**Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQ) Titling Change –**

Please note that following consultation the SQA Accreditation Committee approved the following titling change:

SVQ titles on qualifications are changing.  The SVQ level is to be dropped and replaced with the SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) level instead.  This will apply to SVQs from 1st Sept 2016, where only the SCQF level will now be specified as outlined by the SQA.

For example, where the current title is SVQ level 2, the new title will read:

 SCQF level 6.

The following stakeholders were consulted:

* Standard Setting Organisations / Sector Skills Councils (SSOs/SSCs)
* Awarding Bodies
* Colleges
* training providers
* employers
* Scottish Government
* Skills Development Scotland (SDS)
* Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) Partnership

This change is to remove potential confusion with multiple levels being used in qualification titles, and to promote knowledge and understanding of the SCQF framework

We understand this will be a rolling programme while awarding bodies transition their accredited SVQs to the new titles **(please note this makes no difference to the actual structure, value and vocational competence of each certified SVQ).**

**Here is the SQA link for more information\_ http://accreditation.sqa.org.uk/accreditation/About\_Us/SVQ\_Titles\_Are\_Changing**

When creating job specifications or advertising job vacancies it would be useful to remember to include the SCQF level and not the SVQ level. If you require any guidance on what to include when completing recruitment requests please contact the Qualifications Team.