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Key findings

There were 179 recognised awarding organisations operating across England, Wales and Northern Ireland between January and March 2012. During this period, the Register¹ held 16,853 regulated qualifications that were available for students to enrol on.

Regulated qualifications (excluding GCSEs, GCEs and Diploma)

There were 25,080 achievements awarded in Northern Ireland, covering 6,403 individual qualifications offered by 132 different awarding organisations.

The qualification with the greatest number of achievements in Northern Ireland in other regulated qualifications was the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering. The awarding organisation with the most achievements was City & Guilds, with 7,849 achievements (31 per cent of achievements during January to March 2012).

The type of qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), with 17,272 achievements, representing 69 per cent of total achievements.

The sector subject area (SSA) with the most achievements was preparation for life and work, with 6,048 achievements, representing 24 per cent of the total achievements.

The level with the most achievements was level 2, which awarded 11,715 achievements, representing 47 per cent of the total higher achievements.

Qualifications and Credit Framework qualifications

There were 17,272 QCF achievements awarded in Northern Ireland, covering 670 individual QCF qualifications offered by 61 different awarding organisations.

The QCF qualification with the greatest number of achievements in Northern Ireland was again the CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering. The awarding organisation with the most achievements was again City & Guilds, with 3,222 achievements (19 per cent of achievements in QCF qualifications during January to March 2012).

The SSA with the most achievements was arts, media and publishing, with 4,659 achievements, representing 27 per cent of the total QCF achievements.

¹ The Register of Regulated Qualifications contains details of organisations and qualification regulated by Ofqual (<http://www.ofqual.gov.uk/>).

The level with the most achievements was level 2, which awarded 9,002 achievements, representing 53 per cent of the total higher achievements.

Introduction

This *Northern Ireland Qualifications Quarterly* bulletin is published jointly by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) and the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA). In this bulletin we present achievements for all regulated qualifications in Northern Ireland, excluding GCSEs, GCEs² and the Diploma, during the quarter January to March 2012. For the purpose of this bulletin, these qualifications are grouped as regulated qualifications and include qualifications regulated by Ofqual and by CCEA.

All awarding organisations submit data to Ofqual each quarter on the number of achievements for regulated qualifications (excluding GCSEs and GCEs) during the quarter. For Northern Ireland, we collect this data on behalf of CCEA also. Achievements are recorded in the quarter during which the final certificates are issued. This bulletin presents this data, giving information on the number of achievements recorded by awarding organisations, and the SSA and qualification types, and the level of achievements. All regulated qualifications are included, regardless of age of learner, centre type and funding status of the qualification.

Geographical coverage

This bulletin covers the achievements in regulated qualifications of all awarding organisations recognised by Ofqual and/or CCEA for Northern Ireland. There are four indigenous awarding organisations in Ireland recognised by Ofqual and/or CCEA. These are CCEA, Engineering Training Council Awards Limited (ETCAL), Open College Network Northern Ireland (OCNNI), and Accounting Technicians Ireland (ATI).

The remaining awarding organisations recognised by Ofqual and/or CCEA to award qualifications in Northern Ireland have their headquarters elsewhere. This bulletin is the first edition, and future editions will follow each quarter.

Qualification type

Currently, all awarding organisations must first submit the qualification to the regulators for accreditation before it is made available to learners. At the point of accreditation, regulated qualifications are allocated to one of 18 qualification types, which are used to classify qualifications in this bulletin. It is recognised that this is not an ideal classification system, as very similar qualifications may appear under

² Data for GCSEs and GCEs can be found on the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) website at www.jcq.org.uk/national_results/index.cfm or at www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/general-data.

different types, for example national vocational qualifications (NVQs) and the QCF, and some qualifications are miscoded. We are investigating how this situation might be resolved in the future. This bulletin presents figures on all types of qualification, except GCSEs, GCEs³ and the Diploma.

This bulletin begins by presenting an overview of achievements during January to March 2012 in Northern Ireland by qualification, awarding organisation, SSA and level. Due to the size of the QCF, it continues to drill down further into QCF achievements in Northern Ireland.

Revisions

Once published, data on the number of achievements for any qualification is not usually subject to revision. However, data may be revised in subsequent bulletins due to late-received data or if an error is identified. Qualifications may also be re-categorised to a different type, level, SSA or awarding organisation. In some cases, this may result in previous data being amended to reflect the new categorisation.

Completeness of the data

Data is sent to Ofqual every quarter by each awarding organisation. Any awarding organisation that does not return a complete set of data within the collection period is contacted to ensure that the data is as complete as possible. For this quarter a data return was received from all awarding organisations and each organisation submitted data on achievements awarded in Northern Ireland.

Due to seasonal variation in the number of achievements over the year, it is only possible to make comparisons with data in the same quarter of the previous year. The collection of country-level data has only been introduced since 2011, so currently it is not possible to make such comparisons.

Definitions

Definitions of some of the key terms used in this bulletin are:

Accreditation – a process that reviews and confirms achievement to specific criteria and standards

Achievements – any award that is not graded as U or Absent or X

³ Data for GCSEs and GCEs can be found on the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) website at www.jcq.org.uk/national_results/index.cfm or at www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/statistics/general-data.

Available qualification – a qualification eligible for an award

Awarding organisation – organisations recognised to develop, deliver and award descriptions of qualifications

Active qualification – a qualification eligible for students to be awarded upon, even if the qualification is no longer available for enrolment

Certificating – a formal recognition of learner achievement

Recognition – an evidence-based process of achieving compliance to the Criteria for Recognition

A glossary is available as a separate document in the statistical section of our website: www.ofqual.gov.uk/research-and-statistics/165/411 with further details on SSA classifications, and qualification types and levels.

