

6 STANDARDS AND AWARDS

Designated awarding bodies are required to establish procedures to ensure that:

- Each award made, in so far as is reasonably practicable, is recognised within the NFQ, including those awards made on behalf of linked providers. QQI is responsible for the policies and criteria on which the NFQ is based.
- Learners enrolled on programmes leading to awards recognised within the NFQ acquire the standard of knowledge, skill or competence associated with the level of that award.
- Professional regulatory bodies and QQI are consulted with on the standards and quality assurance of programmes leading to qualifications in regulated occupations.

6.1 Procedures for certification

Designated awarding bodies should establish procedures for the certification of awards and maintenance of learner and award records. These procedures should apply to all awards made by designated awarding bodies, including those made on behalf of linked providers. These procedures shall have regard to:

- Award level, award class and type in the NFQ, including references to the total credit value of the award.
- Other such references that facilitate the implementation of the NFQ, such as the European Diploma Supplement.