

Progression in the Senior Phase

What is Progression?

Children and young people progress in their learning in different ways. Progression in learning is built into the learning levels of the Broad General Education (early years to S3) and into the qualifications and awards of the Senior Phase (S4 to S6/college). Assessment will ensure that children and young people are building on what they already know and can do, in order to gain more knowledge and skills. Progression is built into the learning levels of the Broad General Education and continues into the qualifications and awards of the Senior Phase.

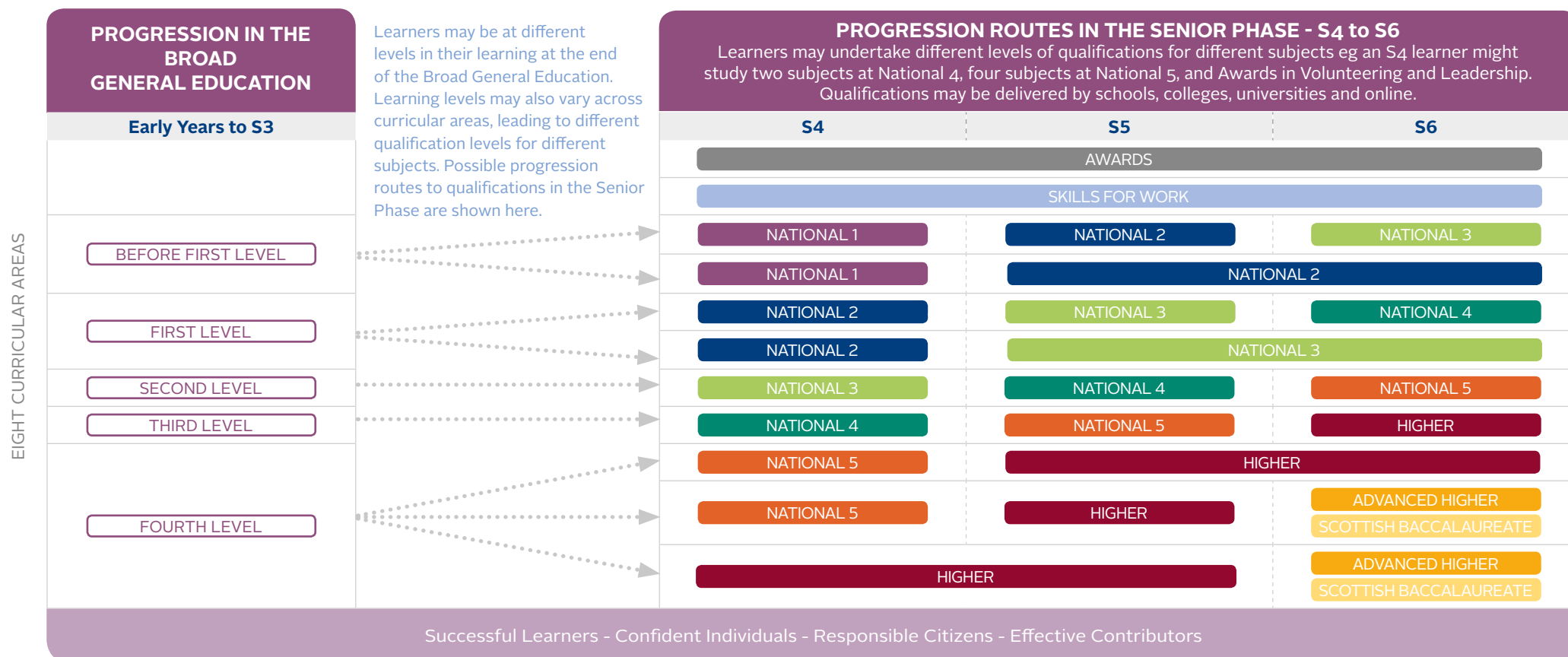
Progression in learning ensures that

- skills and knowledge are developed continually
- literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing are developed and enhanced in all learning
- learners progress at their own pace with support from staff
- children and young people's interests are reflected and developed through choices within courses
- learners are engaged and motivated in their own learning through goal-setting, evaluation and planning next steps
- learning is effectively monitored, tracked and reported regularly to learners and parents/carers

Curriculum for Excellence learner entitlements

- A coherent 3-18 curriculum
- Personalisation and choice
- Health & Wellbeing, Literacy and Numeracy
- Eight curricular areas: Expressive Arts, Languages, Health & Wellbeing, Mathematics, Religious & Moral Education, Science, Social Studies, Technologies
- Opportunities to develop skills for learning, life and work

