SCQF TOOLS AND RESOURCES

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There is a wide range of information and resources contained within the SCQF website. To help you access some of the resources mentioned in the presentation we have put together this document with links that will take you to those resources.

SCQF DIAGRAM AND INTERACTIVE FRAMEWORK RESOURCE

You will have seen the handy Framework diagram in the presentation slides. You can access a copy of it here

The interactive version which gives some more information about the mainstream qualification types on the Framework is available here

Just hover over each qualification type to get a pop up box.

As in the presentation, there is a wide variety of other qualifications on the SCQF as well as these mainstream qualification types. If you would like to look at what is included, you can access details of all the qualifications by using the SCQF Database (see below).
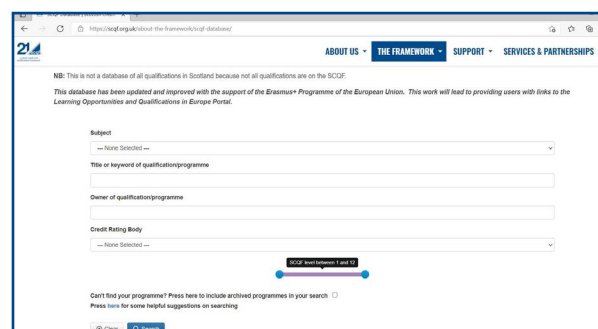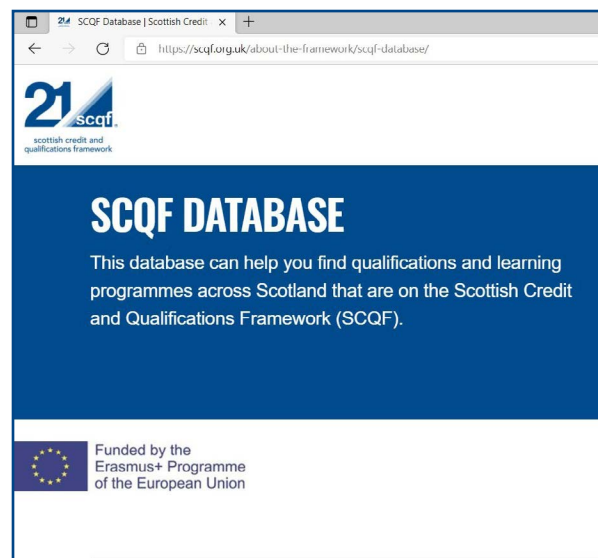
SCQF DATABASE

You can access the public SCQF Database here

In order to be on the SCQF, all qualifications have to go through a rigorous, quality assured process of credit rating by an SCQF Credit Rating Body (CRB). CRBs include colleges, universities and other Higher Education Institutions, the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and a limited number of other organisations which are approved directly by the SCQF Partnership to credit rate.

The information available on the SCQF Database includes the SCQF level of the qualification, the number of SCQF credit points that can be achieved, and the target audience.

It is important to note when accessing our database that not everything delivered in Scotland is included because, due to its voluntary nature, not all qualifications are on the SCQF (see the presentation for information about this). The database does not hold any information about the content of qualifications, number of places available, start dates, providers etc. Some data is only updated periodically. You can email us if you need help or more guidance using the contact details in the presentation.

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QUALIFICATIONS CAN CROSS BOUNDARIES LEAFLET

The Qualifications Can Cross Boundaries leaflet provides information that allows you to look at the way qualifications are organised in the UK and Ireland. It allows you to draw broad comparisons in terms of the level of challenge (rather than direct equivalences) between qualifications and their levels for each country in the UK and in Ireland.

It also indicates how UK and Irish qualifications frameworks relate to qualifications in Europe. You can access the leaflet here
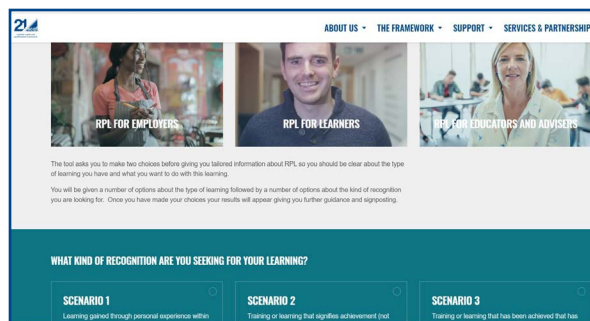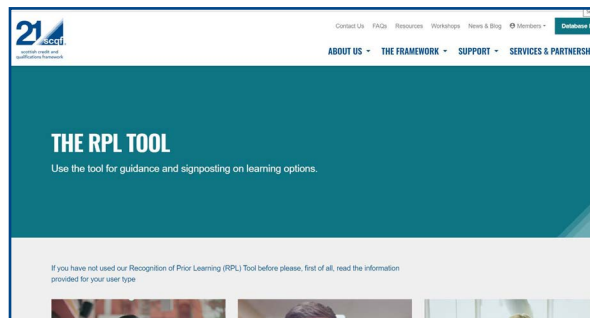
THE RPL TOOL

This tool is designed to signpost users to a range of information relevant to their needs or interest in the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and highlights some of the different ways RPL can be used.

The tool can be used by learners, educators, advisers and employers.

Note that the tool does not carry out any form of recognition but provides the users with advice and guidance as to next stages and provides links to other helpful resources.

You can try out the tool here

If you would like to know more about RPL in Scotland, you can contact us. Alternatively, there are a number of videos and case studies on our website that you might find helpful and interesting.
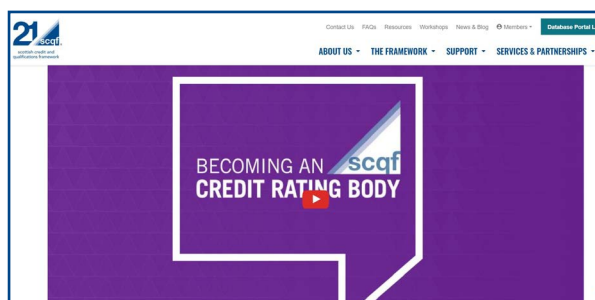

TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS

The presentation also mentions the SCQF Level Descriptors and the SCQF Handbook and these are available to download online at the following links.

The SCQF Level Descriptors – these are the fundamental building blocks of the SCQF. They describe in broad terms what learners should be able to do or demonstrate at a particular level.

The SCQF Handbook – this is the technical guide that explains how the SCQF can be used and contains the principles that Credit Rating Bodies must work within.

For those of you that might be interested in the quality assurance model that we use for SCQFP Approved Credit Rating Bodies, you can see the detailed document here

USEFUL VIDEOS

We have a range of short videos on our website covering basic introductions to the SCQF, SCQF Credit Rating, why organisations have become Credit Rating Bodies as well as showcasing some of the qualifications on the Framework. The link here will allow you to browse our videos and select those that are relevant to you.

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