

Credit transfer is a process that provides students with agreed and consistent credit outcomes for components of a qualification based on identified equivalence in content and learning outcomes between matched qualifications.

The Training team is responsible for considering accumulation and transfer issues relating to the national credit-bearing qualifications and in particular:

- giving initial consideration to proposals for individual taught qualifications taking into account the balance in such qualifications between credits gained in CTC qualifications and credit originated from other qualifications;
- keeping under review the credit structures and requirements for CTC qualifications, having regard to the relationships between such qualifications, and their comparability with the NQF;

The NQF facilitates the progression of students through qualifications by giving credit for learning outcomes they already have achieved. Credit outcomes may allow for entry into a qualification and/or provide credit towards the qualification. Credit given may reduce the time required for a student to achieve the qualification. Credit transfer is one of a number of processes for establishing credit. It provides a means for students to gain credit in an NQF qualification on the basis of completed components of another NQF qualification or other formal learning. The 1 NQF credit is equal to 10 notional hours.

The credit transfer process involves:

- mapping, comparing and evaluating the extent to which the learning outcome, discipline content and assessment requirements of the individual components of one qualification are equivalent to the learning outcomes, discipline content and assessment requirements of the individual components of another qualification, and
- making a judgment about the credit to be assigned between the matched components of the two qualifications the whole process does not take longer than 5 working days.

Approximate Conversion Mechanism to Convert AC and ECTS to NQF Credit

American Credit System (AC)	European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)
To convert AC to NQF credit multiply the number of AC credit hours by 4.	To convert ECTS to NQF credit multiply the number of ECTS credits by 2.