



**WOULD YOU  
CREDIT IT?**

**THE SCOTTISH CREDIT  
AND QUALIFICATIONS  
FRAMEWORK (SCQF)**



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## WHAT'S INVOLVED?

**First, have a chat with us and tell us more about the learning and training you would like to have recognised. We can then talk through the simple conditions that the learning and training needs to meet (for example, it needs to contain at least 10 hours of learning or training). We will guide you through the process of having your learning recognised on the framework.**

Any type of learning or training can be recognised on the framework, as long as it meets the conditions. This includes short learning or training programmes and work-based learning, including in-house company training.

We will then suggest a few organisations to speak to who you can appoint to carry out the recognition process on your behalf. The organisation you decide to appoint will work closely with you throughout, so that you receive the appropriate recognition for your learning programme. Organisations charge for this service. As costs can vary, you might find it helpful to speak to a few organisations to compare their price and expertise.

We offer free half-day seminars to help you understand how to prepare your learning and training programmes for the recognition process, and we recommend that you register for one of these seminars once you have decided to go ahead.





# DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT...

A range of private- and public-sector organisations have already had their learning programmes recognised by the SCQF. Here is what some of them have to say.

## MICROSOFT

*'Working with the SCQF has enabled Microsoft to bring a formal recognition of its own certification system in terms of credit and level. This is valuable in that it brings together qualifications from the worlds of industry and academia, thus establishing a mutual parity to support the Scottish Government's skills strategy. In practical terms, those responsible for hiring IT professionals for industry vacancies now have, for the first time, a method of comparing different qualifications on applicants' CVs. This will bring benefit to Microsoft, its tens of thousands of solution partners and hundreds of thousands of customers.'*

**- Derrick McCourt, Director, Microsoft Scotland**

## YOUTH SCOTLAND

*'The Youth Achievement Awards provide a framework to recognise and value young people's achievement regardless of the learning environment. Their value has increased dramatically through SCQF credit rating and levelling. This is evidenced by the increase in registrations to offer the awards, particularly from schools and colleges, since credit rating was completed in November 2007.'*

**- Steven Grieg, Youth Work Manager, Youth Scotland**

## SKILLSACTIVE

*'We are delighted to have played our role in bringing Mountain Leader Training Scotland and the SCQF together. Qualifications are important in every walk of life and the national recognition that SCQF has now given to the Winter Mountain Leader Award shows even more that it is a qualification worth having and whoever holds it has a high level of skills and knowledge. We have known this award as the "industry standard" for many years but this gives it more recognition. Also those that hold it have a better understanding of where it sits in terms of levels of learning achieved.'*

**- Pam Scott, National Manager Scotland Sport and Recreation, SkillsActive**

## SCOTTISH POLICE COLLEGE

*'From the outset we saw the opportunities presented by the SCQF and have been enthusiastic in embracing all that the Framework offers. As an employing organisation the service wished to adopt a flexible approach to qualifications whether vocational or academic and the Framework provided that.'*

**- Assistant Chief Constable John Geates, Director, Scottish Police College**

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