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Aligning Public Funding with Priority Vocational Qualifications in England in 2008/09 - Update

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Introduction

- 1 This document provides an update to the *Addendum to Statement of Priorities - Aligning Public Funding with Priority Vocational Qualifications in England in 2008/09*¹, published in December 2007. Included in this update is:
 - Clarification of the timetable for implementation
 - Further details of the 'desirable characteristics' for reformed qualifications to be eligible for public funding
 - Clarification of the implications for vocational qualifications identified within apprenticeships
 - Update on funding of units, including clarification of the removal of funding for National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and non-NQF units
 - Update on the development of a Credit Success Rate
 - Details of changes to the initial indicative lists.

Transition timetable

- 2 The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) is developing a high-level strategy to be integrated with the business cycle and to cover the three year period to December 2010. This aligns with the timetable signalled in the recent consultation from the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) on the Qualification and Credit Framework (QCF) regulatory arrangements, that there will be no vocational qualifications with an accreditation end date (within the existing NQF) beyond 31 December 2010.
- 3 The key points to note in relation to the timescales include:
 - a. 2008/09 will represent the first full year of the operation of the QCF outside of any test and trial phase.
 - b. The LSC has signalled the need to build momentum for full implementation from 2010.
 - c. The process for aligning public funding will be a staged process. During 2007/08 the LSC is working with a small number of Sector Skills Council's (SSCs) to trial the process, assess the impact and develop capacity.
 - d. From 1 August 2009, the LSC will start to 'turn-off' funding for predecessor NQF qualifications and lower priority qualifications. Learners on existing programmes registered before this date will

¹ The *Addendum to Statement of Priorities - Aligning Public Funding with Priority Vocational Qualifications in England in 2008/09* (December 2007) can be found on the LSC's website: <http://qfr.lsc.gov.uk/ukvgrp/support>.

continue to be funded to complete their programmes. Details of the qualifications will be published at the end of summer 2008.

- e. The LSC will publish a full 3-year transition plan as part of the annual Statement of Priorities.

Desirable Characteristics

- 4 The LSC wishes to not only support the objectives of the qualification reform but also to maximise the use of funding and to focus funding where it clearly meets the needs of employers. The LSC would therefore expect reformed qualifications in receipt of public funding to have a number of desirable characteristics which would stimulate both inclusiveness and responsiveness in the design and delivery of qualifications.
- 5 The QCF technical specification allows the use of three types of units within qualifications:
 - **shared units** – available for use by any organisation recognised to award credit and qualifications in the QCF
 - **restricted units** – available for use only by those organisations that have agreed to share the unit. For example five organisations who award credit and qualifications in the sport and leisure sector
 - **private units** – available for use only by the organisation that submitted the unit to the QCF and no-one else.
- 6 This has resulted in a ‘mixed’ economy model of these unit types.
- 7 From 2008/09 the LSC intends to apply the following funding conditions to specific qualifications:
 - all the mandatory and optional units within a full Level 2 and Level 3 and other qualifications agreed as part of ‘priority’ qualifications **must** be **shared** and where possible developed through collaboration
 - all entry and Level 1 qualifications eligible for inclusion within **any** Progression Pathway **must** consist of **shared** units.
- 8 In all other qualifications the LSC would expect the majority of credits to be achieved through shared or restricted units.
- 9 Qualifications developed solely through the use of ‘private’ units may be eligible for public funding, particularly where they meet the needs of a specialist sector or are linked to employer/provider recognition. The LSC will be issuing further guidance on the criteria later this year.

Apprenticeships

- 10 In order to support the alignment of Apprenticeships and vocational qualification reform, it is proposed that work will be taken forward within the context of UK Vocational Qualification Reform Programme to explore:
- a) the need to ensure new framework structures within the QCF satisfy the four mandatory requirements outlined in the Apprenticeship Blueprint (taking into account any amendments as a result of the outcomes of the recent Apprenticeship review)
 - b) if structured as a single qualification then the *purpose* and nature of Apprenticeship qualification would need to be explicit. At the moment it is not possible to differentiate qualifications within the QCF according to purpose. However, given there is a consultation on the regulatory criteria for the QCF; the notion of the Apprenticeship as a *type* within the QCF may have to be considered in due course
 - c) the timescales and transition period from Key Skills to Functional Skills
 - d) the relationship between Apprenticeships in the QCF and any rearticulation of a full Level 2 (and in time full Level 3) in the context of the QCF.
- 11 It is intended to adopt the following parameters in order to inform the approval and funding of Apprenticeships using QCF provision. These parameters will assist both the LSC and SSCs in ensuring that a robust model for 'QCF' Apprenticeships:
- QCF provision should replace NQF (aligned with the LSC proposal to switch funding to QCF provision from August 2009)
 - New pathways within the QCF must form new frameworks
 - Approved frameworks must be available for national delivery and cannot be approved on a test and trial basis.

