



Diploma to Degree: A Global Progression Pathway made in Scotland

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- Who we are and what we do
- Our qualifications
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- Credential Evaluation
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Qualification Development

- Partnerships with colleges, universities, industry and professional bodies
- Embed industry standards where appropriate
- Create qualifications and assessments that are relevant to students

SQA Advanced Qualifications

- Short cycle higher education qualification
- SCQF Level 7 and SCQF Level 8
- Knowledge and skills
- Graded Units
- Internationally recognised:
 - Universities
 - Professional Bodies
 - Credential Evaluation Bodies
- Route to employment and higher education



Qualification Frameworks

All of our qualifications are aligned to national and international frameworks:

- Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF)
- Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF)
- European Qualifications Framework (EQF)



SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications			Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Professional Development Award	Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Professional Development Award	Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship, Professional Apprenticeship, SVQ
10			Professional Development Award	Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship, Professional Apprenticeship
9			Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship, Technical Apprenticeship, SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma, Advanced Diploma	Professional Development Award	Diploma of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship, Technical Apprenticeship, SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate, Advanced Certificate	Professional Development Award	Certificate of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship, SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher	National Certificate	Professional Development Award		Modern Apprenticeship, Foundation Apprenticeship, SVQ
			National Progression Award		
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5	National Certificate	National Progression Award		Modern Apprenticeship, SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award		SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3	National Certificate	National Progression Award		
2	National 2, Awards	National Certificate	National Progression Award		
1	National 1, Awards				

Quality Assurance

- Rigorous quality assurance models we use in our organisation and with our customers



- SQA qualifications can be trusted wherever and however they are delivered

Quality Assurance – SQA Advanced Diplomas

- Center approval must be granted
- Systems – management and quality assurance systems
- Qualifications – the right resources to deliver and assess

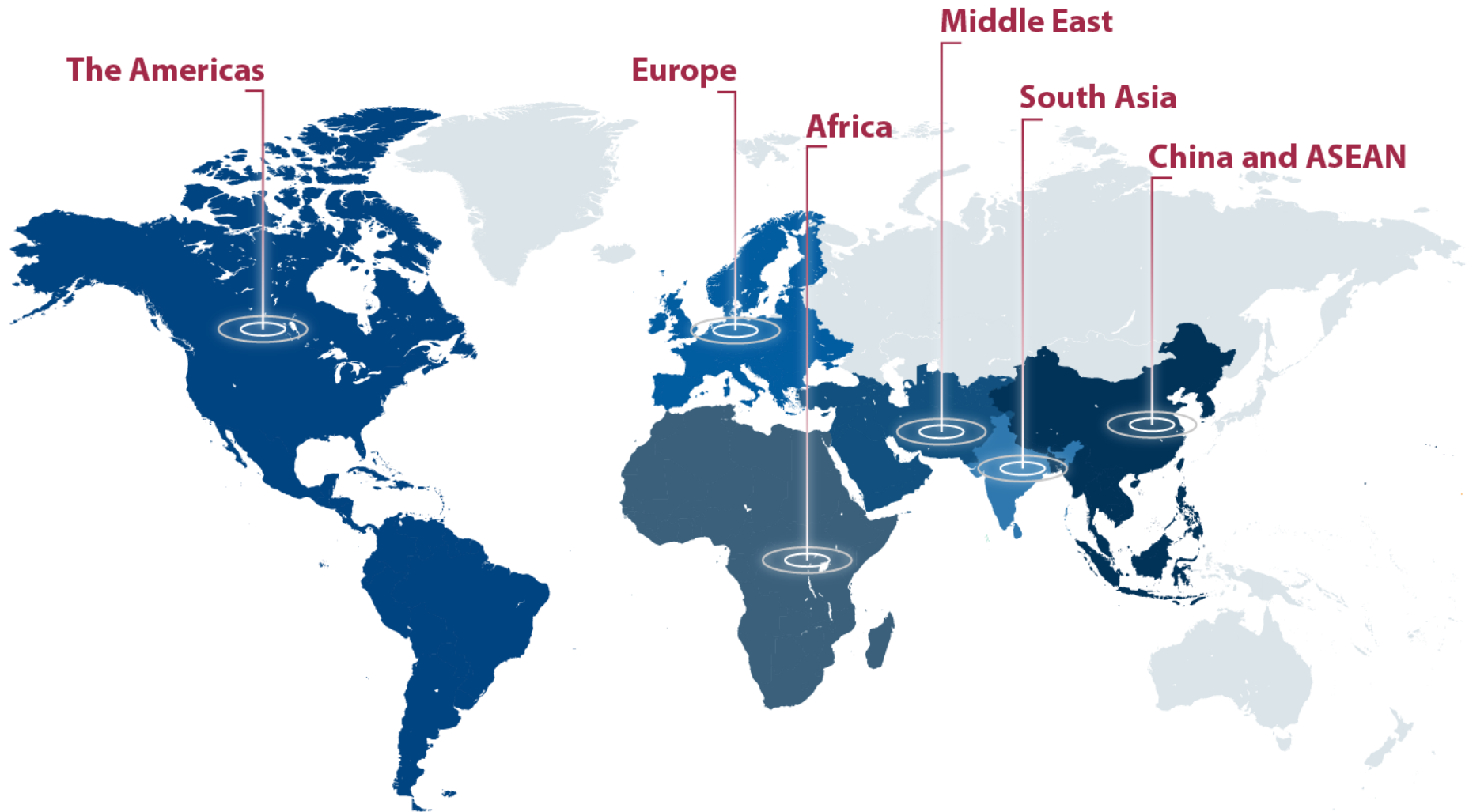


Quality Assurance – SQA Advanced Diplomas

- Internally assessed, internally verified and externally verified by SQA
- Certification is dependent on successful verification
- www.sqa.org.uk/qualityassurance