In this bulletin 'quarter' refers to calendar quarters. So Q1 refers to January to March, Q2 to April to June, Q3 to July to September, and Q4 to October to December.

Any suggestions or comments regarding this bulletin would be welcome. Our contact details are at the back of this publication.

Achievements this quarter

At the point of accreditation, all regulated qualifications are classified into 18 qualification types including GCSE, GCE and Diploma types.

There were 25,080 achievements awarded in Northern Ireland during January to March 2012. This represents under 2 per cent of all achievements awarded across England, Wales and Northern Ireland in the same period (see figure 1).

Figures for the three countries combined are rounded to the nearest 50.

Note: country-level data was collected from 2011 onwards.

Figure 1: Number of achievements in regulated qualifications in Northern Ireland and in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, January to March 2012

Qualification types	Jan-Mar 2012 NI only		Jan-Mar 2012 E, W & NI	
Qualifications and Credit Framework	17,272	69%	817,950	59%
Key skills	4,037	16%	130,650	9%
National vocational qualifications	977	4%	31,350	2%
Vocationally-related qualifications	956	4%	51,100	4%
Basic skills	801	3%	127,500	9%
Other general qualifications	386	2%	46,450	3%
English for speakers of other languages	298	1%	67,950	5%
Entry level qualifications	212	1%	6,100	0%
Higher level qualifications	100	0%	3,600	0%
Occupational qualifications	34	0%	1,000	0%
Functional skills	7	0%	96,800	7%
Free-standing mathematics qualifications	0	0%	500	0%
Total number of achievements	25,080	100%	1,380,900	100%

(Key: England (E), Wales (W) and Northern Ireland (NI))

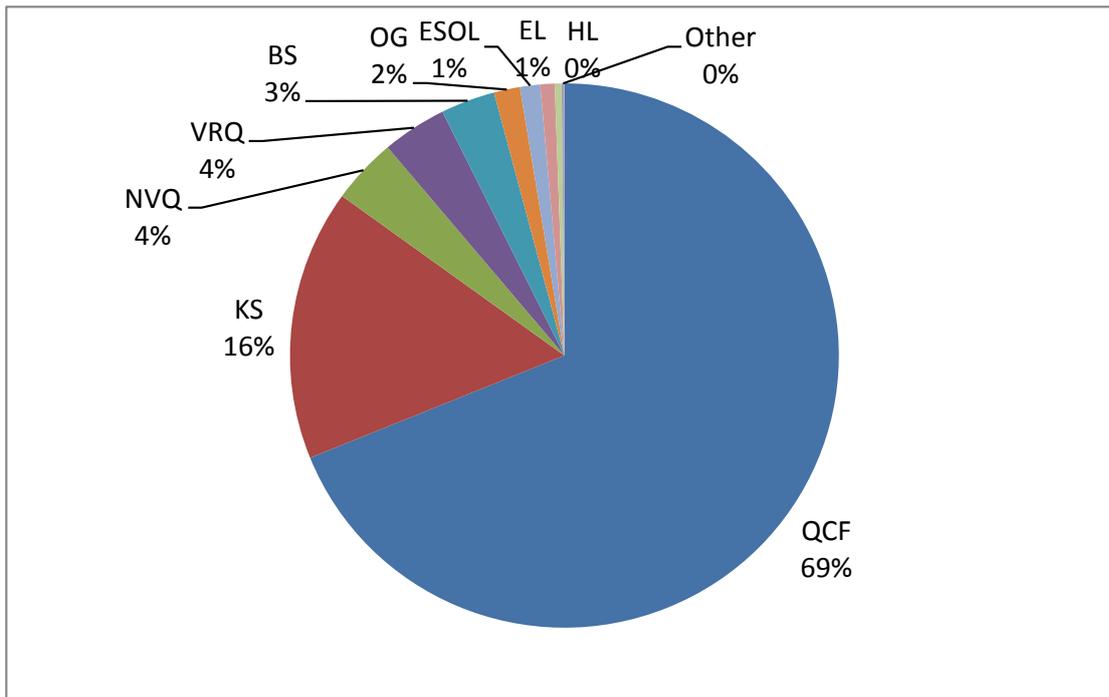
(Key: Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), key skills (KS), national vocational qualifications (NVQ), vocationally-related qualifications (VRQ), basic skills (BS), other general (OG), English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), entry level (EL), higher level (HL), occupational qualifications (OQ), functional skills (FS), free-standing mathematics qualifications (FSMQ))

From figure 1 above, we can see that QCF qualifications dominate in Northern Ireland (69 per cent), and in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (59 per cent). Key skills qualifications have a greater percentage of achievements in Northern Ireland compared with England, Wales and Northern Ireland, as do NVQs. In contrast, across the three countries basic skills qualifications have a greater proportion of achievements compared with those awarded in Northern Ireland only.

Qualifications

All regulated qualifications are classified into one of 18 qualification types. Figure 2 shows the percentage share of the achievements in Northern Ireland during January to March 2012 for each qualification type.

Figure 2: Achievements in Northern Ireland by qualification type, January to March 2012



(Key: Key skills (KS), vocationally-related qualifications (VRQ), basic skills (BS), other general (OG), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), entry level (EL), higher level (HL))

The qualification type with the greatest number of achievements was the QCF (69 per cent). The second greatest type of qualification was key skills, with 4,037 achievements, representing 16 per cent of all achievements in Northern Ireland.

Figure 3 shows the 20 qualifications with the greatest number of achievements for Northern Ireland during the same period.

