

Scottish credit and qualifications framework (SCQF) Credit Accumulation and Transfer policy

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Who and what is this policy for:

This policy is for centres who are seeking to help learners to transfer their credit or unit achievement from SQA accredited qualifications to Pearson from another awarding organisation.

Pearson Education Ltd – Our Mission and Values

At Pearson, our purpose is simple: to add life to a lifetime of learning. We believe that every learning opportunity is a chance for a personal breakthrough. That’s why our c.20,000 Pearson employees are committed to creating vibrant and enriching learning experiences designed for real-life impact. We are the world’s leading learning company, serving customers in nearly 200 countries with digital content, assessments, qualifications, and data. For us, learning isn’t just what we do. It’s who we are. Visit us at www.pearsonplc.com

We are regulated by the UK qualifications regulators Ofqual (England), SQA Accreditation (Scotland), CCEA Regulation (Northern Ireland) and Qualifications Wales (Wales). Our regulatory policies are integral to our approach and articulate how we meet regulatory requirements. These policies are designed to support centres and students and set out clearly our approach to the design, delivery, and award of Pearson qualifications and services.

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1. What does this policy cover?

- 1.1** This policy applies to all Pearson SQA accredited qualifications for use in Scotland on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF).

2. What is SCQF Credit Accumulation and Transfer?

- 2.1** Each unit within an SQA accredited qualification has credit value. The qualifications are designed to allow learners to transfer unit credits achieved with one awarding organisation to another.
- 2.2** Credit value and unit achievement for qualifications on the SCQF are issued on the certificate from the originating awarding organisation. Credit value is not automatically accepted for entry or transfer to another qualification or learning programme.
- 2.3** We issue unit certification for all completed units (where a fall back, interim, or full award claim has been requested). This allows learners to transfer unit credits achieved from Pearson to another awarding organisation.
- 2.4** Only full unit credit achieved and recognised by an awarding organisation is eligible for transfer. Partial credit cannot be transferred.
- 2.5** The final decision about credit value that can be transferred rests with the organisation providing the qualification for which credit transfer is required.

How to transfer credit

- 2.6** You must verify the learner and the achievement before submitting a credit transfer.
- 2.7** If a learner wants to transfer unit credits achieved from another awarding organisation to us, you should first check that the claim is valid by matching the credit claimed with the qualification for which the learner wants to claim credit. You need to check the following:
- Unit level;
 - Credit value; and
 - Qualification and subject content.
- 2.8** You must also check that the credits fall within the rules of combination for the qualification. You can find the rules of combination in every qualification specification

available on our website <http://qualifications.pearson.com>. Please see other Awarding Organisation websites for information on their qualifications:
<http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Organisation>.

Where to submit your credit transfer

- 2.9** You need to submit your credit transfers, with a copy of the certificate issued, to our Special Requirements team by email to uk.special.requirements@pearson.com. We will confirm the credit value within the rules of combination for the qualification against which credit is being claimed.
- 2.10** The final decision about whether credit value can be transferred rests with us if we are awarding the qualification for which credit is being claimed.

3. Regulatory references

- 3.1** UK regulators require all awarding organisations to establish and maintain their compliance with regulatory conditions and criteria. As part of this process, policies and guides that relate to Pearson's status as an awarding organisation will reference any conditions and criteria that they address.
- 3.2** This policy addresses the following regulatory principles:

Qualification regulator or relevant governing body	Regulatory rule or guidance document	Regulatory condition, criteria, or principle
SQA Accreditation	Regulatory Principles (2021)	14

4. Review date

- 4.1.** This policy will be reviewed in September 2025.