

Join Forces with the SCQF

A Guide to Infantry Qualifications
and what they mean in Scotland



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scottish credit and
qualifications framework

So you've been in the armed forces and about to enter civilian life in Scotland. There's a lot to think about and one of the main priorities may well be getting a job or entering further learning. You'll have gained some qualifications whilst being enlisted, not to mention a whole wealth of skills and experience. But what does this all mean? That's where the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) can help.

What is the SCQF?

- It's Scotland's lifelong learning Framework.
- It covers a wide variety of qualifications from school, college, university and the workplace.
- It clearly shows that qualifications have the same worth whether achieved through school, college, university and the workplace.

What can the SCQF do?

- It can help you understand more clearly the qualifications landscape in Scotland.
- It can help you plan your future learning journey.
- It can help employers and institutions understand the qualifications you have gained.
- It can help you understand your transferable skills.
- It can help you progress in your learning and gain credit for what you've achieved.

The SCQF diagram

- Below is the official diagram for the SCQF. You can see all the standard Scottish qualifications from level 1 (easiest) to level 12 (most difficult).
- There are over 11,500 qualifications on the SCQF and around 900 that recognise learning undertaken in the workplace or locations other than learning institutions.

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				

But what about the qualifications you gained in Service?

These are a few of the qualifications available to Infantry soldiers throughout your career. Some of the qualifications you gained while serving may be recognised on the SCQF or may be English qualifications and therefore you may be concerned whether they will be recognised and accepted in Scotland by employers or by educational institutions.

Name of qualification	Awarding body	It's not on the SCQF but would be around this level
Level 2 HM Forces Apprenticeship	Pearson BTEC	5
Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship in ICT	Pearson BTEC	5
Level 2 Award in Safe Use of Personal Weapon	DAO	5
Level 3 Certificate in Weapons Instruction	DAO	6
Level 3 Certificate in Marksmanship and Coaching	DAO	6
Level 3 Certificate in Range Management	DAO	6
Level 4 Certificate in Range Management	DAO	7
Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship in ICT	Pearson BTEC	6
Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship in Engineering (Mechanical)	EAL or City & Guilds	5
Level 3 BTEC Award in Management	Pearson BTEC or DAO	6
Level 3 Certificate in Management	City & Guilds/ILM	6
Level 3 Award in Coaching and Mentoring	Pearson BTEC	6
Level 4 Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector	City & Guilds	7
Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management	Pearson BTEC	8/9
Level 5 Award in Coaching and Mentoring	Pearson BTEC	8/9
Level 6 BA Hons Degree in Leadership and Management	Northumberland University	10

Note: the level number in the qualification title refers to the level on the English Framework.

There may be qualifications that you gained whilst in the Infantry that are not listed. If you are unsure, then drop us a line on info@scqf.org.uk or call us on **0141 225 2922**.

What other help is out there?

There is a variety of other organisations in Scotland that can assist you in making that next step:

Military Education Centre (if still serving)

Your unit or your Education Staff can advise you where to find out about accreditation opportunities in the Infantry. In addition, they can advise on funding available to help you gain a recognised civilian qualification.

Career Transition Partnership (CTP)

The official provider of Armed Forces resettlement, the CTP provides resettlement services for those leaving the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Marines. Regardless of time served, all members of the Armed Forces can benefit from CTP support when leaving Service.

www.ctp.org.uk

Regular Forces Employment Agency (RFEA) – (if you left more than 2 years ago)

The RFEA is the continuance of lifelong job finding support once your 2 years' post discharge support from the CTP has expired. Every veteran has access to this, regardless of time served.

www.rfea.org.uk

Skills Development Scotland (SDS)

SDS is Scotland's National Skills Agency delivering, among other things, Careers Information and Advice Services.

www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

My World of Work

My World of Work is Scotland's Careers Information and Advice website.

www.myworldofwork.co.uk



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Apprenticeships.scot

Apprenticeships.scot is a free, national online recruitment site providing advice on becoming an apprentice alongside searchable vacancies.

Find out more about apprenticeships and search for jobs at www.apprenticeships.scot.

Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS)

SAAS is an agency of the Scottish Government which provides financial support to eligible students doing a course of higher education in the UK.

www.saas.gov.uk

Scottish Universities

There are 19 universities in Scotland. The following website has a list of all universities in Scotland:

www.studyinscotland.org/find-a-university

The following universities have veterans' champions and can offer recognition of prior learning: Edinburgh Napier University and Glasgow Caledonian University.

Scottish Colleges

There are 13 colleges in Scotland. The website below has a list of all colleges.

<https://collegesscotland.ac.uk>

Enhanced Learning Credits (ELCs)

Service Leavers with 6 years or more service should be reminded that if they haven't already used their Enhanced Learning Credits (ELCs) then they can still use them for up to 5 years after leaving the services.

Guidance on how to claim them is at:

www.enhancedlearningcredits.com

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