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1 Introduction

SQA Accreditation is the national accrediting body for Scotland with a statutory remit under Scottish legislation to accredit and quality assure qualifications in Scotland. Although part of the Scottish Qualifications Authority, SQA Accreditation is distinct and autonomous to SQA's awarding function.

SQA Accreditation sets and specifies the requirements for accrediting qualifications to safeguard and support the needs of learners, parents, funding bodies, employers, providers and Scottish Government. We do this by promoting and maintaining public confidence in accredited qualifications and approved awarding bodies.

This report summarises the qualification data that has been provided to us by approved awarding bodies. This information covers SQA accredited qualifications during the Q2 of 2018–19 (July to September 2018) and focuses on candidates who were:

- ◆ registered for an SQA accredited qualification
- ◆ certificated for an SQA accredited qualification

The data has been analysed in relation to:

- ◆ qualification type
- ◆ awarding body
- ◆ developer
- ◆ area of competence (ie classification)
- ◆ Workplace Core Skills

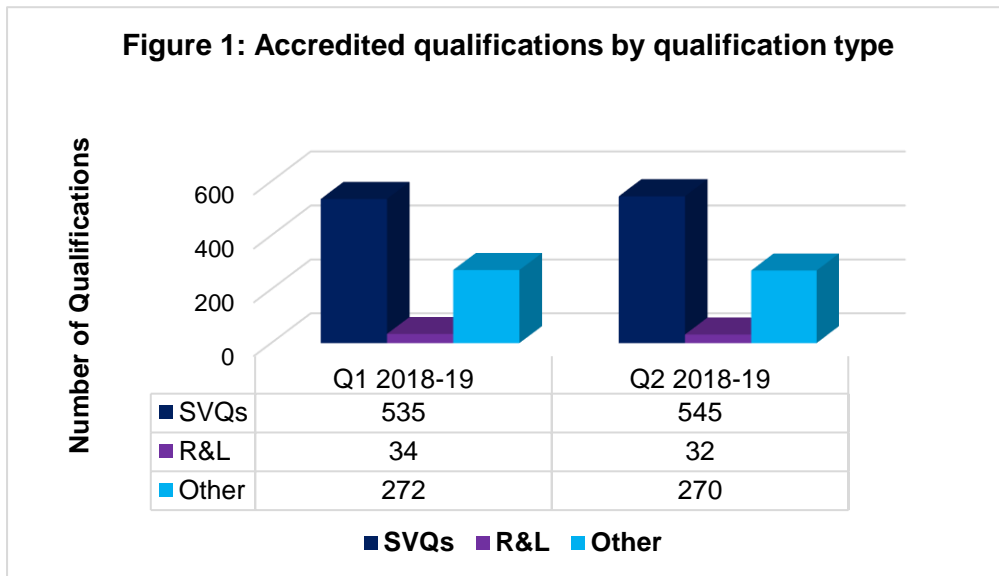
For upcoming data submissions, the following deadline dates apply and must be adhered to by all awarding bodies to ensure consistency and accuracy of data in future reports:

Quarter	Submission deadline
Quarter 3 (1 October to 31 December 2018)	Friday 11 January 2019
Quarter 4 (1 January to 31 March 2019)	Friday 12 April 2019

2 Accredited qualifications

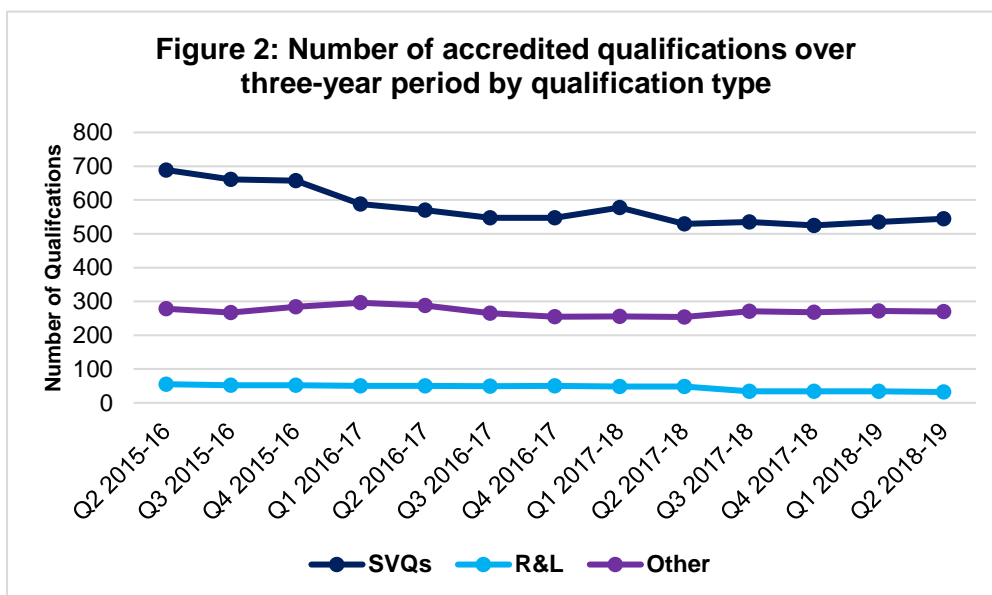
At the end of quarter 2 of 2018–19 there were 847 live accredited qualifications¹:

