



# Dumfries and Galloway Employability Award

## About the award - for Schools

A work based qualification at SCQF 3-6 which builds employability skills and provides SQA accreditation for demonstrating the ability to apply those skills in the workplace. The units in the award are:

1. Preparing for Employment (First Steps)
2. Building own Employability Skills
3. Responsibilities of Employment
4. Principles of Money
6. Extended Work Experience (SCQF Level 4)

### Workplace core skills in:

7. Communication
8. Numeracy
9. Information and Communication Technology

## Why should schools offer the D&G Employability Award?

Work based learning is considered central to achievement. As a result of effective partnerships all learners should have access to an extended range of learning pathways through which they are developing skills for learning, work and life and securing sustainable positive destinations. Feedback overwhelmingly emphasises the importance of work experience as part of a wider employability framework to prepare young people for the workplace, underpinned by recommendations of Developing the Young Workforce (Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy) and reflected in HGIOS.

## How can schools support the award?

Registering and delivering the SQA employability units (1 to 3) plus Principles of Money Management (4) if student is undertaking SCQF 4 or above.

Offering time, as part of the curriculum, to undertake extended work experience and core skills (6-9). This could be a block of time or a regular afternoon or day a week over a number of months.

## How are schools supported?

Our assessors can provide materials and help with standardisation of assessment in classroom units.

We will register, support and assess young people undertaking the extended work experience.

We can help source employers who can enhance the delivery of the classroom based units.

We can help source risk assessed placements which have employer's liability insurance and provide high quality work based learning to build skills in:

- A positive attitude
- Self-management
- Team working
- Business and customer awareness
- Problem solving
- Communication and literacy
- Application of numeracy
- Application of information technology
- Leadership and entrepreneurship

## Want to know more?

Please contact the Employability and Skills Service - see contact details below.