



# ADVANCE

Supporting the military community

The Higher and Further Education network for all engaged  
with HM Forces, Veterans and their Families

# Introducing ADVANCE

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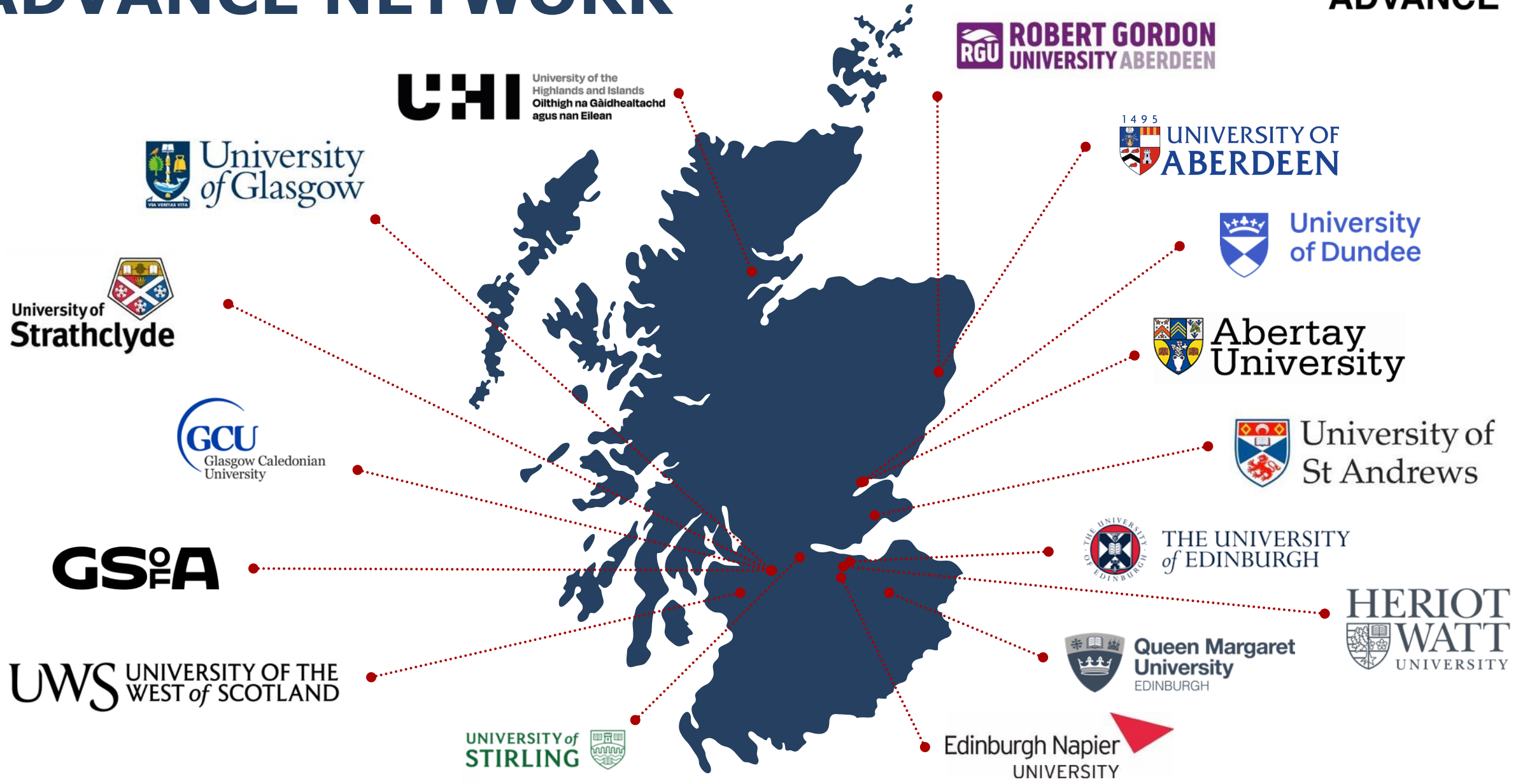
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# What is the ADVANCE Network?



- Collective group of Scottish Universities and Colleges
- ADVANCE wishes to highlight that any member of the armed forces community can consider education as a viable option and will be supported to do so by the institutions who are part of the network.
- The armed forces community includes current serving personnel, transitioning (from service) personnel, veterans, wives/partners of serving personnel, forces children, Wounded/ Injured/ Sick (WIS) personnel and early service leavers.
- Each University and College has a dedicated Armed Forces Lead within their institution. This person is responsible for establishing and leading a small team of knowledgeable individuals (familiar with the Armed Forces community).