- ◆ 545 SVQs (64.3%)
- ◆ 32 Regulatory and Licensing qualifications (3.8%)
- ◆ 270 'Other' qualifications (31.9%)



Compared to Q1, the total number of accredited qualifications has increased by six (equating to a 0.7% increase).

The number of qualifications in the past three years has remained relatively stable.



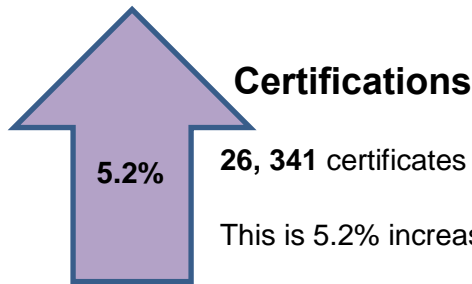
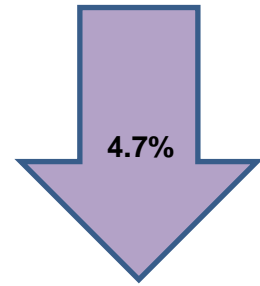
The number of accredited qualifications has remained relatively stable over the past three years.

2.1 Total candidate registrations and certifications

Registrations

27,153 candidates were registered for SQA accredited qualifications in Q2.

This is a 4.7% decrease compared to Q1.



Certifications

26,341 certificates were awarded for SQA Accreditation qualifications in Q2.

This is 5.2% increase compared to Q1.

2.2 Top Ten

The qualification with the highest number of both registrations and certifications was the **NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety**.

Table 1: Top 10 performing qualification in terms of registrations

Qualification Title	Registrations
NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety	1,783
Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Holders at SCQF Level 6 (BIIAB)	944
Award in Emergency First Aid at Work at SCQF Level 6 (SQA)	898
SVQ in Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF Level 6 (SQA)	791
SVQ in Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF Level 7 (SQA)	690
The Prince's Trust Award in Personal Development and Employability Skills at SCQF Level 3	651
Highfield Award for Working as a Door Supervisor within the Private Security Industry (Scotland) at SCQF Level 6	638
Award in Emergency First Aid at Work at SCQF Level 6 (First Aid Awards Ltd)	633
SVQ in Social Services (Children and Young People) at SCQF Level 7 (SQA)	622
Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Holders at SCQF Level 6 (Highfield)	574

Table 2: Top 10 performing qualifications in terms of certifications

Qualification Title	Certifications
NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety	1,728
Award in Emergency First Aid at Work at SCQF Level 6 (SQA)	1,042
Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Holders at SCQF Level 6 (BIIAB)	937
The Prince's Trust Award in Personal Development and Employability Skills at SCQF Level 3	919
SVQ in Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF Level 6 (SQA)	806
SVQ 2 in Performing Engineering Operations at SCQF Level 5 (EAL)	701
Award in Emergency First Aid at Work at SCQF Level 6 (First Aid Awards Ltd)	631
Highfield Award for Working as a Door Supervisor within the Private Security Industry (Scotland) at SCQF Level 6	574
Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Holders at SCQF Level 6 (Highfield)	558
SVQ in Social Services and Healthcare at SCQF Level 7 (SQA)	547

The **NEBOSH National General Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety** also had the highest number of registrations and certifications in Q1 of 2018–19. Compared to figures from Q1:

- ◆ Registrations for this qualification in Q2 were 22.8% lower than in Q1
- ◆ Certifications for this qualification in Q2 were 18.4% higher than in Q1

