

## SCQF Case Study – Credit Rating REHIS & City of Glasgow College



### ***Background to the Credit Rating Body***

City of Glasgow College (CoGC) was formed in September 2010 with the merger of three established city colleges:

- Central College Glasgow;
- Glasgow Metropolitan College; and
- Glasgow College of Nautical Studies.

Its award-winning £228 million campuses sit right in the heart of Glasgow with almost 27,000 students from over 135 countries. The College also has a world-class reputation for its work with business and commerce, with over 1500 industry partners and 50 global partners.

## **Background to the Learning Programme Owner Organisation**

The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland, often referred to by the acronym REHIS, is an independent, self-financing registered Scottish charity (Number SC009406) whose main objectives are for the benefit of the community to promote the advancement of Environmental Health by:

1. stimulating general interest in and disseminating knowledge concerning Environmental Health;
2. promoting education and training in matters relating to Environmental Health; and
3. maintaining, by examination or otherwise, high standards of professional practice and conduct on the part of Environmental Health Officers in Scotland.

REHIS is a long established awarding body in Scotland for a number of qualifications in Food Safety, Food and Health, Control of Infection and Occupational Health and Safety. Courses leading to REHIS qualifications are available at over 500 REHIS Approved Training Centres throughout Scotland.

## **The Learning Programmes**

In late 2016, REHIS approached CoGC to credit rate six of its Food Hygiene and Health & Safety courses. Following the independent review by CoGC, the REHIS courses which have now been credit rated are:

- REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene - SCQF level 5 & awarded 1 credit point
- REHIS Intermediate Food Hygiene – SCQF level 7 & awarded 3 credit points
- REHIS Diploma in Advanced Food Hygiene - SCQF level 8 & awarded 5 credit points
- REHIS Elementary Health & Safety - SCQF level 5 & awarded 1 credit point
- REHIS Intermediate Health & Safety – SCQF level 7 & awarded 3 credit points
- REHIS Advanced Health & Safety – SCQF level 8 & awarded 5 credit points

## **Why did REHIS decide have these programmes credit rated?**

REHIS decided to have some courses formally credit rated so that learners and employers can quickly identify the level of the qualification and can compare them to other qualifications. Many organisations currently delivering the REHIS courses, e.g. schools and colleges, prefer that the qualifications are formally credit rated to monitor and measure attainment.

## **How has having your learning programme SCQF credit rated benefited your learners and your organisation?**

Jackie McCabe, Director of Training for REHIS, commented, *“REHIS qualifications are recognised nationally and internationally by Industry and Enforcement Officers. Having the REHIS qualifications formally SCQF credit rated means that learners and employers can quickly identify the level of the qualification and can compare them to other learning programmes, including those offered in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.”*

The REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene certificate is also available to Scottish Secondary School Home Economics Departments as part of the REHIS Schools Food Hygiene initiative, funded by both REHIS and Food Standards Scotland. This provides pupils with a formal industry-recognised qualification which can be added to their CV and personal statements when moving on from school.

George McVerry, Head of Client Development & Lifelong Learning at CoGC, said, "CoGC has worked with REHIS for many years supporting the successful delivery of its suite of qualifications. That relationship has built trust between us, resulting in REHIS having the confidence to work with CoGC in credit rating the qualifications onto the SCQF. We're delighted that those who complete the courses can now have their efforts rewarded at a nationally and internationally recognised standard."

**What future plans do you have for further programmes to be credit rated onto the SCQF?**

REHIS plans to continue with SCQF credit rating for other community training qualifications.

CoGC continues to provide the opportunity for partners to have their bespoke training and development programmes credit rated. Its most recent experience is with a local, very specialised, air conditioning company which is working through credit rating its assistant engineer training programme. At the other extreme CoGC is also working with an international aviation support organisation progressing their aim to have the training provided for aircraft cabin staff around the world to be on the SCQF.

For more information on the benefits of having your learning programmes credit rated, visit the SCQF website at [www.scqf.org.uk/employers/recognising-your-training/](http://www.scqf.org.uk/employers/recognising-your-training/) or contact the SCQF Partnership on 0845 270 7371 or at [info@scqf.org.uk](mailto:info@scqf.org.uk).

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