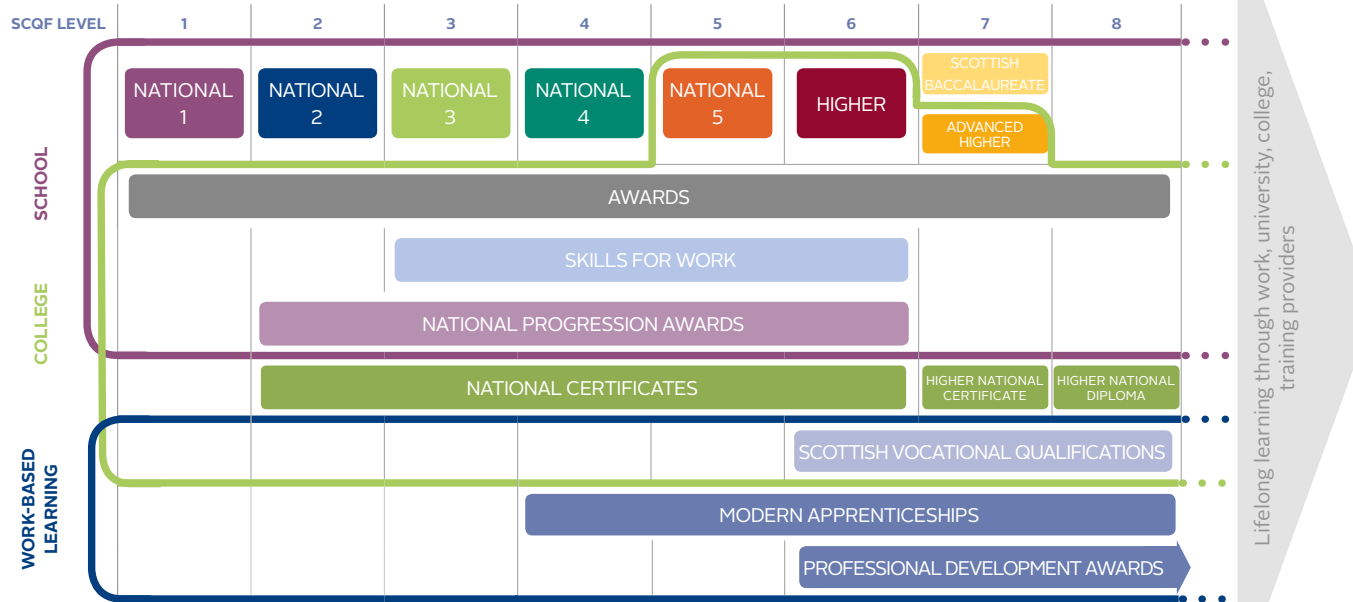
Every child is different, progressing in different ways and at different rates. Your school will reflect your child's progress and next steps in learning in profiles, school reports and parent meetings.



UNDERSTANDING PROGRESSION AND SQA QUALIFICATIONS

The table below shows the range of qualifications that is available. Learners can progress in different ways, choosing qualifications to reflect their interests and to enhance their knowledge and skills.

All SQA qualifications sit within the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) which has 12 levels ranging from Level 1 (National 1) to Level 12 (Doctorate).



SQA Qualifications

● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● **Curriculum for Excellence National Qualifications (40+ subject choices)** are Nationals 1 to 5, Highers, Advanced Highers and Scottish Baccalaureates.

● **Awards (14 options)** recognise wider achievement and skills development eg Leadership, Scottish Studies, Enterprise & Employability.

● **Skills for Work (22 options)** offer practical experiences linked to careers eg Food Technology, Travel and Tourism, Hospitality, Laboratory Science, Energy.

● **National Progression Awards (295+ options)** assess skills and knowledge in specialist vocational areas, linking to national occupational standards eg Aquaculture, Administration, Bakery, Construction, Digital Media, Performing Arts, Sport and Leisure.

● **National Certificates** develop knowledge and skills linked to national occupational standards eg Art and Architecture, Aeronautical Engineering, Media.

● **Higher National Certificates and Higher National Diplomas** provide practical skills and theoretical knowledge for employment or Higher Education eg Accounting, Nautical Science, Quantity Surveying.

● **Scottish Vocational Qualifications** are based on job competence. They form part of Modern Apprenticeship programmes.

● **Professional Development Awards** are for those already in a career wishing to extend their skills.

● **Modern Apprenticeships** offer young people aged over 16 paid employment alongside training in a wide range of sectors.

Further Information

- Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework: www.scqf.org.uk
- SQA qualifications and SCQF levels: www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/readyreckoner.html
- Education Scotland: <http://tinyurl.com/olfukg4>

SQA Qualifications

- Curriculum for Excellence National Qualifications: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/58948.html
- Scottish Baccalaureates: www.sqa.org.uk/baccalaureates/
- Awards: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/41280.2540.html
- Skills for Work: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/25259.998.html and www.sqa.org.uk/skillsforwork
- Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQ): www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/2.html
- National Certificates (NC) and National Progression Awards (NPA): <http://tinyurl.com/mm7mjzk>

Modern Apprenticeships

- www.myworldofwork.co.uk/modernapprenticeships
- Modern Apprenticeships, training and qualifications: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/35912.html
- Modern Apprenticeship providers: www.mappit.org.uk

Choices, careers and other awards

- Careers advisors in schools, colleges and universities: www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk
- Tools to help choices: www.planitplus.net/schoolzone
- Work experience information: www.workit.info
- www.myworldofwork.co.uk/section/parents-and-carers
- The Open University's Young Applicants in Schools Programmes: www.open.ac.uk/choose/yass/
- Other awards: <http://tinyurl.com/kfvny44>

For our Nutshell summaries of National 1 to National 5 courses, revised Highers, Assessment and Skills, visit www.parentforumscotland.org



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