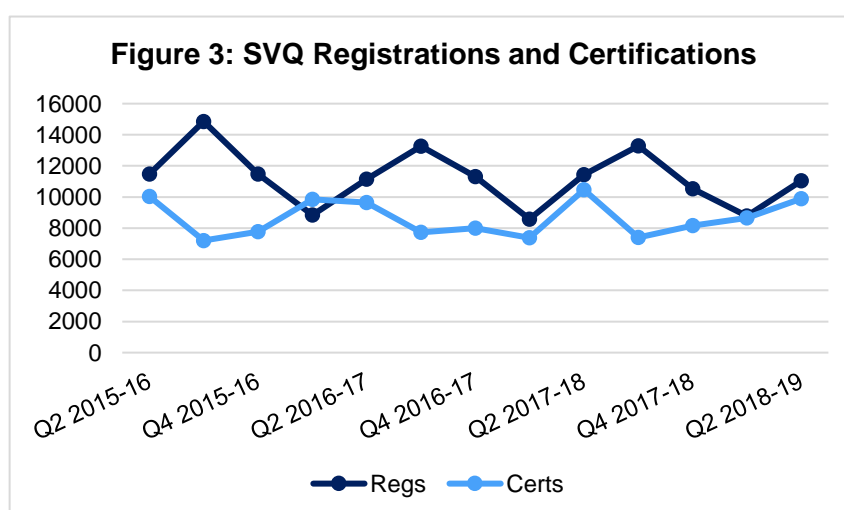
2.3 Registrations and certifications by qualification type

SVQs

- ◆ 11,041 registrations
- ◆ 9,882 certifications

Compared to Q2 of 2017–18, the number of SVQ registrations has decreased by 3.5%.

SVQ certifications in Q2 2018–19 are 5.6% lower than those in Q2 of 2017–18.

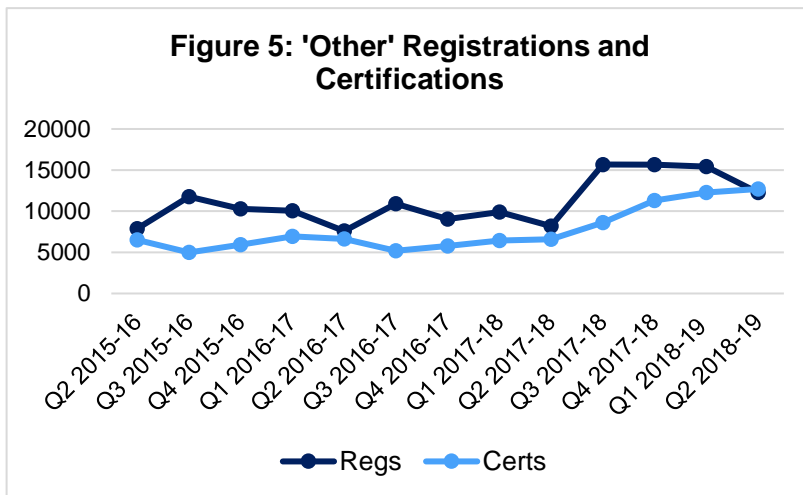
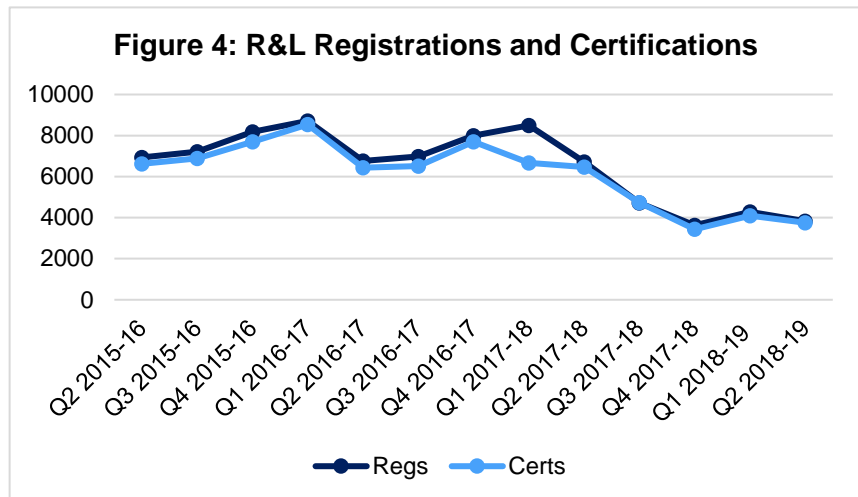


Regulatory & Licensing (R&L)

- ◆ 3,835 Registrations
- ◆ 3,756 Certifications

In comparison, in Q1 of 2018–19:

