

FAO: SAFed Members

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SAFed successful in achieving Direct Claim Status for the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) Level 4 Engineer Surveying Qualification

The RQF is a qualification built for the industry by the industry and has been developed within SAFed Technical Committee 6 over a number of years.

Following a meeting which reviewed the outstanding actions from a previous audit, SAFed is pleased to announce that they have been awarded Direct Claim Status for the RQF Engineer Surveying qualification, meaning that SAFed is an Approved Centre for awarding this qualification.

The main focus of the audit related to policies and documentation that are required by the awarding body, EAL, a specialist organisation for engineering and manufacturing qualifications under whom SAFed are now approved to issue this qualification.

SAFed as a Centre is able to work with approved Satellite Sites who are the users of the programme, the SAFed members. As a result of this, the Centre Co-ordinator will be Caroline Hamilton and the Satellite Site Co-ordinators will be the administrators at the respective member companies.

Presently the scheme is being used by two full members, Allianz and Zurich, with Allianz having 8 successful candidates achieve the qualification.

For any member company who wishes to adopt the qualification there will be a strict quality assurance protocol to satisfy the requirements of the EAL standard. Member companies will be required to collect evidence to map to the knowledge, skills and behaviours of the qualification and follow the QA procedures stipulated.

Work is planned in the coming months to ensure that this scheme can be used by members who would wish to, and a 'sign-posting' document is being prepared which will help members deem whether they can become an approved Satellite Site and understand their responsibilities.

The thanks for being awarded this status extend back a number of years as this was a piece of work that commenced under the tenure of Richard Hulmes with a number of companies involved. However, personally, I would like to thank Mark Stephenson for all of his hard work in making this happen, and also Amy Cole, who have both been instrumental in helping to guide me through this process and ensuring I am fully briefed on the SAFed responsibilities as the Centre.