

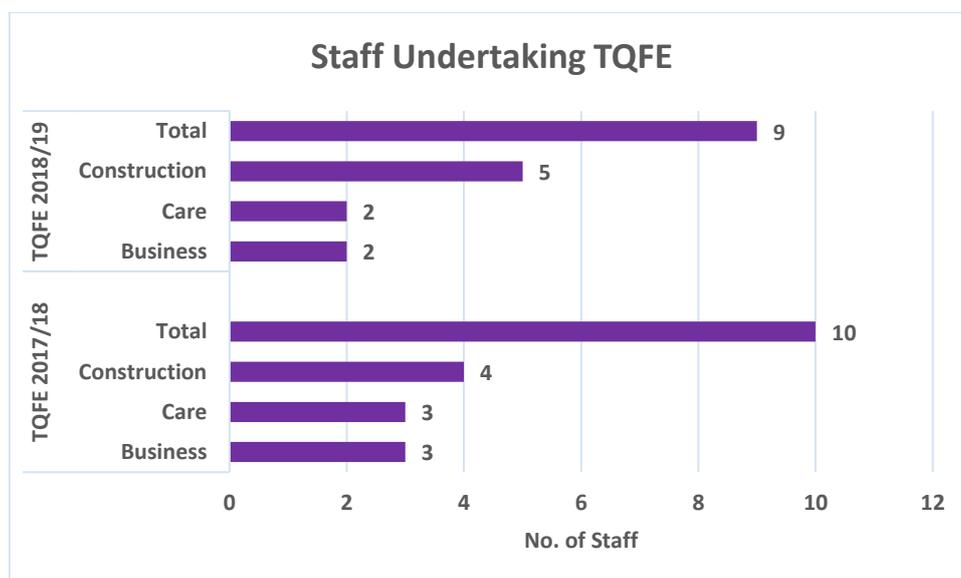
Background

The Teaching Qualification in Further Education (TQFE) is the nationally recognised teaching qualification for lecturers in Scotland's colleges. A small number of other teaching qualifications are regarded by the Scottish Government as being directly equivalent to the TQFE. These include:

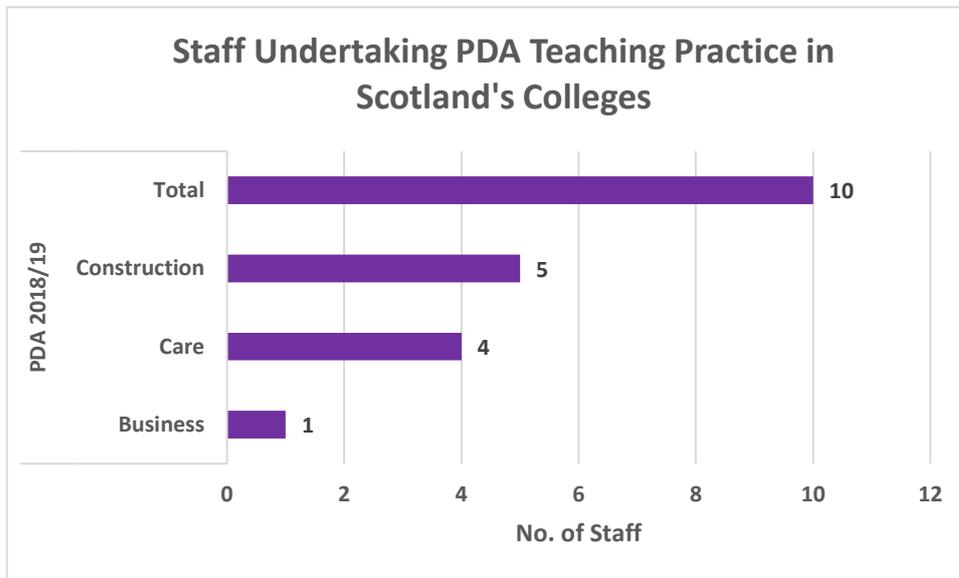
- The TQ Secondary Education (SE);
- The TQ Primary Education (PE);
- The PGDE (Adult Literacies).

Other teaching qualifications may also be regarded as equivalent, depending on guidance issued by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC). In preparation for the TQFE, teaching staff with no previous teaching qualifications are offered the Professional Development Award (PDA) in Teaching. This is a two-credit level 9 award which is certificated by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and delivered internally. Teaching staff who work on the Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) programmes are required by the SQA to either possess, or be working towards, the Learning and Development (L&D) assessor and verifier units.

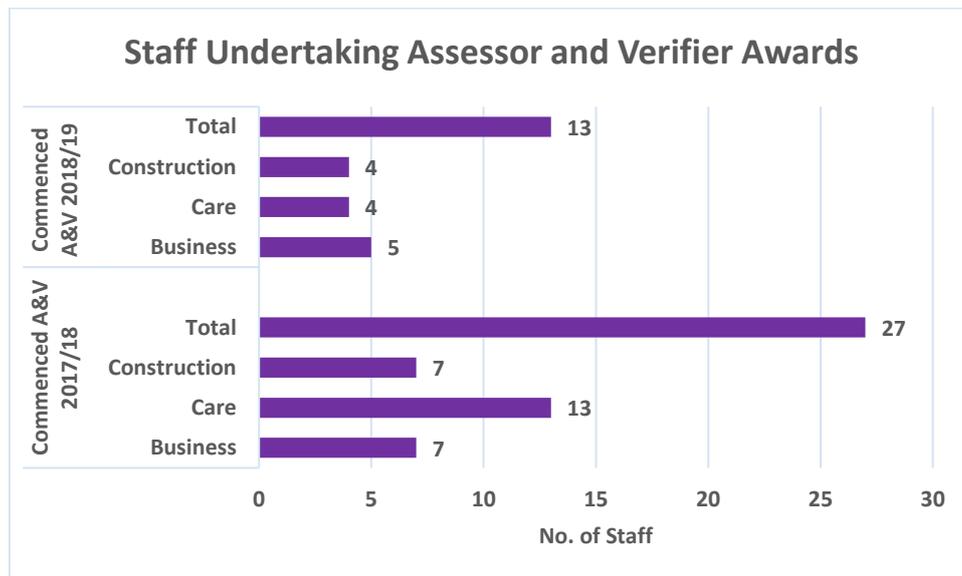
The College is currently supporting 9 staff through their TQFE qualification, split as follows: -



The College is currently supporting 10 staff undertaking the PDA: -



There are currently 13 staff undertaking the Assessor and Verifier Award: -



In addition, the College has also supported staff through other professional qualifications: -

