

Higher National Certificate (HNC)

- Equivalent to 1st year undergraduate course (National Certificate of Higher Education)
- SCQF Level 7

- 1 Higher
- 90 Credits
- 1 Year Course
- Direct entry onto HND level study OR
- Possible entry onto 1st year or 2nd year of a degree (depending on institution)
- “+ 1” SAAS funding available

- Apply through UCAS although some colleges will accept direct applications
- Require reference from Guidance staff
- Study at college or some universities

Higher National Diploma (HND)

- Equivalent to 2nd year undergraduate course (National Diploma of Higher Education)
- SCQF Level 8

- 1 or 2 Highers (depending)
- 180 Credits
- 2 Year Course
- Entry onto degree level study EITHER at 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of the course depending on the institution
- “+ 1” SAAS funding available

- Apply through UCAS although some colleges will accept direct applications
- Require reference from Guidance staff
- Study at college or some universities

Ordinary Degree

- 360 credits required
- 3 years full time undergraduate study
- OR 6 years part time study
- OR through distance learning institution (flexible)
- SCQF Level 9

- Direct entry requirements - 3 Highers or above (depending on institution)
- OR 240 credits from a distance learning institution (Open University)
- OR HNC qualification (depending on institution – 1st or 2nd year entry)
- OR HND qualification (depending on institution – possible entry into either 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of degree course)

- Study at university (though some colleges offer degree level study)
- Direct applications onto Undergraduate degree courses are through UCAS only
- Require reference from Guidance staff

Honours Degree

- SCQF Level 10

- Entry requirements– ordinary degree
- 100 credits completed at SCQF Level 10
- Graded 1st class, 2:1, 2:2 or 3rd class honours

- Must have completed ordinary degree to the level required by the institution
- Study at university (though some colleges offer degree level study)

*SAAS will fund the entirety of a learner’s journey regardless of the length of time it takes to study up to Honours degree level

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	SVQs/MAs
12				Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11				Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship SVQ 5
10				Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Professional Apprenticeship
9			Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
8		Higher National Diploma		Diploma Of Higher Education	Technical Apprenticeship SVQ 4
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate		Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 3
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5				Modern Apprenticeship SVQ 2
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ 1
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3				
2	National 2, Awards				
1	National 1, Awards				