- ◆ R&L registrations are 10.4% lower
- ◆ R&L certifications are 8.5% lower



'Other' qualifications

- ◆ 11,041 registrations
- ◆ 12,703 qualifications

In comparison to Q1 of 2018–19:

- ◆ Registrations for other qualifications have decreased by 20.4%
- ◆ Certifications for other qualifications have increased by 3.5%

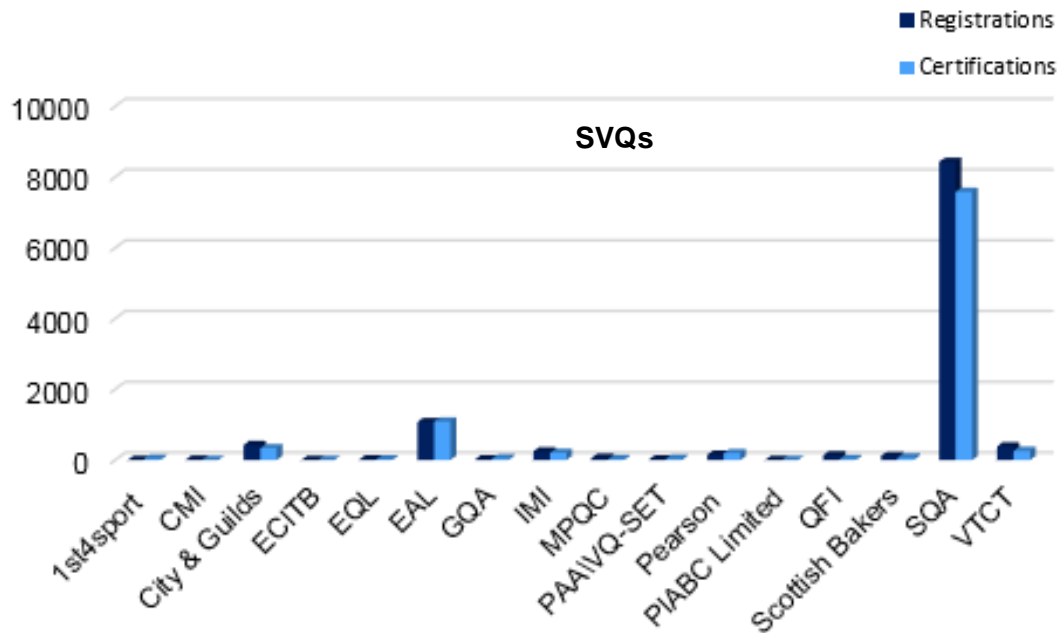
2.4 Analysis by awarding body

There are currently 39 awarding bodies approved by SQA Accreditation. The number of qualifications offered by each awarding bodies varies greatly. The five largest awarding bodies, in terms of qualifications offered are:

Awarding Body	Number of accredited qualifications*
Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)	615
City & Guilds	135
Excellence, Achievement & Learning (EAL)	91
Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)	86
Pearson Education Limited	44

*Including qualifications that have passed their lapse dates

Registrations and certifications can be categorised based on qualification type — ie SVQs, Regulatory & Licensing and ‘Other’.



SVQs

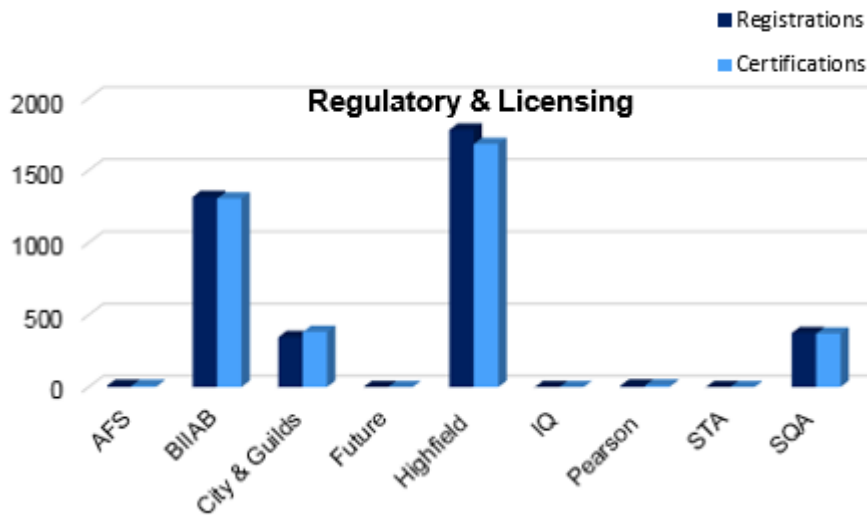
SQA continues to have the highest number of SVQ registrations and certifications:

- ◆ 76% of registrations
- ◆ 77% of certifications

Regulatory and Licensing

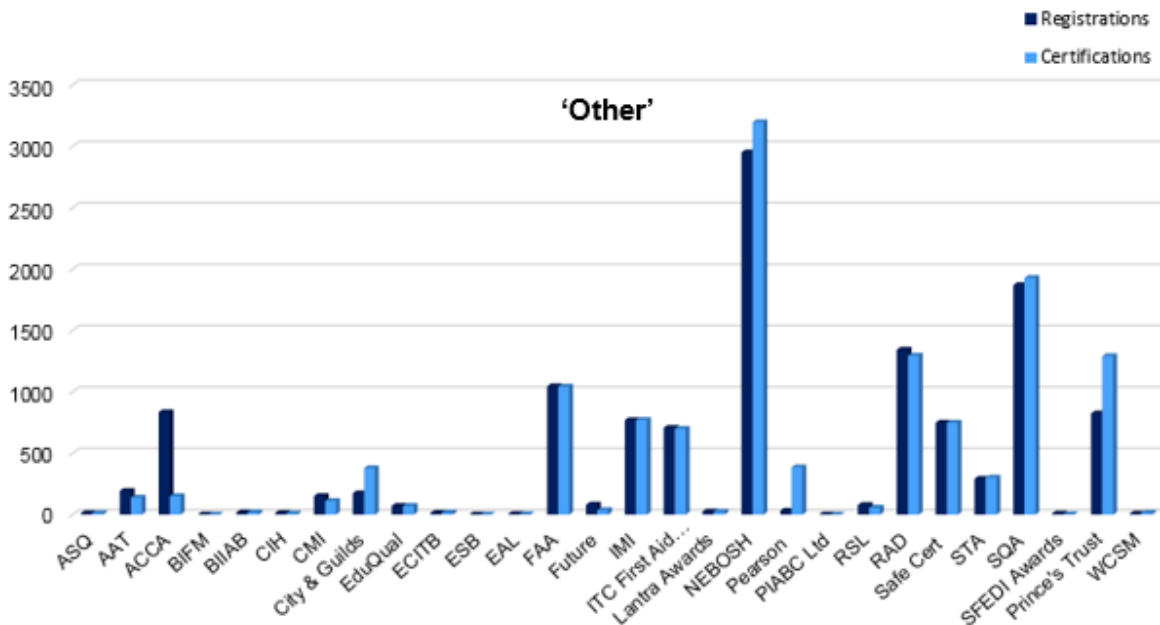
Highfield Awards accounted for the highest number of R&L registrations and certifications:

- ◆ 46% of registrations
- ◆ 45% of certifications



The awarding body with the highest rates of registrations and certifications in Q1 was BIIAB (with 40%, and 41%, respectively)