Figure 3: The top 20 qualifications with the greatest number of achievements for Northern Ireland, January to March 2012

Qualification	Achievements, January to March 2012
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	1,887
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills - Application of Number	1,420
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills - Communication	1,049
City & Guilds Entry Level Award in Online Basics (Start IT - iTQ) (Entry 3) (QCF)	771
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills - Communication	439
CCEA Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills - Application of Number	326
CIEH Level 2 Award in Health and Safety in the Workplace (QCF)	326
TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	304
CCEA Entry Level Certificate in Essential Skills - Adult Numeracy	289
CCEA Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills - Application of Number	288
TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	273
TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	269
BSC Entry Level Award in Workplace Hazard Awareness (Entry 3) (QCF)	265
CCEA Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills - Communication	260
NOCN Entry Level Award in Progression (Entry 3) (QCF)	245
TCL Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	241
EDI Level 3 Certificate in Management Principles (QCF)	230
CCEA Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills - Communication	216
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills - Information and Communication	216
TCL Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 5) (QCF)	213

The qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering, with 1,887 achievements. The 40 qualifications with the greatest number of achievements are shown in table 1.

Awarding organisations

In January to March 2012 there were 16,853 available qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, offered by 159 awarding organisations.

In Northern Ireland alone, there were 71 awarding organisations who awarded achievements across 980 qualifications.

The awarding organisation that awarded the greatest number of achievements in Northern Ireland during January to March 2012 was City & Guilds, with 7,849 achievements (31 per cent of all achievements in Northern Ireland) (see figures 4 and 5). Figures for all awarding organisations are shown in table 2.

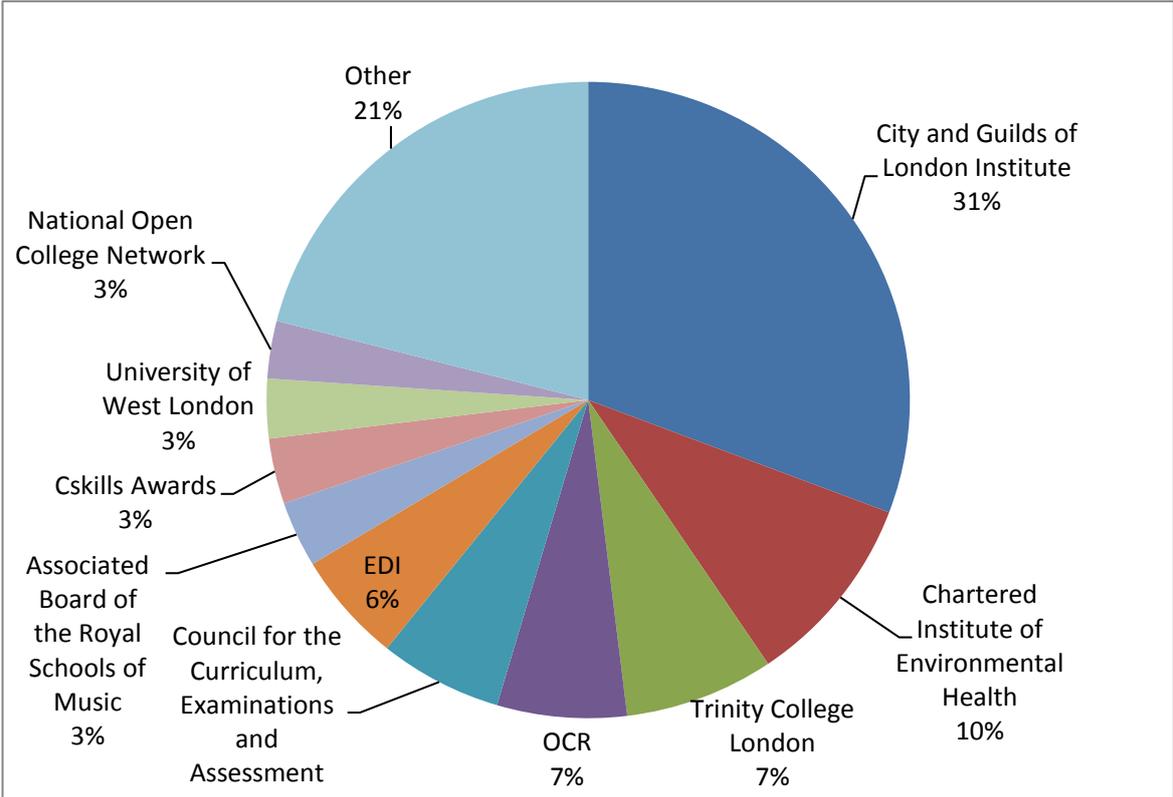
Figure 4: The 20 awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements across all qualification types for Northern Ireland, January to March 2012

Awarding organisation	Achievements, January to March 2012
City and Guilds of London Institute	7,849
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	2,504
Trinity College London	1,917
OCR	1,664
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment	1,579
EDI	1,435
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	855
University of West London	771
National Open College Network	746
Pearson Education Ltd	457
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	449
Rock School Ltd	441
Cskills Awards	400
British Safety Council	391
ETC Awards Limited	304
Institute of Leadership & Management	298
Graded Qualifications Alliance	233
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations	228
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	224
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body	220

There are several awarding organisations whose levels of achievements differ significantly between Northern Ireland and England, Wales and Northern Ireland. CCEA (the awarding organisation with the fifth greatest number of achievements in Northern Ireland) and ETC Awards Limited (15th) are outside the top 50 awarding organisations for all three countries combined. University of West London and Rock School Ltd also appear significantly higher in the ranks in Northern Ireland than in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Two awarding organisations that do not have Ofqual 2012

as strong a presence in Northern Ireland are Pearson Education Ltd (Edexcel), which has the second greatest number of certifications in all three countries, and University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (the eighth greatest). Figure 5 below shows the percentage share of the achievements for the top 10 awarding organisations compared with all other awarding organisations.

