

There are set to be significant changes to the vocational qualifications that are developed to raise the skills of the UK. The Qualification and Credit Framework is an integral part of larger vocational reforms being introduced by the Government to help develop the economic performance of the UK through an improved qualification system.

What is QCF?

The Qualification and Credit Framework (QCF) is the new framework for creating and accrediting qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It's at the heart of a major reform of the vocational qualifications system, which will become simpler to understand and use, more accessible to a wider range of learners and employers and more relevant to the learners' and employers' needs.

What are the changes?

The QCF introduces a more flexible approach by recognising units of credit. This means employers and learners can 'build' qualifications which are relevant to their needs.

It also means the current vocational qualifications such as NVQs will be redeveloped and renamed. The aim is to bring a greater standardisation, consistency and understanding across all vocational qualifications.

How does it work?

All qualifications in the QCF are made up of units of learning, every unit achieved has a credit value. The credit value equates to either an Award, Certificate or Diploma.

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