'Other' qualifications

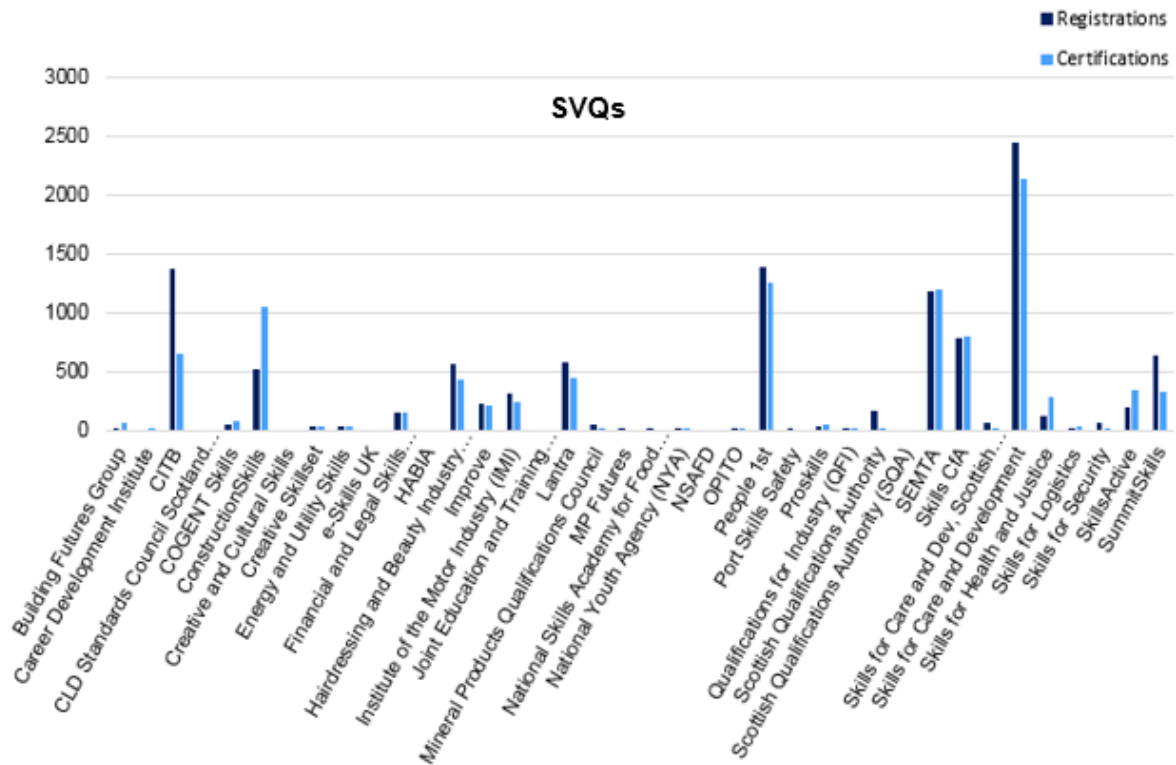


NEBOSH continues to have the highest number of 'Other' registrations and certifications:

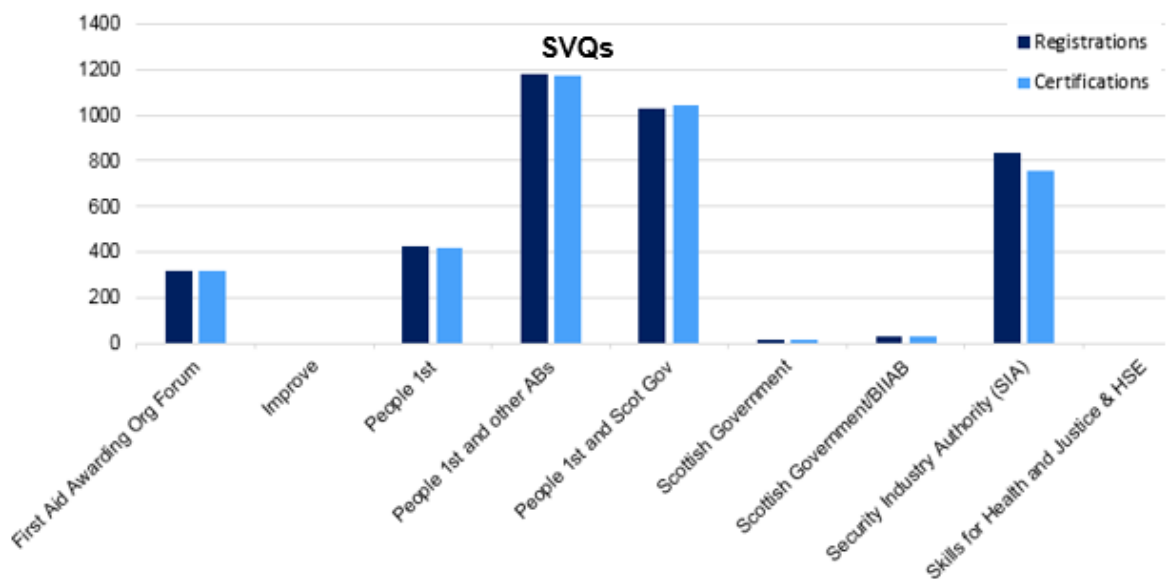
- ◆ 24% of registrations
- ◆ 25% of certifications

