

# Port Operations qualifications for Scotland

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## *SVQ Level 2 in Port Operations*

The Level 2 Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) in Port Operations at SCQF level 5 has been credit and levelled so it is now included in the

Scottish Qualifications and Credit Framework and the Modern Apprenticeship. This SVQ has lots of scope for you to be able to tailor it to meet the different operations in ports whilst still encouraging the good practice of giving new employees a broad base wherever possible.

The qualification has two mandatory units covering working safely and working with others allowing you to then choose from options relevant to operations in your Port, such as:

- working safely when near water, at heights or alone and responding to emergency situations
- the movement of passengers, vehicles and luggage within the port
- movement of containers, loads and cargo using a range of techniques
- receiving, storing and securing cargo
- the operation of bridges, locks and powered and unpowered craft
- maintaining channels and water areas, as well as units covering the provision of customer service and port maintenance.

## *SVQ Level 3 in Supervision of Port Operations*

The SVQ Level 3 provides progression for learners completing the level 2, or for those entering the

Port Environment at a higher level. It is primarily aimed at those working in supervisory positions or have responsibility for a particular area in the Port.

The qualification has a small number of mandatory units based around health and safety in the Port. However, the remainder of the qualification is made up of units that can be chosen to suit your business. These units are grouped into three areas from which you can pick and mix:

- Group A covers skills and knowledge in; health, safety and security, risk assessments, controlling risks, managing port users in an emergency and emergency first aid.
- Group B covers skills and knowledge in; managing teams, planning and implementing change, developing relationships with others, providing learning opportunities through coaching and assessing individuals.
- Group C covers skills and knowledge in; loading and discharging operations, navigating port craft, coordinating the use of locks, lock gates, bridges and berthing, moving passengers and their luggage and delivering reliable customer service.

### **Where can I find out more information?**

The qualifications are awarded by SQA Awarding Body and a full list of the units and further information can be found on the link. <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/14425.html>

If you are interested in becoming an assessment centre for these qualifications in Scotland then contact SQA Awarding Body <http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/63277.html>

Further information can also be found on the [PSS web site](#)

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