

1 Changes Made for the RQF

This document details the changes that have been made to Parnassus version 4.8 to support qualifications on the RQF.

With the addition of new fields, we've also taken the opportunity to tidy up the 'Edit Qualification' and 'Edit Unit' Screens to move the most used fields to the top level and the lesser used fields onto the 'Details' tab.

2 Qualifications

A new "Framework" field has been added to qualifications. The available values are:

- NQF
- QCF
- RQF
- Other

The "QCF" checkbox has been removed and has been replaced with a "Credit Based" checkbox, allowing you to create non-QCF credit based qualifications. All of the frameworks give you the option of having a credit based qualification. Qualifications with a framework of "QCF" force the qualification to be "Credit Based".

As this new "Qualification Framework" field is mandatory, all your existing qualifications will have this field set automatically when you upgrade to v4.8. All existing QCF qualification will be set to a framework of "QCF", all others with a QAN will be set to "NQF", and all remaining qualifications will be set to "Other".

In order to support the RQF, “Total Qualification Time” and “Guided Learning Hours” have been added against qualifications. These are for information only and do not form part of the grade calculation.

Parnassus will warn you if:

- Credit Value \neq Total Qualification Time \div 10
- Guided Learning Hours $>$ Total Qualification Time

A new “Credit Based” tab has been added for all the credit related fields. The QCF tab is now shown only for qualifications on the QCF framework and only contains QCF specific fields. We’ve made “Level” and “Qualification Type” optional, as we realise they’re not relevant for all qualifications.

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3 Units

LRS Test Unit 1

Save Save and Close Close

Unit Name * LRS Test Unit 1

Unit Code * LRS1

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Level + Entry 2

Credit Based Unit

Default Assessment Type Externally Assessed

Apply this Type to all Pathways

Default Weight 1

Default Resits 1

Status + Active

Details Grading Dependent Items Elements Equivalent Units Planned Exemptions Notes

Credit Value+ 10 (Credit Based Only)

Guided Learning Hours

Total Unit Time

Unit Expiry Date

Result Release Date

Operational Start Date in Centres

Unit Available From

Certificate Template StandaloneUnitCertificateBa...

Chargeable

Product Code (GP)

Unit Review Date

Sector/Subsector 0:None

Unit Assessment Method None Set

We've added "Total Unit Time" to the fields available for a unit to support the RQF and renamed "QCF" to "Credit Based". Also, Parnassus will now warn you if:

- Credit Value != Total Unit Time ÷ 10

Rather than have Framework at the unit level, the following QCF specific fields have become read-only, on the basis that no new QCF units will be created and they are unlikely to change for existing units. We can still edit these for you if required.

- Owing Body
- Availability

The following rules apply when adding units to qualifications:

- Only Credit Based units can be added to Credit Based qualifications.
- Credit Based units can be added to non-Credit Based qualifications, but the credit value won't be taken into account when calculating the grade.

4 Reporting

We've maintained the IsQCF field against the qualification entity in both the reporting views and XREPS in order to maintain backwards compatibility. This field now returns 1 if the qualification is on the QCF framework and is no longer based on the old Qualification.IsQCF flag.

No statutory reports are affected.