

Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF)

The RQF provides a single, simple system for cataloguing all qualifications regulated by Ofqual.

Qualifications will be indexed by their level, type and size. Qualifications within the framework will have a level (ranging from entry level to level 8) to indicate the level of difficulty. They will also have a Total Qualification Time (TQT) value to indicate the size of the qualification which will be either an Award, Certificate or Diploma.

The RQF will also:

- allow Awarding Organisations to design more flexible programmes, suited to the needs of a wider range of learners and employers
- describe qualifications to employers, providers and learners in a way that is easy to understand
- allow learners to achieve skills and knowledge at their own pace

Each qualification has a Total Qualification Time (TQT) value based on the total number of hours learning required to achieve it. The TQT value reflects the number of supervised learning hours required to achieve the knowledge and assessment requirements, plus the length of time a learner would need to take to achieve the skills and capabilities to be deemed competent.

All RQF qualifications are subject to an evaluation process to determine their fitness-for-purpose.

Take a look at our full list of qualifications on our main qualification page, or for more information contact our customer services team on 0121 270 5100 or email customerservices@skillsfirst.co.uk