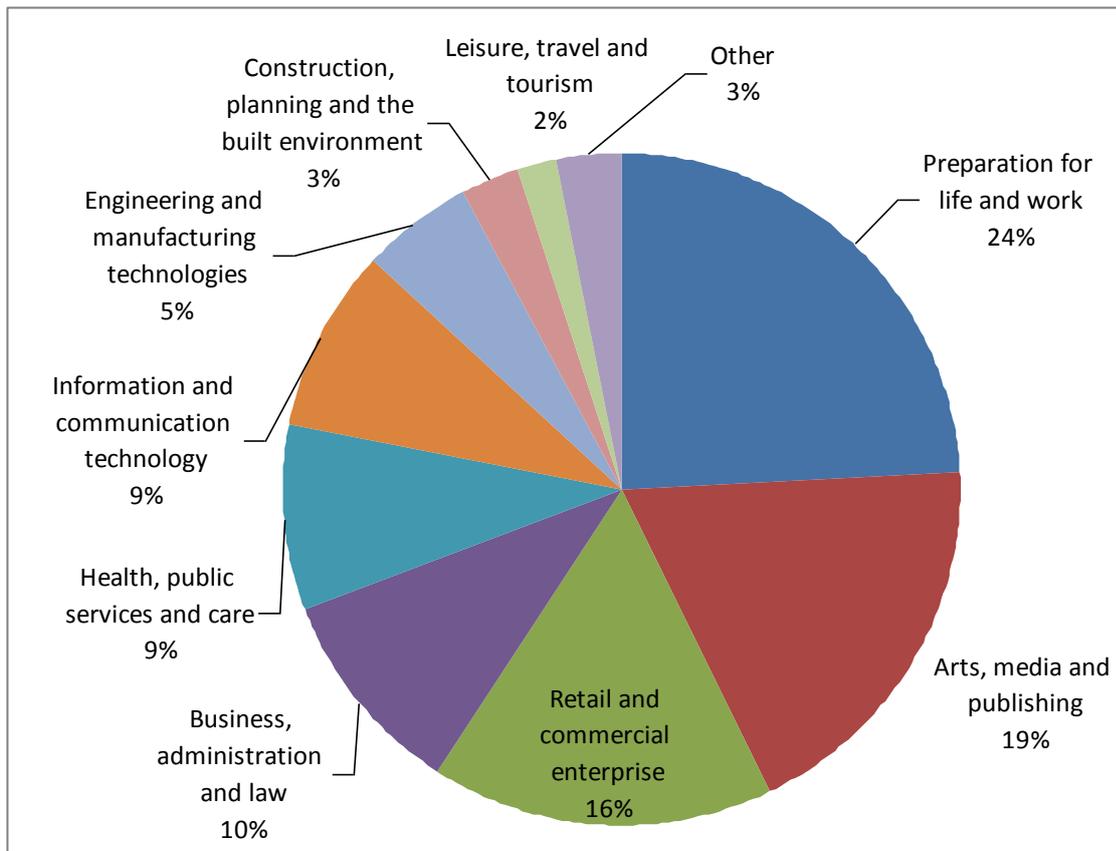
Figure 5: Achievements in Northern Ireland by awarding organisation, January to March 2012



Sector subject area

The SSA that awarded the greatest number of achievements in Northern Ireland during January to March 2012 was preparation for life and work, with 6,048 achievements, representing 24 per cent of all achievements in Northern Ireland for the same period. The second greatest SSA was arts, media and publishing, with 4,667 achievements, representing 18 per cent of all achievements (see figure 6). Full details of the number of achievements for each SSA are given in table 3.