Funding for Units

- 12 Paragraph 23 of the Addendum signalled that from 2008/09 the LSC would only fund units from QCF accredited provision. As more provision becomes available in the QCF the LSC wishes to expand and enlarge the current working trials of unit funding.
- 13 Part of the extension of the working trials will be to better understand the rationale for enrolling learners on a programme built up from units of QCF provision and how such programmes might better enable progression to further training, learning or employment and take account of the individual learners needs and meet the rationale for offering the identified programme. In addition, we would expect the extension of working trials to also take account of SSC and employers needs for short packages of learning

emerging through sector compacts within Train to Gain and through the Skills Pledge.

- 14 The implications of this is that the current codes available on the Learning Aims Database (LAD) for units of approved provision in the NQF and non-accredited provision will cease to be available for adult learners from 2008/09. This will affect codes prefixed by the letters ZUNA and ZUNE. A new set of learning aim codes for QCF units delivered from 2008/09 will be made available on the LAD and will be detailed in Annex H of the *2008/09 ILR Specification*, which will be available on the Information Authority website: <http://www.theia.org.uk/ilr/ilrdocuments/ilrdetail.htm>.

Credit Success Rate

- 15 The work on the funding of units will also be aligned with the piloting of an additional credit success measure. From August 2008 two new fields will be added to the current Individualised Learner Record (ILR) used by providers to record information about adult learners on LSC-funded provision. These fields are titled:
- **Planned credit value** – to capture the credit value of the learning aim that the learner is planning to undertake
 - **Credits achieved** – to capture the number of credits achieved by the learner when the learning aim is completed or when the study ceases.
- 16 The Credit Success Rate (CSR) will sit alongside the existing Qualification Success Rate (QSR) measure, which will continue to be used by the LSC and Ofsted. As qualifications move from the existing NQF to the QCF, or are developed as new qualifications in the QCF, learner achievements will continue to be recorded through the QSR. The definition of the QSR will remain unchanged in this transition from the NQF to the QCF.
- 17 Effectively, the implementation of the QCF will offer the LSC two potential measures of success, the CSR and the QSR, in comparison to the single success measure (QSR) available within the NQF. During 2008/09 the LSC intends to pilot the use of the CSR, with the specific purpose of understanding and evaluating the practical issues for providers in relation to entering and collating CSR data as well as identifying the potential future uses of the CSR. For example the pilot may consider the value of the use of a CSR to measure:
- progression towards a qualification
 - partial achievement of a qualification
 - achievement towards a learning goal other than a whole qualification in certain circumstances.

Indicative Lists of Qualifications as at 15 February 2008

Changes to initial indicative lists

18 As signalled in the Addendum the qualifications listed in Annex B to the Addendum are initial indicative lists which were to be treated as 'working lists' subject to change as development got underway. The following types of changes have been made to the lists published originally in December 2007:

- Clarification of timescales and titles – *indicated in bold and italics*
- Removal of qualifications – *indicated by strikethrough*
- Inclusion of additional qualifications – *indicated by shaded boxes*

Up-to-date information will be published on the LSC's website at the following address <http://www.lsc.gov.uk/whatwedo/qfr>.

Level 2

19 Discussions are continuing between the LSC, DIUS, SSDA and QCA with regard to full Level 2 qualifications in the context of the vocational qualification reform programme. For 2008/09 the LSC will agree an interim approach to designating full Level 2 qualifications and will confirm the details of this shortly.

Tables

20 A revised summary of the qualifications proposed for development (as of 15th February 2008) is provided in the table below.

