

SVQS IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES SECTOR – Quarterly update April - June 2009

This is the seventh in a series of papers on the provision and uptake of Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) in Health and Social Care in Scotland. These papers are produced regularly for the purposes of workforce planning in the social services sector.

The Scottish Social Services Council wants to know more about the workforce and is keen to have accurate information about the qualifications which employees are undertaking and achieving. This paper sets out information we have gathered, which will assist education and training providers, employers, employees and other partners involved in workforce development activities.

This quarterly update provides information on Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) accredited SVQ registrations and certifications in the care sector for the period April – June 2009. An overview of qualifications this quarter is given, which is supplemented with a comparison of results from this quarter in previous years. The headline results are:

- Level 2 qualifications aggregated provide the most registrations and certifications
- Health and Social Care Level 2 provides the largest amount of registrations and certifications
- registrations are up and certifications are slightly down on the same quarter in 2008.

Overview

During this quarter, Level 2 qualifications have provided the greatest number of registrations with over half of all the registrations, followed by Level 3 with Level 4 providing a small number. Level 2 provided the largest number of certifications, followed by Level 3 with Level 4 again providing only a small number.

Table 1: SVQ Health and Social Care registrations and certifications

Level	Registrations	Certifications
2	(50.8%) 1,621	(48.9%) 1,214
3	(40.4%) 1,289	(41.2%) 1,023
4	(8.8%) 282	(9.9%) 245
Total	3,192	2,482

Within registrations (Figure 1), the most popular qualification was Health and Social Care Level 2 with two-fifths of the total registrations (40%). This was followed by Health and Social Care (Adults) Level 3 (22%) and Children's Care Learning and Development levels 2 and 3 (each with 11%). All other qualifications had less than 10% of the total each.