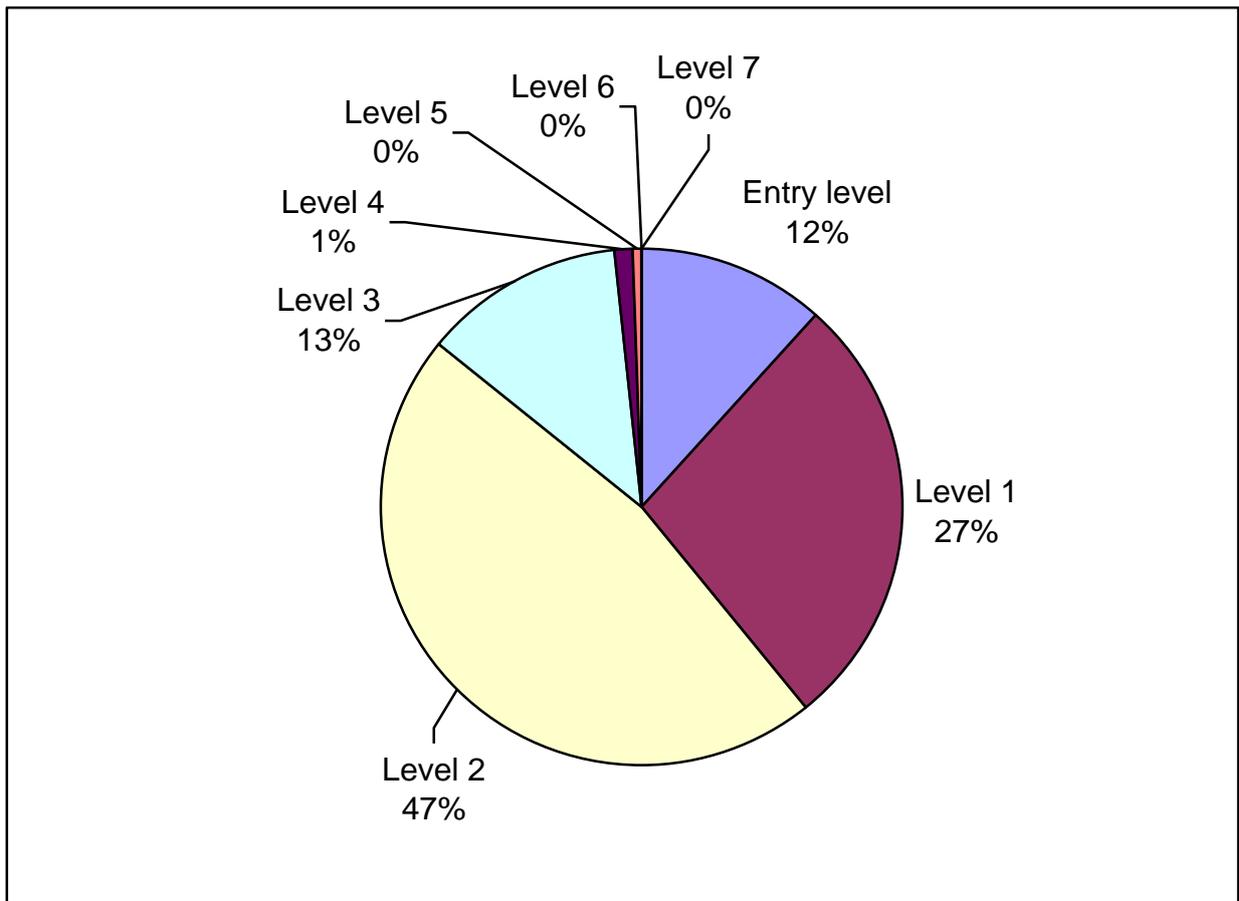
Figure 6: Achievements in Northern Ireland by SSA, January to March 2012



Level of qualification

Level 2 had the greater proportion of achievements, with 11,715 achievements, representing 47 per cent of achievements in January to March 2012 (see figure 7). Full details of the number of achievements for each level are given in table 4.

Figure 7: Achievements in Northern Ireland by level, January to March 2012



Qualifications and Credit Framework in Northern Ireland

Please note: these figures refer to full qualifications, not units.

The QCF is a credit-based framework that enables learners to accumulate and transfer credit towards a regulated qualification. It is designed to provide learners, learning providers and employers with an inclusive and flexible regulated qualifications framework, containing units and qualifications that recognise the widest possible range of quality-assured learner achievements. The QCF introduces a standard currency for learner achievement across the qualifications systems through the award of credit. One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of learning. There are three sizes of QCF qualification: award, certificate and diploma. Awards consist of 1 to 12 credits, certificates 13 to 36 credits, and diplomas 37 credits or more.

In January to March 2012, 17,272 QCF achievements were recorded at all levels in Northern Ireland. The QCF achievements covered 670 different qualifications, offered by 61 awarding organisations. In January to March 2012, QCFs represented 69 per cent of the achievements in regulated qualifications in Northern Ireland.

The QCF qualification with the greatest number of achievements was the CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering, with 1,887 achievements. The 20 QCF qualifications with the greatest number of achievements are shown in figure 8 below. The top 40 QCF qualifications are detailed in table 5.

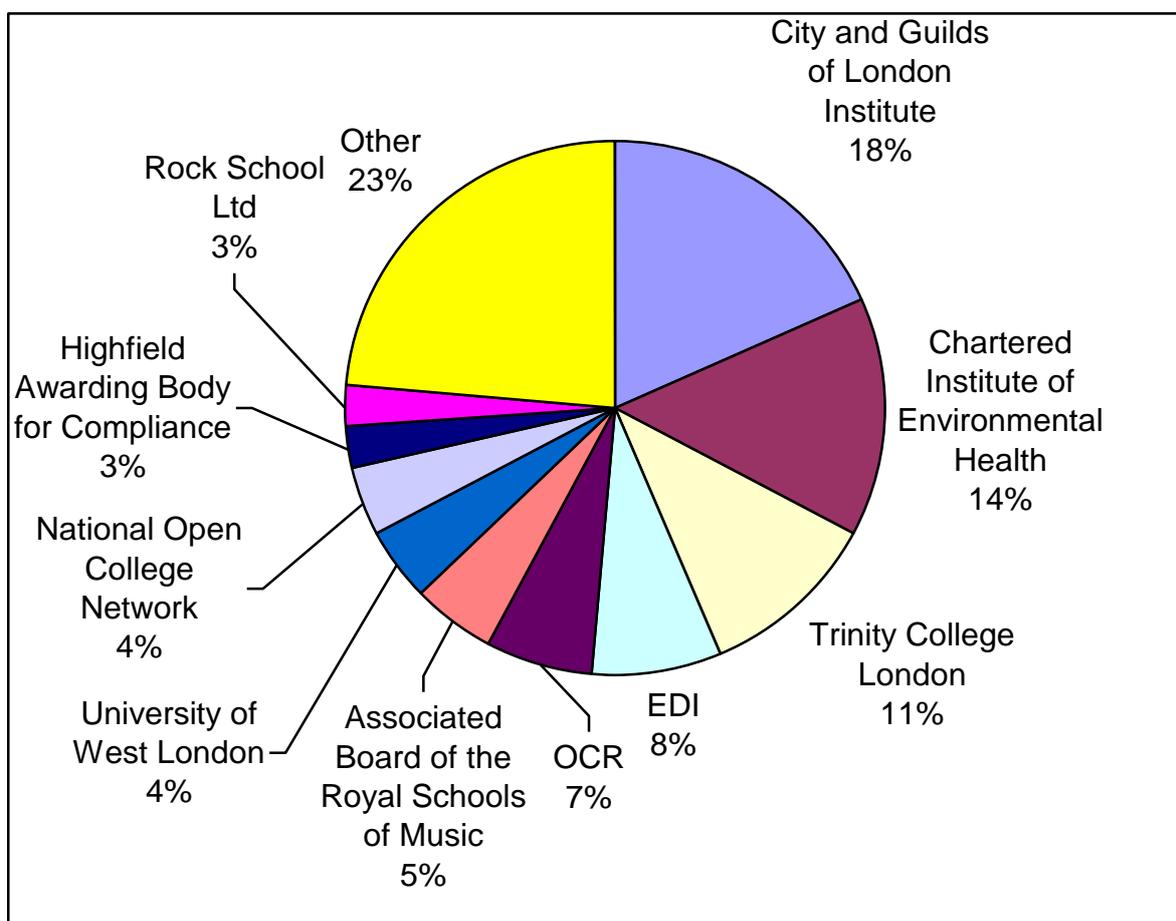
Figure 8: The 20 awarding organisations with the greatest number of achievements in the QCF for Northern Ireland, January to March 2012

