

The Qualification and Credit Framework

How FE Providers have used
LSIS support to prepare for the
implementation of the QCF

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Overview



- The LSIS support journey to date
- Features of the support
- The next phase of support
- Resources available to the sector

The LSIS QCF support



- Initial programme delivery from 2007, The Qualification Reform Support Programme
- The next Phase, QCF Readiness Provider Support Programme; 2009 - 2010

QCF Readiness Provider Support Programme



- QCF Champions training and support
- Provider Action Planner
- Action Research Projects
- Case Study development
- On line support materials
- Learning from the Champions events
- QCF Champions cascade projects

QCF Readiness Support Programme



- Issues raised
 - Timelines
 - Qualification availability
 - The Personal Learner Record

- Case Study outcomes
 - See Excellence Gateway

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Personal Learner Record (1 of 3)

- From the end of September 2010, the changes implemented to the Personal Learning Record (PLR) will provide enhanced QCF functionality for learners, careers advisers, providers and awarding organisations. (NB: PLR was previously referred to as 'the QCF Service Layer').
- The development of the modified PLR to support these additional services around credit transfer for the QCF is now being finalised. The 'Transition Service' is currently in operation, which focuses on providing an optional service for awarding organisations to ensure that there are processes and technology in place to enable the submission of QCF achievement data to the PLR. This will gradually be phased out and superseded by the full PLR service. Providers and awarding organisations are encouraged to begin preparation for the deployment of the PLR service in their organisations
- Packages to support providers and awarding organisations in their deployment of the service are now being finalised.

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Personal Learner Record (2 of 3)

Key milestones for the first release of the enhanced Personal Learning Record service at the end of September 2010:

- ☒ Staggered release of **technical specifications** for the service
- ☒ Specific **business change support** for providers, advisers and awarding organisations in their implementation of the PLR as part of their transition to QCF.
- ☒ **Release 1 of the PLR** (end of September 2010) including:
 - ☒ Unique Learner Number (ULN) Verification Service, using existing Learning Records Service functionality
 - ☒ achievement data upload from awarding organisations
 - ☒ ability to run credit transfer queries
 - ☒ Routes to Achievement (RTA) and Rules of Combination (RoC) accessible from the PLR.

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Personal Learner Record (3)

Key milestones for the first release of the enhanced Personal Learning Record service at the end of September 2010:

- ✎ **Release 2 of the PLR** (February 2011): including the ability to run Routes to Achievement (RtA) queries with geographical information included.
- ✎ **Citizen identity tool release** (first quarter of 2011), to supplement the PLR Service, (provisionally called the 'Citizen Identity Assurance' (CIDA) tool). For the PLR to realise its full benefits, there is a need to increase the number of learners who have had their identity verified to a sufficient level to be able to release their PLR details to them. The aim of the CIDA tool is to allow citizens, once their identity has been verified, to have a single account to access their information no matter which system holds that information. The benefit to the learner is a simplified way in which to access sector services.

The next phase



- Timelines
 - Development within the 2 year transition as the provider journey (see next slide)
 - Current support to March 2011
- Approach
 - Sector led through Lead Practitioners
 - Peer to peer support
 - Communities of practice

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The Provider Journey

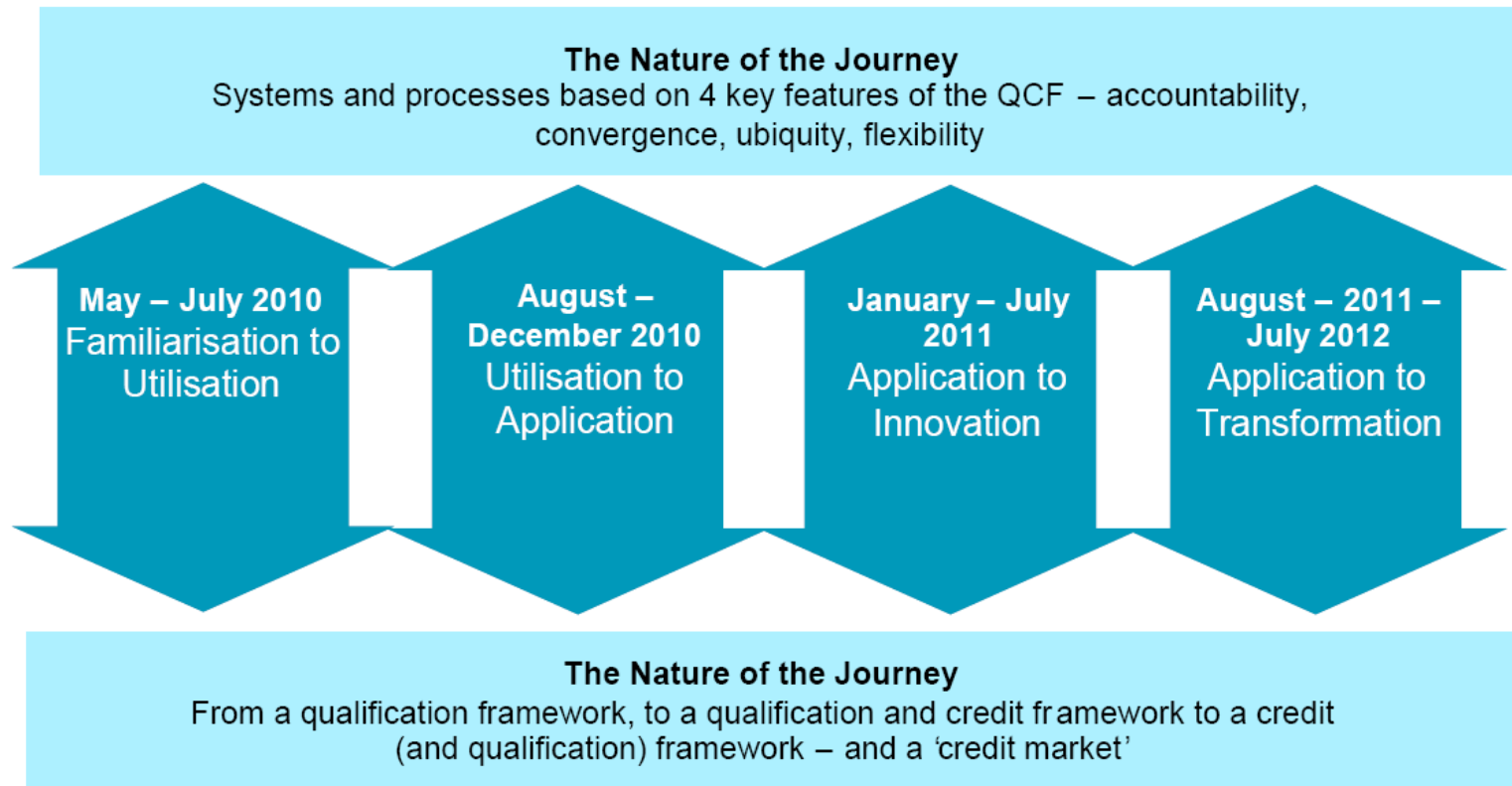


Diagram 2: Phases of provider transition to the QCF (source: SFA, July 2010)

Sources of information



- LSIS QCF support through Excellence Gateway
<http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/page.aspx?o=qcfprovidersupport>
- Learner Record Service
<http://www.miap.gov.uk/>
- Overview of the QCF
<http://qcfiguide.skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/>
- NDAQ (Note: National Database of Accredited Qualifications will become Register of Regulated Qualifications in late October)
- <http://www.accreditedqualifications.org.uk/index.aspx>

Architecture of the QCF

