

Moving from QCF to RQF

The official qualifications regulator (Ofqual) has replaced the Qualifications Credit Framework (QCF) with a new official qualifications framework called the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).

Summer 2016 changes

1. All new qualifications will be regulated through the RQF described in the General Condition of Recognition publication.
2. Each qualification will be developed, reviewed and owned by individual Awarding Organisations who will take full and complete ownership of their qualifications (no sharing between AOs) ensuring the link between AO and high quality qualifications.
3. Qualifications will be given a value for Total Qualifications Time (TQT). This TQT comprises Guided Learning Time (GLT), self-directed study time and includes the time taken for assessment. This will provide the student with an estimate of the total time that they could reasonably be expected to take to complete the award of a qualification.
4. All references to QCF will be removed from qualifications titles, publicity and websites by 31 December, 2016.

Information for the future

1. Most of what you do will remain unchanged.
2. Centre will see changes to various qualification support documents by December 31, 2016, such as the 'Qualification Specification', that reflect the changes described above but these will not affect candidate outcomes.
3. Qualification levels remain unchanged.
4. The title terms 'Award', 'Certificate' and 'Diploma' as indicators of length will remain unchanged.
5. The term 'QCF' to be removed from all websites and literature by January 01, 2017.