Qualification	Achievements, January to March 2012
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	1,887
City & Guilds Entry Level Award in Online Basics (Start IT - iTQ) (Entry 3) (QCF)	771
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BSC Entry Level Award in Workplace Hazard Awareness (Entry 3) (QCF)	265
NOCN Entry Level Award in Progression (Entry 3) (QCF)	245
TCL Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4)	241
EDI Level 3 Certificate in Management Principles (QCF)	230
TCL Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 5)	213
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Principles of Customer Service in Hospitality,	179
TCL Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 6)	178
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1)	166
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Welcoming Tourists and Visitors to their Destination	161
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	160
OCR Level 2 Award in Text Processing (Business Professional) (QCF)	158
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2)	151
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	138
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ) (QCF)	136

The awarding organisation that recorded the greatest number of achievements for the QCF was City & Guilds, with 3,222 achievements (19 per cent of all QCF achievements – significantly less than its share of achievements for all qualification types).

The awarding organisations with the most achievements are shown in figure 9, and a list of the achievement numbers for the top 30 awarding organisations is shown in table 6.

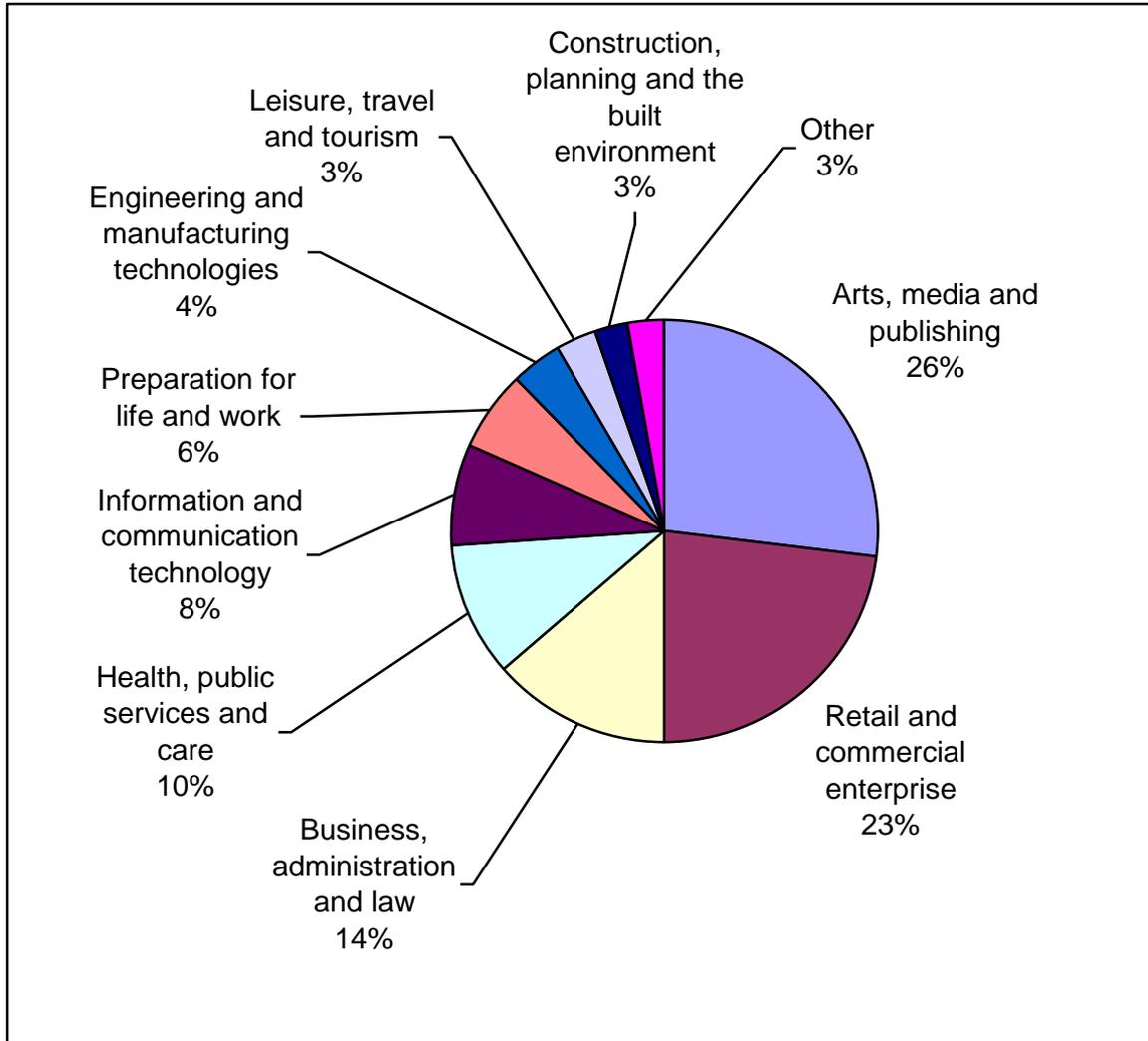
Figure 9: QCF achievements in Northern Ireland by awarding organisation, January to March 2012



