

Personal Development

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SQA Wider Achievement qualifications are designed to recognise the skills needed to get ahead successfully in today's world. The portfolio supports Curriculum for Excellence delivery.

Personal Development Awards aim to help learners become employable, contributing and independent members of society through the development of transferable life skills. Available at SCQF Levels 2 – 6, the Awards encourage candidates to build a range of personal, social and vocational skills such as evaluating, planning, reviewing, managing tasks and working with others.

Candidates can target their own individual development needs and assessment is based around these individual needs.

Why deliver this qualification?

- The Awards meet the principles of Curriculum for Excellence, and help centres to deliver life skills
- The Units develop skills and abilities which complement subjects in other areas of the curriculum
- Candidates may get recognition for activities that already take place in your centre
- Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6 give automatic certification of Core Skills
- Achievement of this qualification is nationally recognised

Who does the qualification suit?

These qualifications are suitable for a wide range of candidates including:

- Secondary school pupils in S3 – S6
- College students
- Young people training with an educational training provider
- Anyone looking to develop their personal skills

Access

Entry is at the discretion of the centre.

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Progression

Personal Development provides a clear progression route to:

- Further Awards or Units in Personal Development
- Training or employment
- Further and Higher education

Approval

The Awards are auto-approved for secondary schools.

Centres with devolved authority would be eligible to seek approval through their own internal approval process.

Centres without devolved authority will have to come forward for approval.

Qualification content and delivery tools

Awards at SCQF Levels 2 and 3 consist of three 40 hour Units. At SCQF Levels 4, 5 and 6 there are four 40 hour Units. Each Unit can be certificated separately.

Personal Development: Self Awareness (not mandatory at SCQF Levels 2 and 3)

Candidates will aim to increase their knowledge of their own qualities and feelings while undertaking a personal project.

Personal Development: Self in Community

This Unit allows candidates to develop their interpersonal skills while planning and carrying out a group project.

Personal Development: Self and Work

Candidates will aim to develop their task management skills while undertaking a vocational project.

Personal Development: Practical Abilities

This Unit allows candidates to demonstrate their abilities in handling information, communicating effectively and delivering a product or a service while undertaking one or more specific projects.

Any other information

Whether a learner achieves at SCQF Level 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 depends on the amount of support they receive, their level of participation, and the complexity of their tasks.

Evidence for assessment can be generated at appropriate points throughout the Units and retained in a candidate folio.

Assessment Support Packs for each Unit are available to download from SQA's secure website. There is no external assessment and Unit assessment is subject to SQA's external quality assurance processes.

