tariff Tables.

From May 2022 the following changes will be implemented:

- Tariff points can be assigned to all SCQF Level 6 qualifications (in the wider UK tariff points can be assigned to all Level 3 regulated qualifications)
- International qualifications will be removed from the Tariff Tables, except for the Irish Leaving Certificate
- It will no longer be possible to nominate a qualification for inclusion in the Tariff Tables.

The tariff update will be published on ucas.com week commencing 23 May and will be applicable to students starting higher education from September 2023 onwards.

UCAS has worked collaboratively to ensure that the highest number of Level 6 qualifications will receive points, and that these points will be aligned to the points that English, Welsh and Northern Irish qualifications receive.

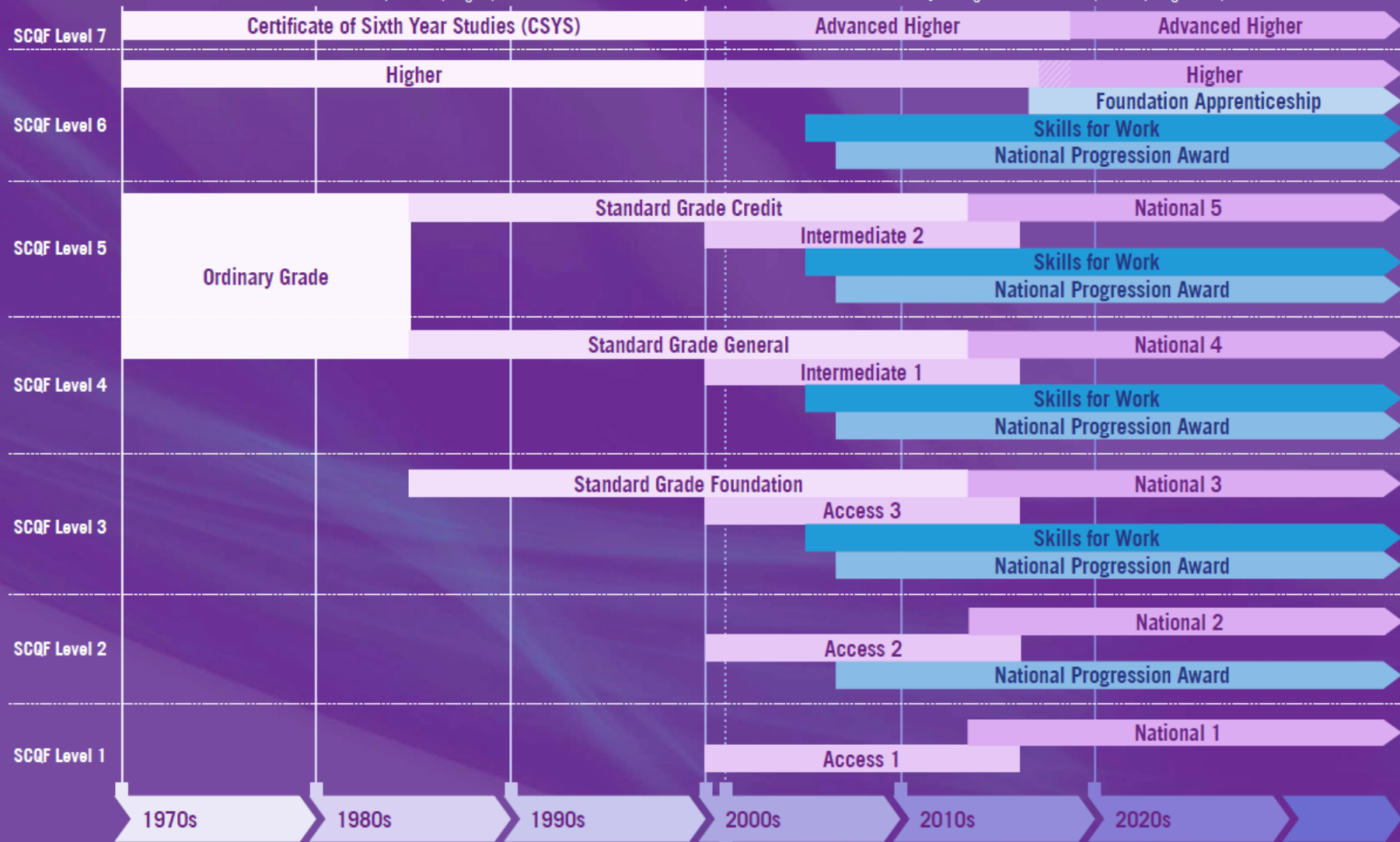
- Nearly all SCQF level 6 qualifications can now be added to UCAS
- Parity of esteem between SQA National, Youth work and other programmes



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SCOTTISH NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS - SCQF LEVELS AND TIMELINES

This table shows how current and old qualifications relate to one another in terms of their SCQF level. The SCQF level of a qualification provides a way of comparing how demanding or difficult the learning involved in achieving a qualification is. This table can be used by anybody with a need to understand National Qualifications (normally awarded at school), for example employers when recruiting. More information on the SCQF can be found on our website (www.scqf.org.uk). More information on current qualifications in the table can be found by visiting the SQA website (www.sqa.org.uk/cfe).