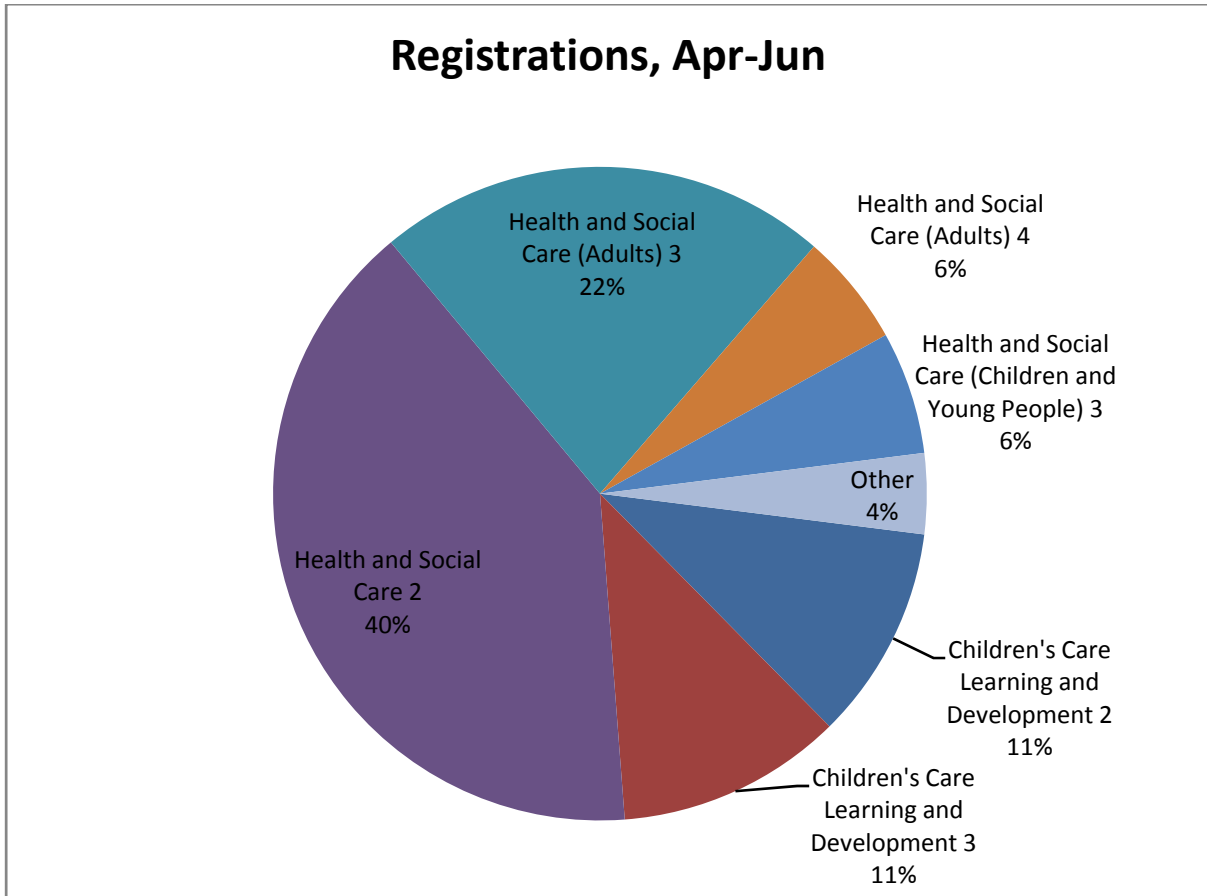


Figure 1. Distribution of registrations.

Within certifications (Figure 2), the most popular qualification was Health and Social Care Level 2 with over two-fifths of the certifications (43%). This was followed by Health and Social Care (Adults) level 3 (27%) and Children's Care Learning and Development level 3 (8%). All other qualifications had less than 8% of the total each.