The SSA that recorded the greatest number of achievements for the QCF was arts, media and publishing, with 4,659 achievements, representing 27 per cent of QCF achievements in January to March 2012. This SSA had the second greatest number of achievements for all regulated qualifications. The second greatest area was retail and commercial enterprise, with 3,967 achievements, representing 23 per cent of QCF achievements (see figure 10). Again, this SSA had the third greatest number of achievements for all regulated qualifications: the notable difference is that preparation for life and work, which had the greatest number of achievements for all

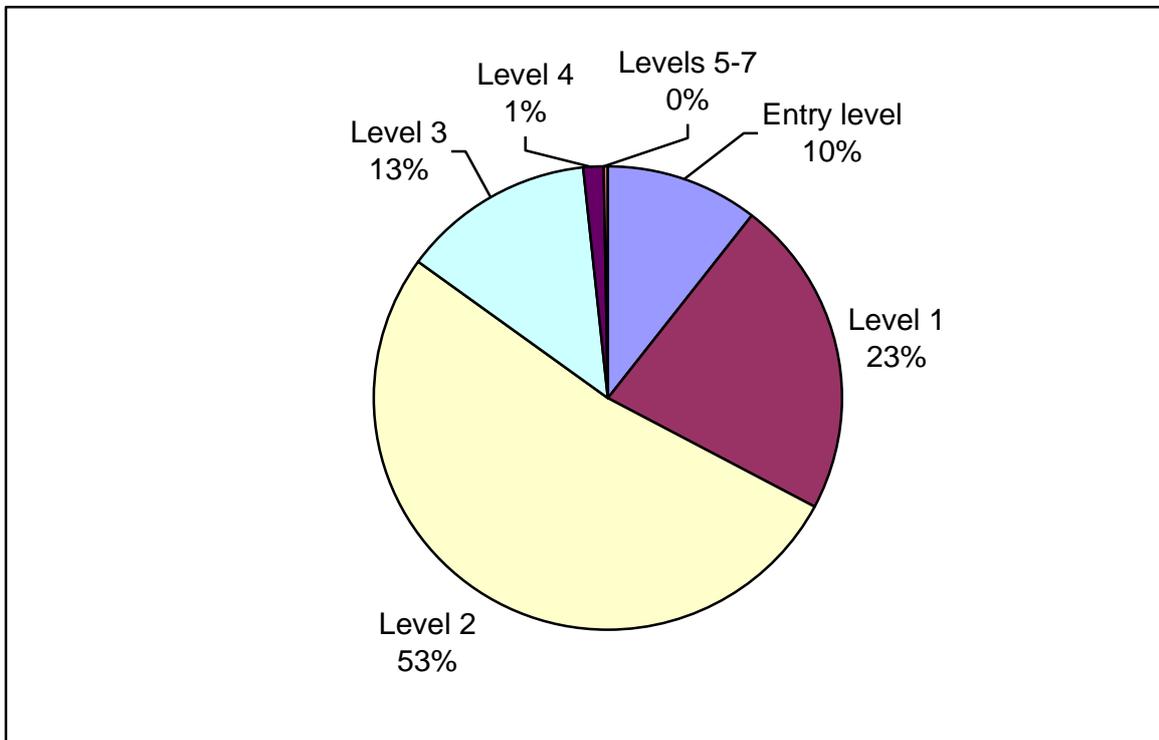
qualification types, had only the sixth greatest number of QCF achievements. Full details of the number of achievements for each SSA are in table 7.

Figure 10: QCF achievements in Northern Ireland by SSA, January to March 2012



The majority of QCF achievements were at level 2, with 9,002 achievements, representing 53 per cent of QCF achievements in January to March 2012 (see figure 11). Full details of the number of achievements for each level are in table 8.

Figure 11: QCF achievements in Northern Ireland by level, January to March 2012



Tables

Table 1: Summary data, January to March 2012
Northern Ireland

	Awarding Organisations Regulated	Awarding Organisations offering qualifications	Awarding Organisations awarding	Available qualifications	Qualifications with achievements	Total achievements awarded
Jan-Mar 2012	179	159	71	16,853	980	25,080

Table 2: Top 40 qualifications by achievements: all regulated qualifications (except GCSEs, GCEs and Diploma), January to March 2012

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CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	1,887
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CCEA Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills - Communication	260
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TCL Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	241
EDI Level 3 Certificate in Management Principles (QCF)	230
CCEA Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills - Communication	216
City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Essential Skills - Information and Communication Technology	216
TCL Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 5) (QCF)	213
City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate in Essential Skills - Adult Numeracy	202
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Principles of Customer Service in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism (QCF)	179
TCL Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 6) (QCF)	178
OCR Entry Level Certificate in ICT Skills for Life	176
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	166
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Welcoming Tourists and Visitors to their Destination in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism (QCF)	161
City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	160
OCR Level 2 Award in Text Processing (Business Professional) (QCF)	158
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	151
City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Essential Skills - Information and Communication Technology	148
City & Guilds Entry Level Certificate in Essential Skills - Adult Literacy	142
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ in Health and Social Care	138
HABC Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	138
BCS Level 1 Award in IT User Skills (ECDL Essentials) (ITQ) (QCF)	136
NOCN Level 1 Award in Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (QCF)	133
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	132
EDI Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	131
IQL Level 2 Award in Pool Lifeguarding, Supervision and Rescue (QCF)	125
UWLQ Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	124
BSC Level 1 Award in Health and Safety at Work (QCF)	123