21 The four headings in the table below relate to the strands of development originally outlined in paragraph 32 of the Addendum:

- **NQF to QCF:** Direct development of existing NQF qualifications
- **Updated/merged:** Amendment and/or merger of existing NQF qualifications
- **Test & Trial:** Extension of existing QCF qualifications (used in the QCF Test and Trials)
- **New:** New qualifications

	NQF to QCF	Updated/merged	Test & Trial	New
e-Skills	0	1	9	12
Skills Active	11	22	0	1
Health	24	0	5	5
Logistics	0	0	0	1
Lantra	15	0	0	0
Cogent	2	9	0	0
Skillsfast	13	2	3	14
Semta	3	0	0	9
Improve	6	0	0	2
Construction	43	0	0	0
Total	117	34	17	44

e-Skills UK

e-Skills UK are part of Phase 3 of the Sector Qualification Strategies (SQS) process. They are due to submit their SQS in March 2008 and subsequent Action Plan in July 2008. e-Skills UK have identified qualifications within the IT User and IT and Telecom Professional sectors at Levels 1 to 4. For IT users, the ITQ has been further developed as part of the QCF Test and Trials. The ITQ now encompasses all appropriate existing IT user qualifications within its flexible structure. It will therefore be possible to deliver units of ITQ using existing learning programmes such as ECDL and CLAIT without the need for separate qualification and unit codes.

e-Skills UK will extend the QCF trials in the domain of IT and Telecoms Professionals. This will include a new suite of competence-based qualifications to replace the existing suites of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs). These qualifications will include vendor and other industry recognized units, along with trialing a new flexible assessment designed with employers.

The table below summarises the planned development activity.

New Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
	ISEB (Information Systems Examination Board) <i>qualifications</i>	Level 3
	ISEB (Information Systems Examination Board) qualifications	Level 4
	IT Technician Award	Level 3
	Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer	Level 2
	Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator	Level 3
	Cisco Certified Network Associate	Level 3
	BCS Award in IT Service Management (ITL Foundation)	Level 3
	ITIL Diploma	Level 4
	PRINCE2 <i>Practitioner</i>	Level 4
	CompTIA A+	Level 3
	CompTIA Network+	Level 3
	Oracle OCA	Level 4

Updated/Merged Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
10049848 10047578	Diploma in Professional Competence for IT Professionals	Level 4

QCF Test and Trial Qualifications to QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
50030772 50030632 50027748 50027116	Award/Certificate for IT Users (ITQ)	Level 1
50030784 50028753 50028789 50023536	Certificate/Diploma for IT Users (ITQ)	Level 2
50031685 5002873X 50028777 50027104	Diploma for IT Users (ITQ)	Level 3
10049824 10047554	Diploma in Professional Competence for ICT Professionals	Level 2
10037396 10047694	Diploma in Professional Competence for ICT Professionals	Level 3
1004579X 10047566	Certificate in ICT Systems and Principles for Advanced Apprentices	Level 3
50034753 5003473X	Certificate in ICT Systems and Principles for Apprentices	Level 2
50034923	Diploma in ICT Professional Competence for apprentice practitioners	Level 3
50034935	Diploma in ICT Professional Competence for apprentice practitioners	Level 2

NQF Qualifications to be reviewed

e-Skills UK will be reviewing the following qualifications during the next 12-18 months. Providers are asked to note that the eligibility of these qualifications from 2009/10 will also be reviewed. Paragraph 23 in the Addendum confirmed that from 2008/09 funding for units will be re-focused to support only those units from accredited vocational qualifications in the QCF. Provider may wish to consider the delivery of units from either the Level 1 and/or 2 IT Users (ITQ) qualifications instead of the existing qualifications referenced below.

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Awarding Body	Level
00276541	MyWebLife	ASET	2
00270252	Using IT (ECDL Part 2 Unit E)	BCS	X
00270026	Word Processing (Visually Impaired) (Advanced)	NIAT	X
00270021	Windows 95 (Visually Impaired) (Beginner)	NIAT	X
00270022	Windows 95 (Visually Impaired) (Intermediate)	NIAT	X
00270023	Windows 95 (Visually Impaired) (Advanced)	NIAT	X
00270016	Hardware (Advanced)	NIAT	X

