National Progression Award in Angling and the Aquatic Environment at SCQF level 3

National Progression Award in Angling and Fisheries Conservation at SCQF level 4

Blended learning options for schools, interest groups and partnership consortiums

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Key outcomes:

- ACCESSIBLE NON ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE
- SQA ACCREDITED QUALIFICATION
- FLEXIBLE LEARNING OPTIONS
- POSITIVE HEALTH & WELL BEING OUTCOMES
- INCREASED PARTICPATION IN ANGLING
- ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS
- CAREER PREPARATION
- ATTAINMENT DATA USEABLE BY SCHOOLS

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Qualification Overview

National Progression Awards in Angling and the Aquatic Environment at SCQF level 3 and Angling and Fisheries Conservation at SCQF level 4 have been developed under the design principles for National Qualification Group Awards.

These Group Awards offer candidates opportunities to participate safely in angling, motivating them to develop a basic knowledge and understanding of the aquatic environment and fisheries conservation. Field work skills, particularly regarding the identification of aquatic flora and fauna, including fish, will be developed.

Candidates will gain an appreciation of the fragility of a range of aquatic environments that support angling activities and knowledge of how fisheries and other water-based activities are managed to provide outdoor recreational opportunities, including angling, whilst conserving the environment, aquatic flora and fauna and safeguarding fish welfare. The candidates are expected to become more environmentally responsible and carry this attitude into whatever walk of life they enter in their post-school careers.

For many, the skills, knowledge and interest gained will provide a platform for progression to careers in sports fishery management, aquaculture or environmental management.

Candidates undertaking both NPAs will learn how to fish competently and on successful completion of the NPA Angling and Fisheries Conservation level 4 should be able to fish safely, unsupervised.

Blended Learning

Online learning, field studies and angling tuition

Course structure

All course participants will undertake online activities via our e-learning platform. This will consist of individual activities and interactive tutorials. Participants will be given regular feedback on their progress from the course tutors. Online activities will develop essential knowledge and provide preparation for field study learning and angling tuition.

The hands on field study activities and angling tuition will consist of 6 full days. Participants will undertake practical ecology type field work such as invertebrate sampling. All participants will be given practical tuition in angling, covering: safety, set up of the rod, casting and tactics.

Flexible Learning

The online components offer participants the opportunity to complete the required activities at the our pace and at times convenient to them of the school timetable.

Environment & Conservation

The NPA at SCQF level 3 holds a strong emphasis on raising environmental awareness and how environmental pressures can be understood through the context of fisheries. At level 4 a component of the course is conservation which will be delivered in the context of the Atlantic Salmon.

Career preparation

The National Progression Award in Angling and Fisheries Conservation at SCQF level 4 provides a framework for preparing young people aiming to have a career in fisheries management.

Academically accessible and SQA accredited experience

Given the practical and engaging nature of National Progress Award in Angling and the Aquatic Environment at SCQF level 3 this course is accessible to young people with additional support needs either within mainstream education or alternative education arrangements. The online activities are differentiated so that a variety of learners are able to participate at their own paced and convenience. The level 3 course is best suited for pupils from S3 onwards. The SCQF level 4 course is aimed at S4 pupils onwards. In addition this course would serve as a good preparation course for young people aiming for a career in fisheries management.

Increased angling participation

The Scottish Angling National Development Strategy (SANDS) initiative funded by Marine Scotland and delivered by Fisheries Management Scotland and Countryside Learning Scotland aims to develop greater angling participation through more structured approach. The NPA courses both at SCQF level 3 and 4 offer an opportunity to do this. Any NPA course commissioned by a District Salmon Board or River Trust could be used to build local angling participation and volunteer capacity as we can accommodate volunteers to assist in the delivery of the practical angling components of the course. In addition to the course specific training for volunteers working with young people can be provided.

Course Packages for 4 to 16 participants

- Access to online learning resources
- Regular online tutor feedback
- Online tutorials
- 6 days Angling and Fieldwork instruction

All courses are fully equipped with angling, safety and fieldwork equipment.

Course cost: £3200. This charge does not include the SQA qualification entry fee of £50 per candidate.

Course numbers can be made up from more than one school or community group and we would be happy to assist in coordinating this. The maximum number of participants per course is 16.

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