

Report on alignment of SQA awards to be made in Ireland to the National Framework of Qualifications

Report on the alignment of the awards to be made by the Scottish Qualifications Authority in Ireland with the National Framework of Qualifications

Recommendation

FETAC recommends to the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland that the awards of Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), to be made in Ireland, should be aligned with the National Framework of Qualifications, to specific levels as indicated in this report.

Conditions of Alignment

1. SQA may refer to the qualifications indicated in the report as being:
 - aligned with the specified levels of the National Framework of Qualifications in Ireland (the Framework) and recognised as such by the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI).
 - classified as either full awards or as a component part of a full award
2. SQA shall provide FETAC with information regarding
 - annual statistics indicating numbers of learners in Ireland who achieve the awards to which the alignment refers
 - the outcome of any external quality assurance review to which SQA is subject
 - any material change to the SQA quality assurance procedures which will impact in any way on the provision in Ireland of the awards to which the alignment refers
 - any new awards which SQA intends to offer in Ireland
3. SQA shall implement the procedures determined by the NQAI in respect of access, transfer and progression and RPL

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1. LEVEL CRITERIA

The criteria used by FETAC to determine the comparable levels of awards submitted by SQA for alignment with the NFQ are set out in the document entitled - **Qualifications can cross boundaries**

<http://www.qualificationsrecognition.ie/recognition/pdfs/File.886.en.pdf>

The comparable Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework (SCQF) and National Framework of Qualifications for Ireland (NQF) levels may be summarised as follows.

Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework		National Framework of Qualifications for Ireland
Access Levels 1 & 2	is comparable to	Level 1
Access Level 3	is comparable to	Level 2
Level 4	is comparable to	Level 3
Level 5	is comparable to	Level 4
Level 6	is comparable to	Level 5
Level 7	is comparable to	Level 6

2. SOURCES OF EVIDENCE & LEVEL RECOMMENDATION

The evidence source used to determine the levels of SQA/SVQ awards was a document entitled - **SVQ Update - December 2007**.

http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/B53920_SVQ_UPDATE_DEC_07.pdf

FETAC recommends that the SQA awards submitted should be aligned with the NQF as tabled below.

Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)		Scottish SCQF Level	Irish NFQ Level
SQA Code	SQA Title		
G8C8 22	Laundry Operations SVQ 2	5	4
G8C9 22	Laundry Service Support SVQ 2	5	4

Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)		Scottish SCQF Level	Irish NFQ Level
SQA Code	SQA Title		
G7HH 22	Storage and Warehousing SVQ 2	5	4
G7HJ 23	Storage and Warehousing SVQ 3	6	5

The evidence source used to determine the levels of SQA/SVQ awards was a document entitled - **Unit Assessment Guidance for SVQs in Learning and Development at Levels 3, 4 and 5**. These awards are also listed on the UK - National Database of Accredited Qualifications and this was also referenced to confirm the level of the awards.

http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/LearningDevCD_sqa_unit_assessment_guidance_db2900.pdf

<http://www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk/qualification/10050176.seo.aspx>

FETAC recommends that the SQA awards submitted should be aligned with the NQF as tabled below.

Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)		Scottish SCQF Level	Irish NFQ Level
SQA Code	SQA Title		
D94 L04	Unit A1 Assess Candidates Using a Range of Methods SVQ 3	7	6
D94 M04	Unit A2 Assess Candidates Performance through Observation SVQ 3	7	6

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Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)		Scottish SCQF Level	Irish NFQ Level
SQA Code	SQA Title		
D94 P04	Unit V1 Conduct Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process SVQ 4	7	6

3. AWARD CLASSIFICATION RECOMMENDATION

FETAC recommends that awards submitted for alignment by UK based Group C bodies should be classified as either full awards or as a component part of a full award.

Using this classification FETAC recommends that the awards submitted by SQA should be classified as tabled below:

SQA Code	SQA Title	Classification
G8C8 22	Laundry Operations SVQ 2	Full Award
G8C9 22	Laundry Service Support SVQ 2	Full Award

SQA Code	SQA Title	Classification
G7HH 22	Storage and Warehousing SVQ 2	Full Award
G7HJ 23	Storage and Warehousing SVQ 3	Full Award

SQA Code	SQA Title	Classification
D94 L04	Unit A1 Assess Candidates Using a Range of Methods SVQ 3	Component part of a full award
D94 M04	Unit A2 Assess Candidates Performance through Observation SVQ 3	Component part of a full award
D94 P04	Unit V1 Conduct Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process SVQ 4	Component part of a full award