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Awarding Body	Level
00270025	Word Processing (Visually Impaired) (Intermediate)	NIAT	X
00270024	Word Processing (Visually Impaired) (Beginner)	NIAT	X
00270006	Graphs and Charts (Beginner)	NIAT	X
00270008	Graphs and Charts (Intermediate)	NIAT	X
00270010	Graphs and Charts (Advanced)	NIAT	X
00270012	Hardware (Beginner)	NIAT	X
00270014	Hardware (Intermediate)	NIAT	X
00271422	Practical Data Processing	CG	X
00271405	Microcomputer Technology	CG	X
00271398	Communications Systems	CG	X
00271424	Spreadsheet Processing Techniques	CG	X
00271425	Text Production Skills	CG	X
00271429	Word Processing Techniques	CG	X
00270759	Windows XP (Intermediate)	NIAT	X
00270909	Image Production	ABC	X
00270758	Windows XP (Beginner)	NIAT	X
00270760	Windows XP (Advanced)	NIAT	X
00271004	ICT Mentoring	ABC	X
00271005	Basic IT Programme	ABC	X
00269273	OCNW Entry Level Certificate in Information and Communication Technology	OCNW	X
00269253	3D Design Studio Max Level 4	NCFE	4
00269252	3D Design Studio Max Level 3	NCFE	3
00269100	Practical Computing Level 3	EDI	3
00269101	Practical Word Processing Level 1	EDI	1
00269102	Practical Word Processing Level 2	EDI	2
00269103	Practical Word Processing Level 3	EDI	3
00269082	Level 1 Certificate in Using the Internet	EDI	1
00269099	Practical Computing Level 2	EDI	2

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Awarding Body	Level
00269098	Practical Computing Level 1	EDI	1
00268493	Introduction to Computers	ASET	1
00268474	Silver Surfers - Internet & E-Mail for Absolute Beginners	ASET	1
00268529	ECDL Advanced - Word Processing	BCS	3
00268526	ECDL Advanced Databases	BCS	3
00268530	ECDL Advanced - Spreadsheets	BCS	3
10037378	Certificate for IT Users	NCFE	3
10035436	National Certificate in Information Technology	OCR	2
10037354	Certificate for IT Users	NCFE	2
10041540	Award in Digital Applications for IT Users	EDEXCEL	3
10042209	Certificate in Information and Communication Technology	OCNW	2
10042192	Certificate in Information and Communication Technology	OCNW	2
10056786	Certificate for iMedia Users	OCR	1
10056804	Certificate for iMedia Users	OCR	2
1005327X	Diploma in Digital Applications for IT Users	EDEXCEL	3
10053268	Certificate in Digital Applications for IT Users	EDEXCEL	2
10053256	Award in Digital Applications for IT Users	EDEXCEL	2
10053244	Diploma in Digital Applications for IT Users	EDEXCEL	2
10053232	Certificate in Digital Applications for IT Users	EDEXCEL	1
10064424	Extended Certificate in Digital Applications for IT Users	EDEXCEL	1
10064412	Extended Certificate in Digital Applications for IT Users	EDEXCEL	2
10053220	Award in Digital Applications for IT Users	EDEXCEL	1
10049459	Certificate for IT Users (New CLAiT)	OCR	1
10049460	Diploma for IT Users (New CLAiT)	OCR	1
10049502	Diploma for IT Users (CLAiT Advanced)	OCR	1
10049496	Certificate for IT Users (CLAiT Advanced)	OCR	3
10049484	Diploma for IT Users (CLAiT Plus)	OCR	3
10049472	Certificate for IT Users (CLAiT Plus)	OCR	2

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Awarding Body	Level
50027116	Certificate for IT Users (ITQ)	BCS	2
50027748	Certificate for IT Users (ITQ)	EDI	1
50018759	Certificate for IT Users (e-Quals) - Enhanced	CG	1
50018607	Certificate for IT Users (e-Quals) - Standard	CG	1
10016910	Certificate in Text Processing	OCR	1
10016922	Diploma in Text Processing	OCR	1
10016934	Certificate in Text Processing	OCR	1
10016946	Diploma in Text Processing	OCR	2
00211159	Desktop Publishing (Intermediate)	NIAT	2
00211153	Database (Intermediate)	NIAT	X
00211149	Word Processing (Beginners)	NIAT	X
00211150	Word Processing (Intermediate)	NIAT	X
00211151	Word Processing (Advanced)	NIAT	X
00211160	Desktop Publishing (Advanced)	NIAT	X
00211152	Database (Beginners)	NIAT	X
00211154	Database (Advanced)	NIAT	X
00211155	Spreadsheets (Beginners)	NIAT	X
00211156	Spreadsheets (Intermediate)	NIAT	X
00211157	Spreadsheets (Advanced)	NIAT	X
00211158	Desktop Publishing (Beginners)	NIAT	X
00239270	Using Windows 95	NCFE	X
00239163	Introduction to Office 97	NCFE	X
00237286	E-mail (Intermediate)	NIAT	X
00237293	Windows 95 (Advanced)	NIAT	X
00237292	Windows 95 (Intermediate)	NIAT	X
00237291	Windows 95 (Beginners)	NIAT	X
00230812	European Computer Driving Licence	BCS	X
00255121	Certificate in Introduction to Computing (Level 2)	OCNW	2

