



Skills Funding
Agency

Recognition of qualifications for public funding – information for employers

We, the Skills Funding Agency, are responsible for approving which qualifications the government funds for learners aged 19-plus. We want to make sure that employers and sector bodies recognise and value these qualifications.

To help us, we ask awarding organisations to give us evidence of this in the form of a letter. The letter must explain why you value the qualification and what outcomes it is likely to lead to for the learner. For example, entry to a particular job. If the qualification demonstrates occupational competence, the letter should state in which job role/s it confirms competence.

We believe that this evidence will help us make sure we focus public funding on qualifications that help adults to prepare for, enter and progress through work. We require this evidence as a condition of approving a qualification for public funding.

With your agreement, awarding organisations may publish the letter on their website. This will allow learners to see for themselves which qualifications employers, professional and trade bodies and Industrial Partnerships recognise as valuable. However, publication of the letter is not mandatory.