



Skills Funding
Agency

Recognition of qualifications for public funding – information for Higher Education Institutions, colleges and training organisations

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 colleges, training organisations and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) 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, progression to the next level of learning in that sector or subject. To provide this evidence you must deliver the progression qualification.

We believe that this evidence will help make sure we focus public funding on qualifications that will help adults to prepare for and progress in learning. 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 HEIs, colleges and training organisations recognise as valuable. However, publication of the letter is not mandatory.