



Setting the scene:
the context of qualification reform

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Government changes



- Some immediate changes
- New department, new ministers
- Policy direction not yet conclusive
- May 12th Coalition Agreement
- Future for funding agencies



The Qualification and Credit Framework



- QCF is the essential tool in reform of vocational qualifications
- QCF is the new national framework for all existing and new vocational and work-related qualifications



QCF - Aims



- recognise smaller steps of learning and enables learners to building credit by achieving units
- help learners achieve skills and qualifications that meet industry needs
- enable work-based training to be nationally recognised.



QCF - Principles



Units and qualifications will be:

- transferable
- flexible
- quality assured
- easy to understand
- geared towards progression.



NOCN Qualifications



- Enable learners to achieve credit in ‘bite-sized chunks’ which they can build into qualifications over time
- Credit transferable, and qualifications portable
- Flexible, allowing you to design curricula to meet the needs of specific learners
- Qualifications allow achievement of credit at different levels – the ‘spiky profile’
- Designed to enable progression from Entry to L3
- Different sizes of qualifications with different credit targets



OCN accreditation



- Experience of 'bespoke' accreditation
- Tailored to individual needs
- Employers

Access to HE Diploma

- National framework
- Outside the QCF



How do providers use NOCN QCF qualifications?



LLDD

Personal progress

Schools / PRUs

STEP-Up (14-19 FLC)

KS4 Engagement

Functional skills

Developing Skills for Employment (L2)

Offender Learning

Personal and Social Development (PSD)

Functional Skills

Employability

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STEP-Up

Range of Qualifications for Progression
e.g. College induction



A changing picture



- New qualifications developed and approved
- QCF constantly updated

News: Foundation Learning Curriculum for Adults

- Skills Funding Agency has set out policy for Adult FLC in the QCF– entry and Level 1



NOCN qualifications recently approved in QCF



- Developing Skills for Employment L2
- Skills for Supporting Public Services L2
- IT User Skills (ITQ) L1 – L3
- Language Skills Entry – L3
- Essential Skills L1, L2



NOCN qualifications in development



- Cleaning and Support Services L2
- Financial Literacy E3, L1
- Independent Living E1 – E3
- Economic Wellbeing (PSHEE) L2
- Personal Wellbeing (PSHEE) L2