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Awarding Body	Level
00255107	Progression Award in Technology Computing and Information Technology (Level 2)	OCNW	2
00255106	START Award in Technology Computing and Information Technology	OCNW	2
50018620	Advanced Diploma for IT Users (e-Quals) - Enhanced	CG	1
50018632	Advanced Diploma for IT Users (e-Quals) - Standard	CG	3
50018619	Diploma for IT Users (e-Quals) - Enhanced	CG	3
50018644	Diploma for IT Users (e-Quals) - Standard	CG	2
50011108	Certificate in ICT Applications	EDI	2
50011170	Certificate in ICT Applications	EDI	2
50011248	Certificate in ICT Applications	EDI	3
5001111X	Diploma in ICT Applications	EDI	1
50011236	Diploma in ICT Applications	EDI	3
10062099	National Award in ICT	OCR	2
10062105	National Certificate in ICT	OCR	1
10062117	National First Award in ICT	OCR	2
10062129	National First Certificate in ICT	OCR	2

Skills Active

Skills Active are part of the SQS Pilot Phase and have submitted both their SQS and their subsequent Action Plan. They have identified a range of qualifications at Levels 2 and 3 which include qualifications from each of their sub-sectors which they plan to develop for the QCF either through direct one to one replacement of existing NQF qualifications or through up-dating/merging existing qualifications. In addition they have identified one new qualification from the sports and recreation sub sector to be developed at Level 2 whilst also flagging that 3 QCF Test and Trial qualifications relating to Playwork will be reviewed and further developed as appropriate. The table below summarises the planned development activity.

NQF Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
50019235	Certificate in Event and Match Day Stewarding	Level 2
10061630	Certificate for Event Stewards	Level 2
1005795X 10056695 10058552	NVQ in Playwork	Level 3
10028808 10029151 1003187X	NVQ in Playwork	Level 2
50012058	Diploma in Playwork	Level 3
50012046	Certificate in Playwork	Level 3
10060315	Certificate in Playwork	Level 2
10060327	Diploma in Playwork	Level 2
50015357	Certificate in Working in the Outdoors	Level 2
10056440	Certificate for the Outdoor Industry	Level 3
10018189	Certificate in Outdoor Activity Leadership	Level 2

Updated/Merged Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
50018255 50017378 50016064 50017998 50017172	Certificate in Advanced Fitness Instructing (Gym)	Level 3
50018036 50017366 50017184 50018206	Certificate in Fitness Instructing	Level 2
50017214 10053876 10048248 10048224	NVQ in Instructing Physical Activity and Exercise	Level 3
5001710X 10029308 10032162 10028717 10033221	NVQ in Instructing Exercise and Fitness	Level 2
1001360X	Certificate in Advanced Fitness Instructing	Level 3
10010750	Certificate in Teaching Exercise and Fitness	Level 2
10058229	Certificate in Coaching	Level 3
10050784	Certificate in Coaching	Level 2
1002511X	Certificate for Teaching Swimming	Level 2
50016660	Certificate in Coaching Gymnastics	Level 3
50016477	Certificate in Coaching Gymnastics	Level 2
10029072 10029485 10032174	NVQ in Sport, Recreation and Allied Occupations: Coaching, Teaching, Instructing	Level 2
Q1052513	NVQ in Sport, Recreation and Allied Occupations: Coaching, Teaching and Instructing	Level 3
1003772X	Certificate in Aquatic Teaching	Level 2
10030608	Certificate in Teaching Swimming	Level 2
50016702 10029333 10056488 10032150 10029813	NVQ in Sport, Recreation and Allied Occupations: Operational Services	Level 2
50016635 50010414 10059167	NVQ in Leisure Management	Level 3
50014389 10059155	NVQ in Sports Development	Level 3
10035862	NVQ in Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance	Level 3
50017238 10029473 10056476 10032186 10029825 10032186	NVQ in Sport, Recreation and Allied Occupations: Activity Leadership	Level 2
50015011	NVQ in Spectator Safety	Level 3
50010104 50015436	NVQ in Spectator Safety	Level 2

New Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
	NVQ in Sport and Play Surfaces	Level 2

Skills for Health

Skills for Health are in Phase 1 of the SQS process and have recently submitted their SQS. Their Action Plan is due to be submitted in January 2008. They have identified a range of qualifications from Level 2 to 4 including qualifications which they plan to develop for the QCF either through direct one to one replacement of existing NQF qualifications or through updating/merging qualifications. There is scope for further rationalisation of qualifications within the planned developments. There are a number of qualifications which Skills for Health are signalling will be developed for the QCF within the fast track timescales which are shared with Skills for Care and Development hence development work will necessarily involve both SSCs.