2001: Creation of Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework. All levels are approximate for qualifications delivered prior to this date.

SCQF workshops

The SCQF Partnership offer a number of workshops:



WOULD YOU CREDIT IT?

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WHAT IS CREDIT RATING?
SCQF credit rating is a mechanism for organisations, large or small, to have SCQF levels and credits formally allocated to their learning and have that learning placed on Scotland's national qualifications framework.

WHO IS IT FOR?
Any organisation wishing to formally acknowledge their in-house training or informal training sessions.



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**MY SKILLS,
MY FUTURE**

WHAT IS MY SKILLS, MY FUTURE?
My Skills, My Future is a suite of resources aimed at supporting individuals in identifying the skills they have gained from other experiences outside formal qualifications and benchmarking these to the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF).

WHO BENEFITS FROM MY SKILLS, MY FUTURE?
The resources are aimed primarily at young people who have left, or may be about to leave school with few or no formal qualifications. However, they can also be used with young people who may have been made redundant from their first job, adult returners or the long term unemployed.

SCQF Resources

- Introduction to Recognition of Prior Learning
- Introduction to Credit Rating
- SCQF for Career Information, Advice & Guidance

Bespoke workshops offered to all organisations and can be delivered in workplace/venue of choice

Recognition of Prior Learning

RPL for Personal/Career Development

A process of recognising learning achieved outside formal education or training systems within the context of further learning and development as part of a guidance process

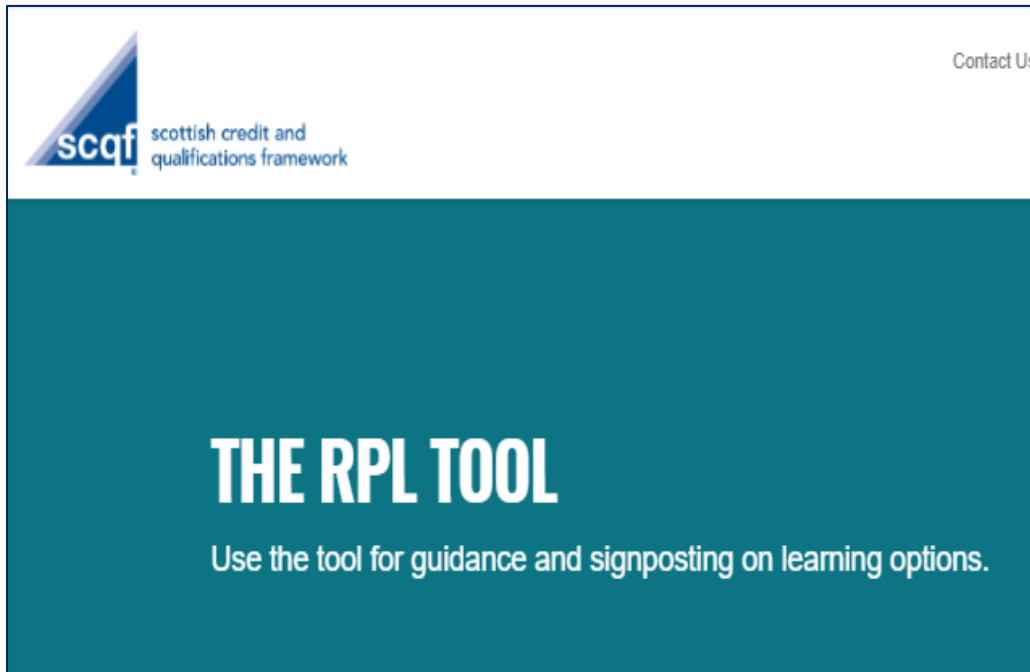
Think CV!

RPL for Credit

A process of assessing learning achieved outside formal education or training that is recognised, if appropriate, for academic or vocational training.



RPL tool



The screenshot shows the top section of the RPL Tool website. In the top left corner is the SCQF logo, which consists of a blue triangle with the letters 'scqf' in white, followed by the text 'scottish credit and qualifications framework'. In the top right corner, there is a 'Contact Us' link. The main content area has a dark teal background with the text 'THE RPL TOOL' in large, white, bold, uppercase letters. Below this, in smaller white text, it says 'Use the tool for guidance and signposting on learning options.'



<https://scqf.org.uk/guide-to-rpl/rpl-tool/>

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