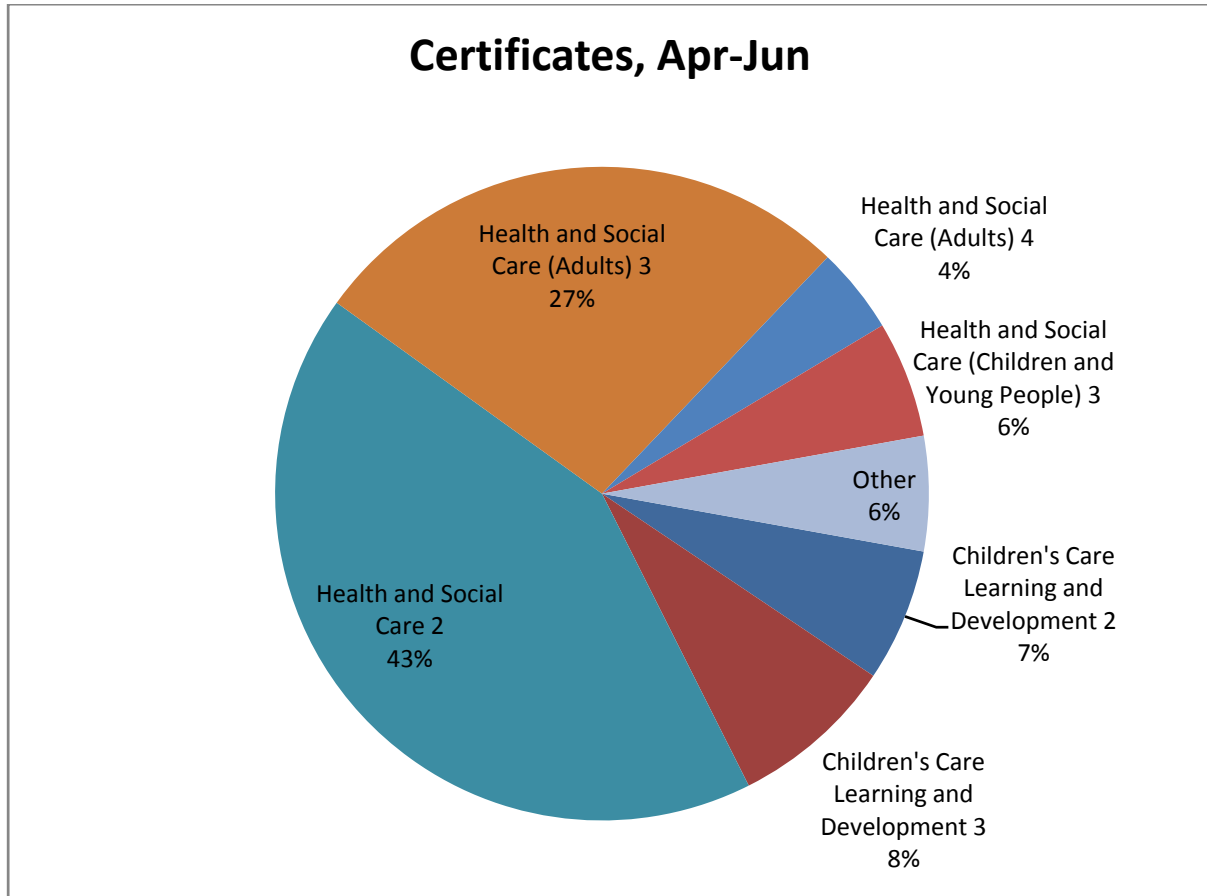


Figure 2. Distribution of certificates.

Comparison with previous years

Since there is a large amount of seasonal variation in registrations and certifications, comparisons between the same quarter in previous years are used.

Registrations

Figure 3 shows that the total number of registrations increased between 2006 and 2007, decreased between 2007 and 2008, and increased between 2008 and 2009. Despite the increase, the 2009 amount is still slightly less than the 2006 amount. Level 2 qualifications account for the majority of this resurgence.

