



To whom it may concern,

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NARIC Ireland's advisory service compares full, major foreign academic qualifications that are referenced on national frameworks to awards-types and levels on the Irish NFQ. ([www.nfq.ie](http://www.nfq.ie)). Generally, our advice compares an academic qualification to a major award-type which is at a particular level on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) [www.nfq.ie](http://www.nfq.ie).

With regards to the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and their awards, NARIC Ireland would advise the following.

ACCA is a recognised Awarding Body by the Scottish Qualifications Authority Accreditation (SQA Accreditation) and their qualifications are recognised on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF); therefore, NARIC Ireland would recognise and compare these awards to levels on the Irish NFQ, where appropriate.

QQI and the relevant qualifications authorities in the UK have collaborated to produce a guide<sup>1</sup> to how qualifications frameworks and qualifications can be compared across the various jurisdictions. The guide sets out an indicative correspondence between qualifications achieved in the UK and Ireland. Based on this advice the following is guidance on the comparable Irish NFQ level for ACCA awards that are included on the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework

| ACCA Award                                                        | SCQF Level | Comparable Level on the Irish NFQ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| ACCA Strategic Professional                                       | 11         | 9                                 |
| ACCA Applied Skills                                               | 10         | 8                                 |
| ACCA Diploma in Accounting and Business (RQF Level 4)             | 8          | 6                                 |
| ACCA Diploma in Financial and Management Accounting (RQF Level 3) | 6          | 5                                 |
| ACCA Diploma in Financial and Management Accounting (RQF Level 2) | 5          | 4                                 |

Kind Regards,

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<sup>1</sup> [Qualifications can Cross Boundries 2019.pdf](http://Qualifications can Cross Boundries 2019.pdf) ([qqi.ie](http://qqi.ie))