2.5 Analysis by developer

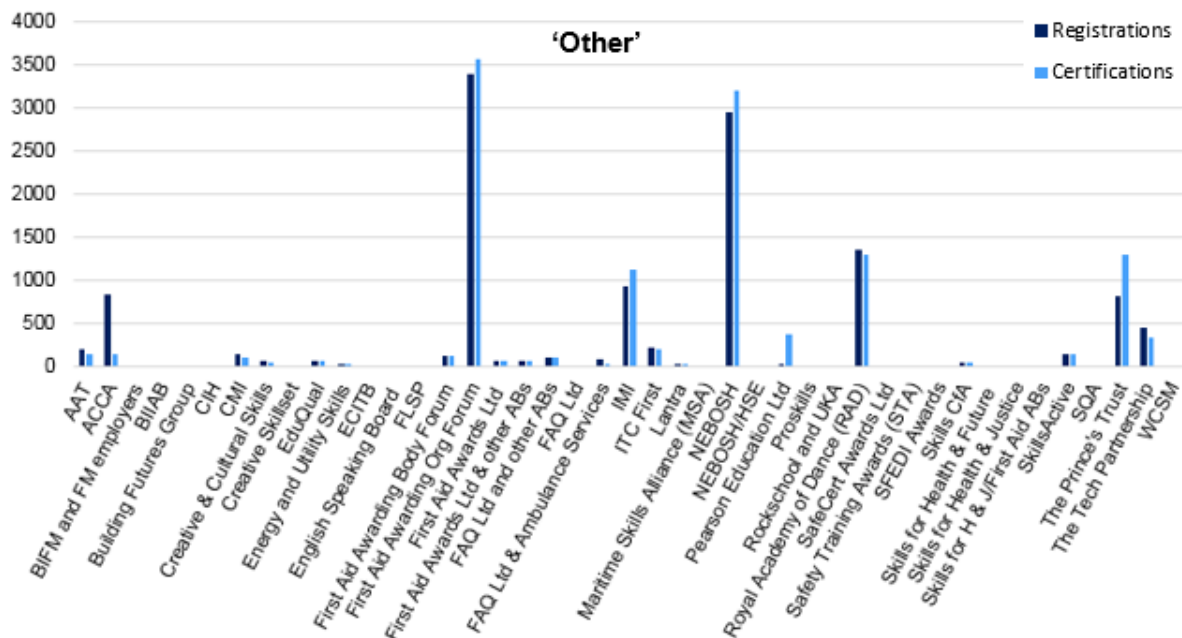
This section compares the registrations and certifications by developer across the three qualification types.



SVQs are favoured across a wide range of developers. Skills for Care and Development account for the largest proportion of SVQ registrations and certifications – 22.1% and 21.6%, respectively.



Compared to SVQs, Regulatory & Licensing qualifications are offered by a smaller range of developers, and are largely in the Security and First Aid sectors. People 1st and other Awarding Bodies account for the largest proportion of registrations and certifications — 30.8% and 31.3%, respectively.

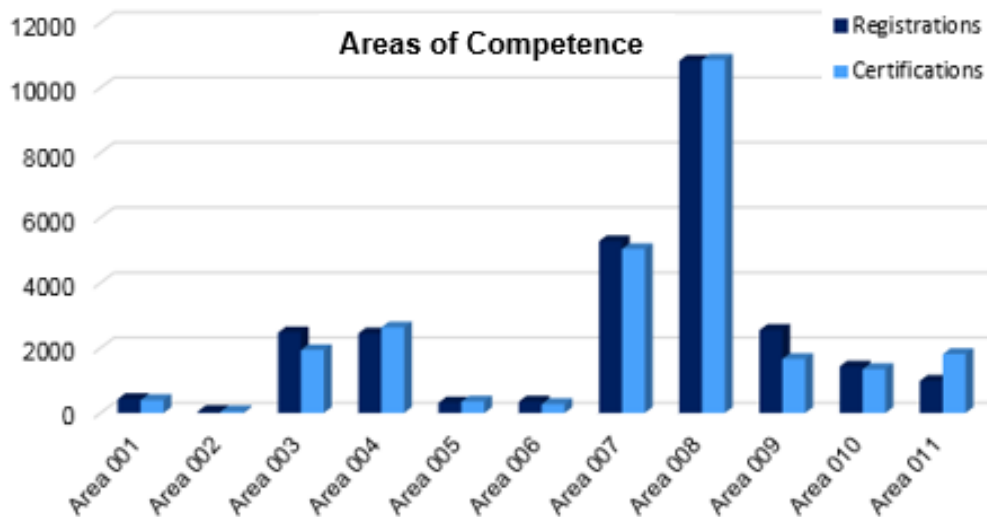


While a wide range of organisations develop ‘Other’ qualifications across different industries, the majority of registrations can be attributed to a small number of developers, and hence a small number of sectors. The largest proportion of registrations and certifications are in qualifications developed by the First Aid Awarding Organisation Forum — 27.5% of registrations and 28% of certifications.