Table 3: Top 40 awarding organisations by achievements: all regulated qualifications (except GCSEs, GCEs and Diploma), January to March 2012

Northern Ireland

	Achievements
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BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	224
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body	220
Royal Academy of Dance	180
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	147
IMI Awards Ltd	132
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	125
Active IQ	107
NCFE	96
Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	95
Prince's Trust	91
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	91
1st4sport Qualifications	88
Royal Society for Public Health	82
International Association of Book-Keepers	74
IFS School of Finance	71
Chartered Insurance Institute	61
VTCT	58
New Era Academy of Drama and Music (London) Ltd	47
Sports Leaders UK	46
FDQ Limited	41
Institute of Administrative Management	32
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	32

Table 4: SSA codes by achievements: all regulated qualifications (except GCSEs, GCEs and Diploma), January to March 2012

Northern Ireland

	Achievements
14 - Preparation for life and work	6,048
09 - Arts, media and publishing	4,667
07 - Retail and commercial enterprise	4,107
15 - Business, administration and law	2,517
01 - Health, public services and care	2,271
06 - Information and communication technology	2,182
04 - Engineering and manufacturing technologies	1,325
05 - Construction, planning and the built environment	675
08 - Leisure, travel and tourism	551
13 - Education and training	301
03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	244
12 - Languages, literature and culture	191
02 - Science and mathematics	1

Table 5: Levels by achievements: all regulated qualifications (except GCSEs, GCEs and Diploma), January to March 2012

Northern Ireland

	Achievements
Entry	2,956
1	6,857
2	11,715
3	3,154
4	273
5	107
6	13
7	5
8	0

Table 6: Top 40 qualifications by achievements: QCF qualifications, January to March 2012

Northern Ireland

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CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering (QCF)	1,887
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City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Welcoming Tourists and Visitors to their Destination in Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism (QCF)	161
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NOCN Level 1 Award in Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (QCF)	133
ABRSM Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	132
EDI Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work (QCF)	131
IQL Level 2 Award in Pool Lifeguarding, Supervision and Rescue (QCF)	125
UWLQ Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 1) (QCF)	124
BSC Level 1 Award in Health and Safety at Work (QCF)	123
ILM Level 2 Award in Team Leading (QCF)	119
City & Guilds Level 3 Award In Requirements for Electrical Installation BS7671:June 2008 (2011) (QCF)	110
City & Guilds Entry Level Award for IT Users (Start IT - iTQ) (Entry 3) (QCF)	107
City & Guilds Level 1 Award in Computerised Accounts (QCF)	104
UWLQ Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 2) (QCF)	102
City & Guilds Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing (QCF)	101
CPCAB Level 2 Award in Effective Listening Skills	99
EDI Level 2 Certificate in Induction into Adult Social Care in Northern Ireland (QCF)	99
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 4) (QCF)	96
CIEH Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Retail (QCF)	94
EDI Level 2 Certificate in Retail Knowledge (QCF)	93
ABRSM Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 5) (QCF)	88
UWLQ Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Music Performance (Grade 3) (QCF)	87
ILM Level 3 Award in First Line Management (QCF)	83

Table 7: Top 40 awarding organisations by achievements: QCF qualifications, January to March 2012

Northern Ireland

	Achievements
City and Guilds of London Institute	3,222
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	2,504
Trinity College London	1,917
EDI	1,341
OCR	1,161
Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music	855
University of West London	771
National Open College Network	718
Highfield Awarding Body for Compliance	449
Rock School Ltd	441
British Safety Council	391
Pearson Education Ltd	345
Cskills Awards	322
Institute of Leadership & Management	295
Graded Qualifications Alliance	233
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	224
Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body	209
Royal Academy of Dance	180
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing	147
Institute of Qualified Lifeguards	125
Active IQ	107
Future (Awards and Qualifications) Ltd	95
NCFE	94
Prince's Trust	91
ETC Awards Limited	83
Royal Society for Public Health	82
International Association of Book-Keepers	74
IFS School of Finance	68
Chartered Insurance Institute	61
1st4sport Qualifications	61
VTCT	52
New Era Academy of Drama and Music (London) Ltd	47
Sports Leaders UK	46
FDQ Limited	41
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance	41
Equestrian Qualifications Limited	32
McDonalds	30
WSET Awards	27
Chartered Management Institute	26
Institute of Administrative Management	25

Table 8: SSA codes by achievements: QCF qualifications, January to March 2012

Northern Ireland

	Achievements
09 - Arts, media and publishing	4,659
07 - Retail and commercial enterprise	3,967
15 - Business, administration and law	2,362
01 - Health, public services and care	1,756
06 - Information and communication technology	1,370
14 - Preparation for life and work	1,026
04 - Engineering and manufacturing technologies	711
08 - Leisure, travel and tourism	486
05 - Construction, planning and the built environment	458
13 - Education and training	229
03 - Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	226
12 - Languages, literature and culture	21
02 - Science and mathematics	1

Table 9: Levels by achievements: QCF qualifications, January to March 2012

Northern Ireland

	Achievements
Entry	1,810
1	3,864
2	9,002
3	2,327
4	220
5	37
6	7
7	5
8	0

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