Our Markets



International Footprint

China 2003 - present



- Invited to work with the Chinese Government
- 35 delivering Universities - 15 Advanced Diploma subjects
- 54,000 students have enrolled
- 50 SQA University articulation partners
- Over 80% of graduates have progressed to a Degree with 60% of students articulating overseas
- Further progression to Masters/ PhD



International Footprint

Rest of the World



- Growth - Middle East, Myanmar, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Canada and US
- Seeking progression pathways to Universities worldwide via a range of models
- Takes time and patience
- Quality v Quantity

International Footprint USA



- Successful pilot in MI with support from the State Department of Education
- Cohort of students certificated by SQA
- SQA graduates progressed to HEIs in MI and IND
- SQA graduates received credit transfer saving fees in the region of \$14,000+
- Opportunity for exchange with Scottish Institutions



- Market for SQA Advanced Diploma is growing
- Increasing demand for a range of articulation and progression models:
 - Local
 - International
 - Online
- Dedicated articulation manager
- 50 University partners

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WITH
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UNIVERSITY**





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Benefits to Students



- Choice of advanced entry progression routes
- Professional body membership
- Cost effective
- International experience
- Increase in self confidence
- Improved skills:
 - Communication
 - Critical thinking
 - Research



Partnership Working with ACEI

- Grow the SQA Brand in the US
- Local expert
- Recognition, value and equivalency
- Full report available including 4 SQA Program evaluations
- AACRAO Edge Database



Credential Evaluation Partnerships



- Grow the SQA brand in Canada & Worldwide
- Canadian Equivalencies
- UK NARIC benchmarking for key markets
- Exploring Australia and New Zealand



Working With Us



- Direct relationship with SQA
- Non-commercial agreement
- Ethos – focus on students
- Working in partnership:
 - In state, out of state, international
 - Promotion of your Institution
 - Joint marketing
 - Sharing best practice
 - Other opportunities

Working With Us... The Next Steps

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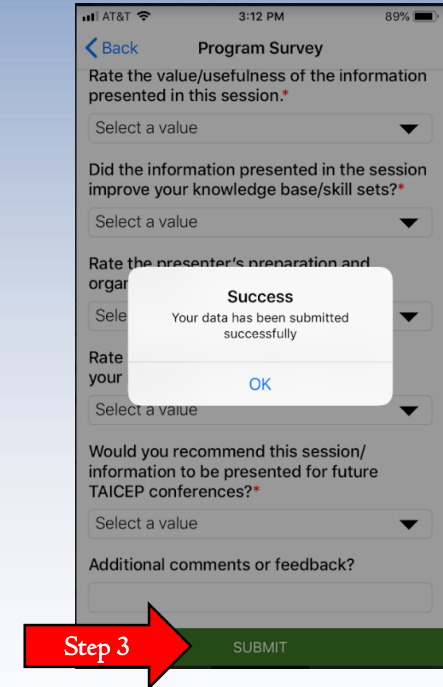
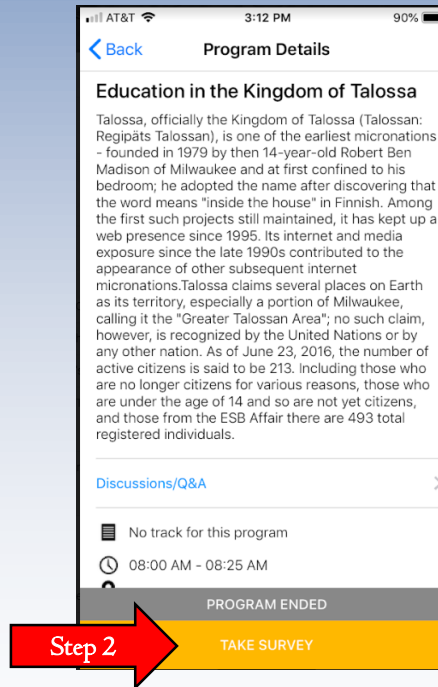
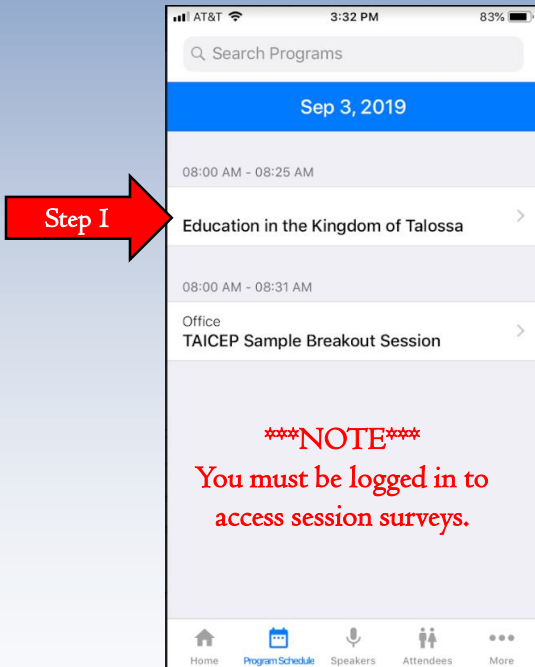


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