In addition Skills for Health have flagged 5 QCF Test and Trial qualifications relating to Substance Misuse which will be reviewed and further developed as appropriate. The table below summarises the planned development activity.

NQF Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
50018991	Award for Health Trainers	Level 3
1004419X	Certificate in Control of Infection and Contamination	Level 2
50017482	BTEC Award in Infection Prevention and Control	Level 2
50019107	Certificate in <i>Palliative Care</i>	Level 2
50016039	Certificate in Infection Control & Prevention in Care Settings	Level 2
10056063	Certificate in Basic First Aid	Level 2
10060674	Certificate in Emergency First Aid for the Workplace	Level 2
10024128	Diploma in Anatomy and Physiology	Level 3
10024025 50026963	Diploma in Reflexology	Level 3
50026975	Certificate in Reflexology	Level 3
10024037 50026951	Diploma in Aromatherapy	Level 3
50026987	Certificate in Aromatherapy	Level 3
10024049	Diploma in Holistic Massage	Level 3
10044176	Certificate in Infection Control	Level 2
50019879	Award in Understanding Health Improvement	Level 2
TBC – currently under development	Award in Decontamination in H&SC Environments	Level 2
50015989	Certificate in Health Promotion	Level 2
50010463	Certificate in Holistic Therapies	Level 2
50010475	Diploma in Holistic Therapies	Level 3
50027001	Diploma in Complementary and Alternative Therapies	Level 3

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
5002680X	Diploma in Body Massage Therapies	Level 3
50026999	Certificate in Body Massage Therapy	Level 3
50012137	Diploma in Infant and Baby Massage	Level 3
10020867	Certificate in Mental Health Care	Level 2
40053785	Certificate in Emergency First Aid in the Workplace	Level 2

QCF Test and Trial Qualifications to QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
TBC	Award in Recognising and Responding to Substance Misuse	Level 3
50034388	Award in Working with Substance Misuse	Level 3
50034406	Award in Working with Substance Misuse	Level 4
5003439X	Certificate in Working with Substance Misuse	Level 3
50034376 50033128	Certificate in Working with Substance Misuse	Level 4

Updated/Merged Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
50016520	BTEC National Award in Health & Social Care	Level 3
50016532	BTEC National Certificate in Health & Social Care	Level 3
50016544	BTEC National Diploma in Health & Social Care	Level 3

New Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
	Certificate in Supporting the Mental health and Wellbeing of Older People	2
	Certificate in Supporting the Mental health and Wellbeing of Older People	3
	Award/Certificate in Infection Control	2
	Award in Health Awareness	1
	Mental Health First Aid	2

Skills for Logistics

Skills for Logistics are in Phase 1 of the SQS process and have recently submitted their SQS. Their Action Plan is due to be submitted in January 2008. They have identified one new qualification at Level 2 to be developed on to the QCF within the timeframe identified. This choice has been informed by the fact that new occupational standards in this area have recently been approved.

New Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
	International Trade and Logistics Operations	Level 2

Lantra

Lantra are in Phase 1 of the SQS process and have recently submitted their SQS. Their Action Plan is due to be submitted in January 2008. They have identified a range of existing NVQs from Levels 1 to 3 to develop for the QCF through direct one to one replacement of existing NQF qualifications. The table below summarises the planned development activity.

NQF Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
10024335	NVQ in Agricultural Crop Production	Level 2
10024347	NVQ in Agricultural Crop Production	Level 3
10023938	NVQ in Amenity Horticulture	Level 2
1002394X	NVQ in Amenity Horticulture	Level 3
10024360*	NVQ in Animal Care	Level 2
10024372*	NVQ in Animal Care	Level 3
10024980 10025005	NVQ in Environmental Conservation	Level 2
10024992 10025017	NVQ in Environmental Conservation	Level 3
10023902	NVQ in Floristry	Level 2
10023914	NVQ in Floristry	Level 3
10023926	NVQ in Horticulture	Level 1
10024608	NVQ in Production Horticulture	Level 2
1002461X	NVQ in Production Horticulture	Level 3
10023574	NVQ Fencing	Level 2
10023586	NVQ Fencing	Level 3

* Development delayed beyond July 2008

Cogent: although Cogent continue to work on the development to all of these qualifications in to the QCF Framework they will not be ready within the timeframe ie by 31 July 2008. Further details of development timescales are available from Cogent's website.