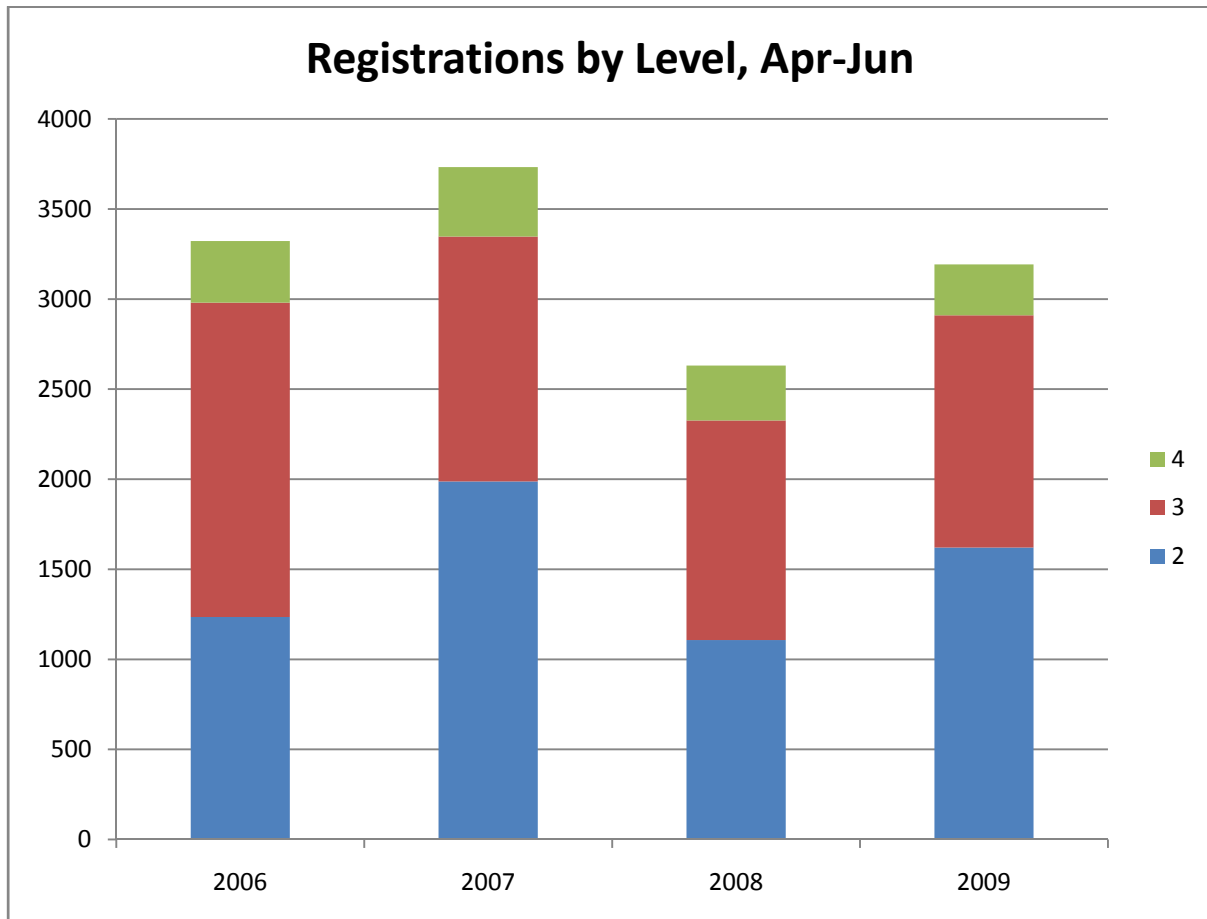


Figure 3. Change in the Apr-Jun quarter registrations.

Certifications

Figure 4 shows that total certificates increased between 2006 and 2007, and decreased between 2007 and 2008 and between 2008 and 2009. This decrease for 2009 was mainly in Level 3, with a slight decrease at Level 4, and a slight increase at Level 2.

