

QCF

Qualifications Credit
Framework

QCF

- A government initiative across England, Wales and Northern Ireland
- It includes all vocational qualifications in all sectors
- A replacement to the National Qualifications Framework (NQF/NVQs)

QCF – The Design

- Qualifications are made up of units
- Units have a level and a credit value
- 1 credit is equivalent to 10 hours of learning
- Qualifications may have units which can be shared with other qualifications (if rules of combination allow)
- Qualifications may have units which can be shared by other Awarding Organisations (if rules of combination allow)

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There are three sizes of qualifications in the QCF:

Awards - 1 to 12 credits

Certificates – 13 to 36 credits

Diplomas – 37 credits or more

- Units and qualifications should have as many uses as possible
- Units have broad assessment requirements
- Language and content should reflect level – language should be standardised

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To achieve the full Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care, learners will require 46 credits. To do this they must achieve:

- 24 credits from the mandatory 9 units
- a minimum of 2 credits and a maximum of 7 credits from the optional/specialist knowledge units
- at least 15 credits from the optional competence units covering different areas of health and social care such as:
 - supporting person-centred approaches
 - advocacy
 - healthcare
 - supporting those with disabilities, learning disabilities or dementia



QCF – Potential Job roles

Such as:

- assistance in residential settings
- assistance in community and primary care environments
- assistance in acute health environments
- assistance in domiciliary care
- assistance in day services
- support workers in supported living projects
- community-based care assistance working in specialist areas, e.g. dementia, learning disabilities
- personal assistance employed directly by the individual they support or their families
- emerging new types of workers and multidisciplinary health roles

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To achieve the full Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care, learners will require 58 credits. To do this they must achieve:

- 28 credits from the mandatory units
- a minimum of 2 credits and a maximum of 7 credits from the optional knowledge/specialist context units
- a minimum of 23 credits from the optional competence units



QCF – Potential Job roles

- Senior assistance in residential settings
- Senior assistance in community and primary care environments
- Senior assistance in acute health environments
- Senior assistance in domiciliary care
- Senior assistance in day services
- Senior support workers in supported living projects
- Community-based senior care assistance working in specialist areas, e.g. dementia, learning disabilities
- Personal assistance employed directly by the individual they support or their families
- Emerging new types of workers and multidisciplinary health roles



QCF – Benefits to Learners

- More choice and flexibility
- Recognises smaller steps of achievement through credits and enables learners to build up qualifications incrementally and over time in order to meet their specific skills needs and skills gaps
- Help learners to transfer credits to other qualifications and across organisations so that no learning is lost or duplicated



QCF – Benefits to Employers

- Easily identify the level and size of achievement of prospective employers
- Clearly identify the right training for their learning and business needs
- Each learner will be given a Unique Learner Number (ULN). You will be able to track your staff's achievements




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Qualifications and Credit Framework Learner Achievement Record

Learner Achievement Record For Brian Tester (5000000845)

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Units Achieved

<u>Awarding Body</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>Credit Value</u>	<u>Date Awarded</u>
City & Guilds	Level 3	Communication skills	Northern FE Test College	4	02/11/2006
BCS	Level 3	Email	Northern FE Test College	3	14/11/2006
BCS	Level 3	IT Basics	Northern FE Test College	3	02/11/2006
City & Guilds	Level 1	Returning to Study	Western FE Test College	8	02/11/2006

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QCF – Benefits to Providers

Delivery @ MK College

We will use the QCF to design flexible programmes responsive to learner and employer needs:

- Distance Learning
- Assignments/case studies etc...
- blended learning, using workshops to cover mandatory units and or specific pathways
- to offer units for CPD training and update

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Fees MK College

Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care **£800**

(Overseas Fees - £1600)

Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care **£950**

(Overseas Fees - £1900)