

Foundation Degree Sector Framework

SkillsActive has produced a framework for foundation degrees to provide sector and employer advice and guidance to those developing, validating and reviewing foundation degrees.

SkillsActive the Sector Skills Council for Active Leisure and Learning has been charged with leading the skills and productivity drive within the sport and recreation, health and fitness, playwork, the outdoors and caravan industries.

A foundation degree is a higher education qualification underpinned by employer involvement in the development of vocational skills and knowledge.

The SkillsActive foundation degree sector framework is applicable to all foundation degrees developed for the sector and will be used as the basis for a sector-wide foundation degree endorsement scheme.

The SkillsActive framework is split in two parts; the first is a generic framework which summarises information on design principles and good practice in foundation degrees from a variety of sources. The second section offers specific advice and indicative content for the sub-sectors of health and fitness, leisure management, sports development, the outdoors and coaching.

The generic framework offers advice and guidance on:

- Research
- Signposting
- Employer needs/ market demand
- Partnership working
- Links to professional bodies
- Skills frameworks
- Accreditation of Prior Learning
- Mode of delivery
- Work-based learning
- Assessment
- Lecturer expertise
- Monitoring
- Progression
- Promoting access
- Destinations

The specific framework includes:

- Coaching
- Health and fitness
- Sports development
- The outdoors
- Leisure management
- Sector specific reference points
- Links to professional bodies
- Pre-requisites for employment
- Indicative content
- Knowledge and understanding
- Intellectual skills
- Professional skills
- Key skills
- Career skills

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For further information on SkillsActive's work with foundation degrees or for a copy of the foundation degree sector framework, visit: www.skillsactive.com/foundationdegrees

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