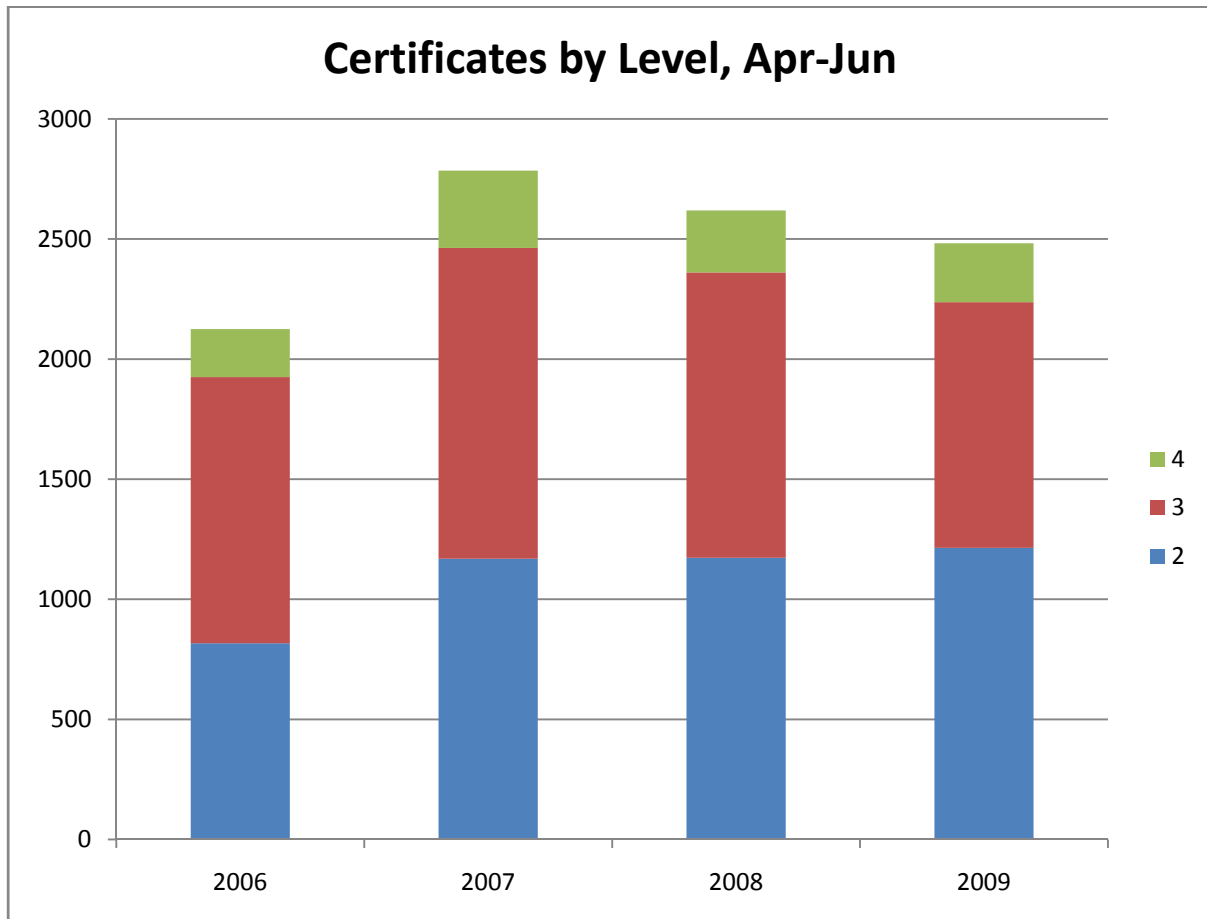


Figure 4. Change in the Apr-Jun quarter certificates

Readers' comments and feedback on this paper are very welcome. Further details available from James Arnold, Data Researcher, contact james.arnold@sssc.uk.com or call 01382 207305.

LIST OF QUALIFICATIONS

Level 2

Qualification	Registrations	Certifications
Care - Level 2	0	0
Children's Care Learning and Development - Level 2	339	163
Early Years - Level 2	0	0
Health and Social Care - Level 2	1282	1051
Housing - Level 2	0	0

Level 3

Qualification	Registrations	Certifications
Care - Level 3	0	0
Caring for Children & Young People - Level 3	0	0
Children's Care Learning and Development - Level 3	357	203
Community Justice - Level 3	0	0
Early Years - Level 3	0	0
Health and Social Care (Adults) - Level 3	715	675
Health and Social Care (Children and Young People) - Level 3	194	143
Housing - Level 3	0	0
Promoting Independence - Level 3	0	0
Work with Offending Behaviour - Level 3	23	2
Work with Victims, Survivors and Witnesses - Level 3	0	0

Level 4

Qualification	Registrations	Certifications
Care - Level 4	0	0
Children's Care Learning and Development - Level 4	39	54
Community Justice - Level 4	0	0
Early Years - Level 4	1	1
Health and Social Care (Adults)- Level 4	178	106
Health and Social Care (Children and Young People)- Level 4	28	29
Housing - Level 4	0	0
Leadership and Management for Care Services - Level 4	33	2
Managers in Residential Childcare - Level 4	0	0
Registered Managers (Adults) - Level 4	3	53
Work with Offending Behaviour - Level 4	1	0
Work with Victims, Survivors and Witnesses - Level 4	0	0

Zero-activity awards

These awards had no registrations or certificates during this quarter. These were largely expired awards. Some expired awards may still record registrations due to delays in recording the original registration.

Care - Level 2

Care - Level 3

Care - Level 4

Caring for Children & Young People - Level 3

Community Justice – Level 3

Community Justice – Level 4

Early Years - Level 2

Early Years - Level 3

Housing - Level 2

Housing - Level 3

Housing - Level 4

Managers in Residential Childcare - Level 4

Promoting Independence – Level 3

Work with Victims, Survivors and Witnesses - Level 3

Work with Victims, Survivors and Witnesses - Level 4