

# Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework

(SCQF)

# What is the SCQF?

- The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) is Scotland's national qualifications framework.
- This Framework helps people of all ages and from all walks of life to gain access to education and training at a level that is suitable for them. This level can then be built on, the Framework can help you plan your learning and guide you on the progression routes to take.
- It doesn't matter who you are or the level you are at, you can use the Framework to develop and progress your learning or training experience.

## What are SCQF Levels?

The Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework has 12 levels.

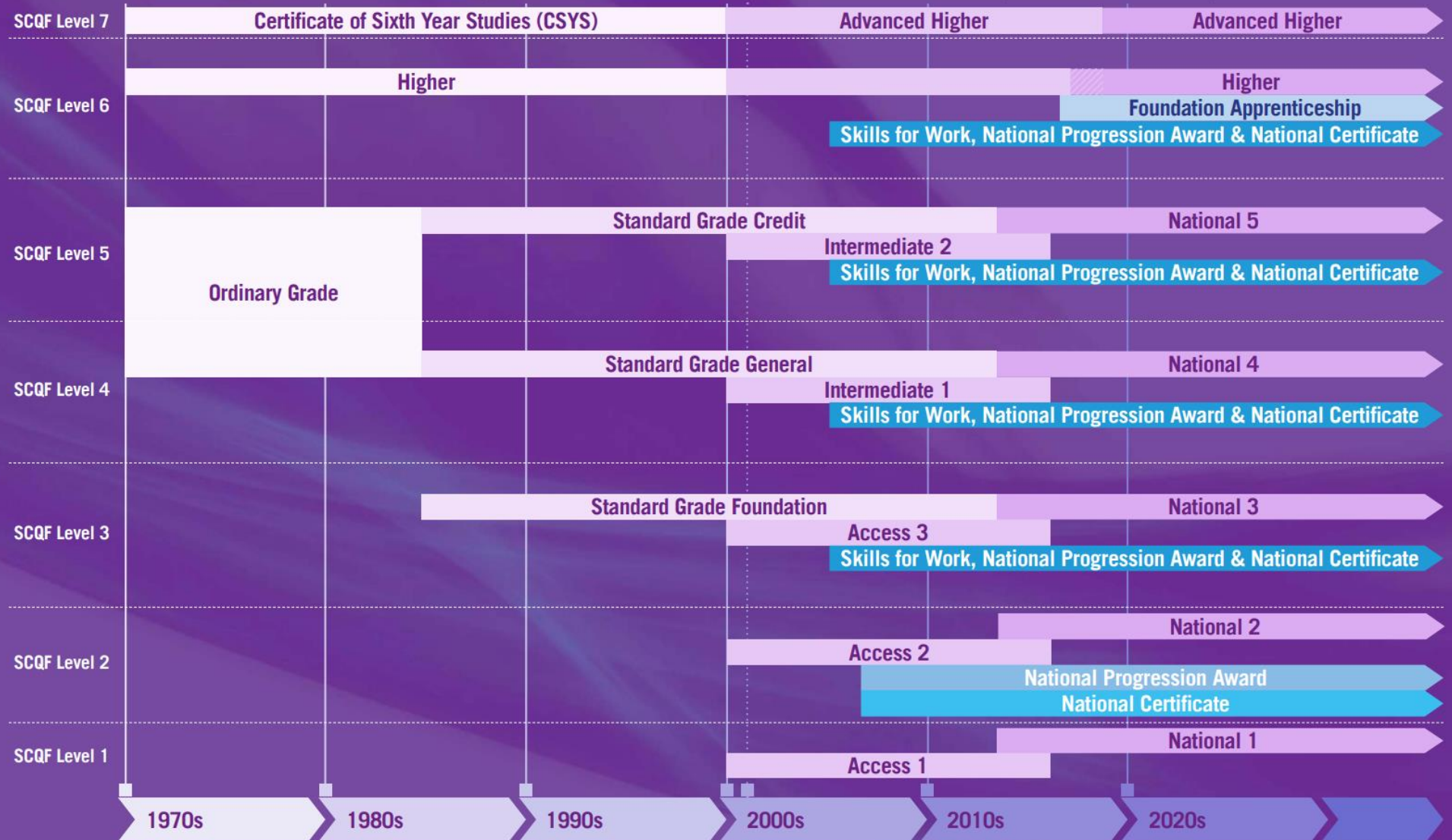
These levels range from National Level 1, which is started at school, and go right up to Level 12 and gains you a Doctoral Degree.

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		↓				



# 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](http://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](http://www.sqa.org.uk/cfe)).



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

We will now look at some examples  
on our Craigmount website

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