2.6 Analysis by area of competence

SQA Accreditation assign qualifications to one of the following 11 areas of competence:

- ◆ 001 Tending Animals, Plants and Land
- ◆ 002 Extracting and Providing Natural Resources
- ◆ 003 Constructing
- ◆ 004 Engineering
- ◆ 005 Manufacturing
- ◆ 006 Transporting
- ◆ 007 Providing Goods and Services
- ◆ 008 Providing Health, Care and Protective Services
- ◆ 009 Providing Business Services
- ◆ 010 Communicating and Entertaining
- ◆ 011 Developing and Extending Knowledge and Skill



The area with the highest number of registrations and certifications is Area 008: Providing Health, Care and Protective Services:

- ◆ 40% of registrations
- ◆ 41.2% of certifications

By qualification type, the areas of competence with the highest number of registrations and certifications are:

Qualification Type	Highest Number of Registrations		Highest Number of Certifications	
	Area	% of total Regs	Area	% of Total Certs
SVQs	Area 008	24.5%	Area 008	25.0%
Regulatory & Licensing	Area 007	70%	Area 007	71.5%
Other	Area 008	56.8%	Area 008	57.6%

3 Workplace Core Skills

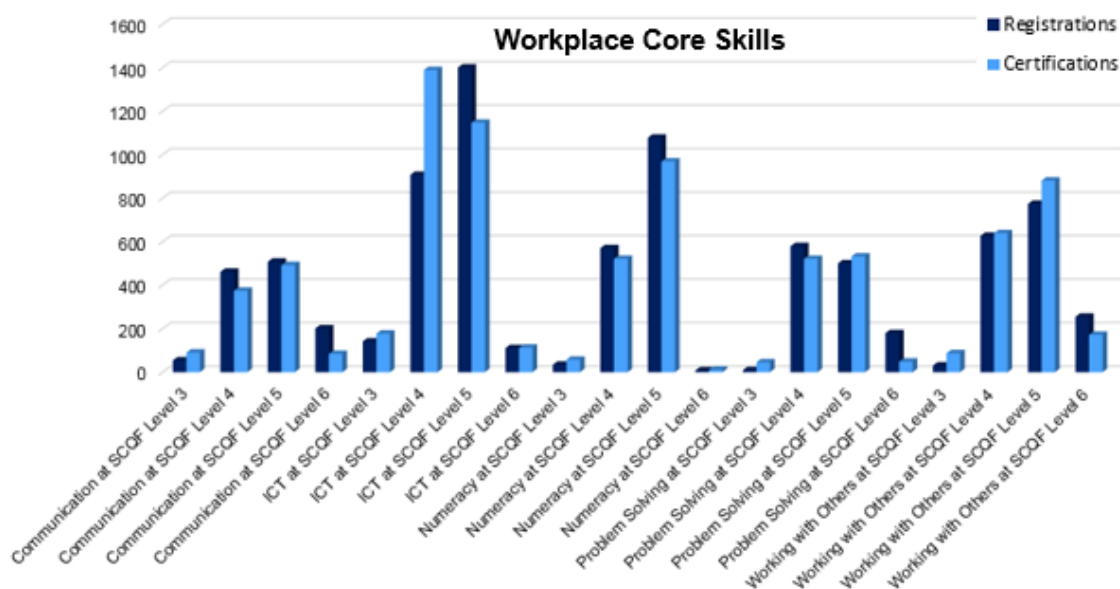
Workplace Core Skills are the broad, transferable skills that help to develop the main capabilities people need to be full, active and responsible members of society. Workplace Core Skills were specifically developed to assess core skills in a work environment. They contribute to employability and are a component of Modern Apprenticeships in Scotland. Each Workplace Core Skill is available at SCQF levels 3 to 6.

The five Workplace Core Skills are:

- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Information and Communication Technology
- ◆ Numeracy
- ◆ Problem Solving
- ◆ Working with Others

At the end of Q2 2018–19, there were:

- ◆ 145 accredited Workplace Core Skills
- ◆ 8,426 registrations (an increase of 1.4% compared to Q1)
- ◆ 8,348 certifications (an increase of 16% compared to Q1)



Workplace Core Skills are offered by eight Awarding Bodies.

Awarding Body	Registrations	Certifications
British Institute of Innkeepers Awarding Body (BIIAB)	0	8
City & Guilds	0*	545
Excellence, Achievement & Learning Ltd (EAL)	157	95
Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)	986	547
Pearson Education Limited	788	424
Qualifications for Industry (QFI)	120	123
Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)	6,362	6,601
Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT)	13	5
Grand Total	8,426	8,348

*City & Guilds register candidates for Workplace Core Skills on a one-to-many basis using their internal Programme of Study number (PoS), therefore it is not possible at this time to generate registration figures for each core skill

SQA continues to have the highest registrations and certifications for workplace core skills:

- ◆ 75% of registrations
- ◆ 79% of certifications