Cogent are in Phase 1 of the SQS process and have recently submitted their SQS. Their Action Plan is due to be submitted in January 2008. They have identified a range of existing qualifications at Levels 1 to 4 to develop for the QCF through direct one to one replacement of existing NQF qualifications. There is potential for further rationalisation of qualifications as work progresses to develop the qualifications which have been identified for up-dating. The table below summarises the planned development activity.

NQF Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
10053906	Certificate in Process Technology	Level 2
10053918	Certificate in Process Technology	Level 3

Updated/Merged Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
00262273	Intermediate Award in Composite Material Production	Level 2
00267670	Intermediate Diploma in Process Operation	Level 2
00100357	National Certificate in Engineering (Process/Plant/Instrumentation)	Level 3
00250685	National Certificate in Polymer Technology	Level 3
00100401	National Certificate in Science (Polymer Technology)	Level 3
00119470	National Diploma in Engineering (Plant and Process Plant)	Level 3
00204641	National Diploma in Polymer Technology	Level 3
00100547	National Diploma in Science (Polymer Technology)	Level 3
00100356	National Certificate in Engineering (Plant and Process Plant)	Level 3

Skillfast UK

Skillfast UK are part of the SQS Pilot Phase and have submitted both their SQS and their subsequent Action Plan. They have identified a range of existing qualifications at Levels 1 to 3 to develop for the QCF through direct one to one replacement of existing NQF qualifications. In addition, Skillfast plan to develop a Leather and Footwear Qualification framework at Levels 2 and 3 which will involve existing qualifications being redeveloped and merged. Within the group of new qualifications which are planned for development the Skillfast Portfolio is identified at Levels 1 to 3. These will be credit based qualifications covering a wide range of skills required by those who work in the sector. There are also 3 QCF Test and Trial qualifications which will be reviewed and further developed as appropriate. The table below summarises the planned development activity.

NQF Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
50012010	NVQ in Manufacturing Sewn Products	Level 2
50011662	NVQ in Dry Cleaning Operations	Level 2
50011674	NVQ in Dry Cleaning Service Support	Level 2
50011650	NVQ in Laundry Operations	Level 2
50011649	NVQ in Laundry Service Support	Level 2
10033026	NVQ in Manufacturing Textiles	Level 3
10033014	NVQ in Manufacturing Textiles	Level 2
50013282	ABC Certificate in Apparel, Footwear and Leather Production	Level 2
10056762	Diploma in Apparel/Footwear Production	Level 3
10032836	Apparel Manufacturing Technology	Level 3
10062543	Certificate in Apparel Product Development	Level 3
10062531	Certificate in Apparel Product Development	Level 2
10032149	Certificate in the principles and practices of textiles manufacture	Level 3

Updated/Merged Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
10028420 10028432 10028432 10028444 10028468	Leather and Footwear Framework	Level 2
1002847X 10028481 10028493	Leather and Footwear Framework	Level 3

New Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
	Lingerie Pattern Production & Technology	Level 3
	Fashion Issue	Level 3
	Skillfast Portolio	Level 1 Level 2 Level 3
	Bespoke Cutting & Tailoring	Level 3
	Laundry & Dry Cleaning Engineering/Maintenance	Level 3
	NVQ in Laundry Batch Washing	Level 2
	Creative Techniques	Level 1 Level 2 Level 3
	Business Programme in Design	Level 4/5 TBC

QCF Test and Trial Qualifications to QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
50021138	Certificate in Distribution Services in the Textile Industry Working Practices (QCF)	Level 2
50021023	Award in Distribution Services in the Textile Industry Working Practices (QCF)	Level 2
50021338	Distribution Services in the Textiles Industry	Level 3

SEMTA

SEMTA are part of the SQS Pilot Phase and have submitted both their SQS and their subsequent Action Plan. They have identified existing NQF qualifications for development onto the QCF. In addition, new qualifications at Levels 2 and 4 will be developed in the area of Business Improvement Techniques. The existing Business Improvement Techniques qualifications will be reviewed as part of the development process. The table below summarises the planned development activity.

NQF Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
10029539	Intermediate Certificate in Engineering and Technology	Level 2
5001223X 10039028 50012241 10039016	Computer Aided Design (CAD)	Level 2/3 TBC

New Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
	Business-Improvement Techniques (B-IT) Award	Level 2
	Business-Improvement Techniques (B-IT) Certificate	Level 2
	Business-Improvement Techniques (B-IT) Diploma	Level 2
	Business-Improvement Techniques (B-IT) Award	Level 3
	Business-Improvement Techniques (B-IT) Certificate	Level 3
	Business-Improvement Techniques (B-IT) Diploma	Level 3
	Business-Improvement Techniques (B-IT) Award	Level 4
	Business-Improvement Techniques (B-IT) Diploma	Level 4
	Business-Improvement Techniques (B-IT) Certificate	Level 4

Improve

Improve are part of the SQS Pilot Phase and have submitted both their SQS and their subsequent Action Plan. Improve have prioritised Food Safety for Manufacturing qualifications at Levels 1 – 4 for development into the QCF.

The table below summarises the planned development activity.

NQF Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
50011832 50015059 50019120	Level 4 Award in Food Safety Management for Manufacturing	Level 4
50013701 50011820 50015448 50016441	Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Manufacture	Level 2
50014390 50011819 5001643X	Level 3 Award in Food Safety Supervision for Manufacturing	Level 3
50018577	Level 3 Award in HACCP for food manufacture	Level 3
50028984	Level 3 Award in HACCP for food manufacture	Level 3
50033165	Level 4 award in HACCP management for food manufacturing	Level 4

New Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
	Level 1 Induction in Food Safety for Manufacturing	Level 1
	Level 1 Induction in Food Safety for Manufacturing	Level 1

Construction Skills

Construction Skills are part of the SQS Pilot Phase and have submitted both their SQS and their subsequent Action Plan. They have identified a range of existing NQF qualifications (mainly existing NVQs) to be developed and directly replaced on a one to one basis.

The table below summarises the planned development activity.

NQF Qualifications to be developed for the QCF

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
10012540	Intermediate Construction Award - All Pathways	Level 2
10035709	Intermediate Certificate in Specialised Plant and Machinery Operations	Level 2
1005411X	Intermediate Certificate in Plant Maintenance	Level 2
10050942	NVQ - Wood Occupations	Level 2
10050917	NVQ- Trowel Occupations	Level 2
10051168	NVQ - Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting	Level 2
10051004	NVQ - Plastering	Level 2
1005084X	NVQ - Stonemasonry	Level 2
10057584	NVQ - Accessing and Rigging	Level 2
10051193	NVQ - Formworking	Level 2
10051065	NVQ - Steelfixing	Level 2
10050814	NVQ - Interior Systems	Level 2
10057791	NVQ - Construction Operations	Level 2
10050978	NVQ - Floorcovering	Level 2
Q1053793	NVQ - Woodmachining	Level 2
10051211	NVQ - Wall and Floor Tiling	Level 2
10051077	NVQ - Roofing Occupations	Level 2
10050826	NVQ - Roof Sheeting and Cladding	Level 2
1005750X	NVQ - Plant Operations	Level 2
10033452	NVQ - Construction Plant Maintenance	Level 2
10017902	Advanced Construction Award-All pathways	Level 3
10050954	NVQ - Wood Occupations	Level 3
10050929	NVQ - Trowel Occupations	Level 3
1005117X	NVQ - Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting	Level 3
10051016	NVQ - Plastering	Level 3
10050851	NVQ - Stonemasonry	Level 3
10057596	NVQ - Accessing and Rigging	Level 3
1005120X	NVQ - Formworking	Level 3
1005098X	NVQ - Floorcovering	Level 3
10051223	NVQ - Wall and Floor Tiling	Level 3
10033087	NVQ- Maintenance Operations	Level 2
Q1053794	NVQ - Woodmachining	Level 3

Existing Qualification Reference Number (where appropriate)	Qualification Title	Level
10051089	NVQ - Roof Occupations	Level 3
10050838	NVQ - Roof Sheeting and Cladding	Level 3
10033464	NVQ - Plant Maintenance	Level 3
10051235	NVQ - Occupational Work Supervision	Level 3
10045119	NVQ - Construction Site Supervision	Level 3
10057924	NVQ - Construction Contracting Operations	Level 3
50014559	Advanced Certificate in Plant Maintenance	Level 3
10050875	NVQ-Mastic Asphalt	Level 2
10050899	NVQ-Mastic Asphalt	Level 3
10029096	Construction and Civil Engineering Services	Level 2
10057535	NVQ-Highways Maintenance	Level 2
50018310	BTEC National in Construction	Level 3
50018358	BTEC National Certificate in Civil Engineering	Level 3
40055794	BTEC First Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment	Level 2
40029710	Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment	Level 2