# ADVANCE NETWORK



# Why do we need ADVANCE?



- In November 2016 the Scottish Veterans Commissioner issued a report entitled ***The Veterans Community-Employability, Skills and Learning*** which advises Scottish Ministers on improving employment and learning opportunities for the Armed Forces Community.
- The Scottish Funding Council were given a number of recommendations relating to education to action/fulfil
- SFC Armed Forces & Veterans Community Group (AFVCG) was created was formed

# What does **ADVANCE** do?

Delivers educational opportunities briefings (online & in person) and hosts on campus induction sessions;

- Scotland and Northern Ireland Personnel Recovery Unit
- CTP sessions and employment fair
- Family Federations
- Welfare Units
- 27AEC
- Service Children (QVS)
- Cadets



**WHAT DO WE TALK ABOUT?**

# SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE DIFFERENT STAGES



Signposting to certain resources



Greater information about the programmes themselves



Support to map qualifications



Support with the application process



Providing more information about routes and options



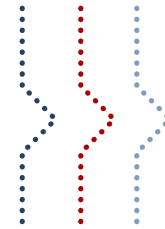
Transition to university/college

# Summary of Education and Training Options

## COLLEGE BASED



- Access courses
- Higher National courses
- Further Education courses



## APPRENTICESHIPS



- Foundation
- Modern
- Graduate

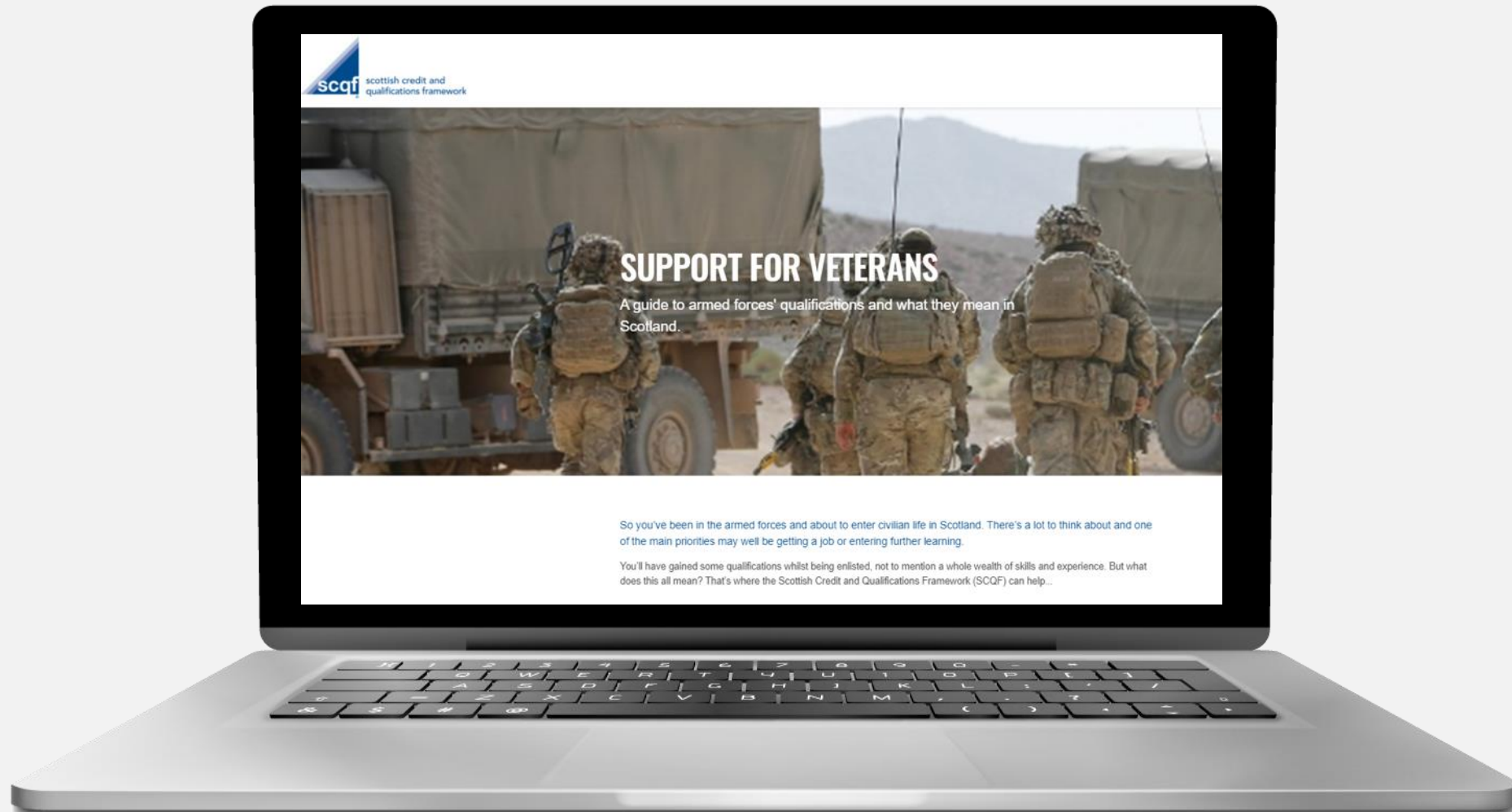
## UNIVERSITY



- Undergraduate degree courses with routes from college
- Postgraduate (on-campus and online) options

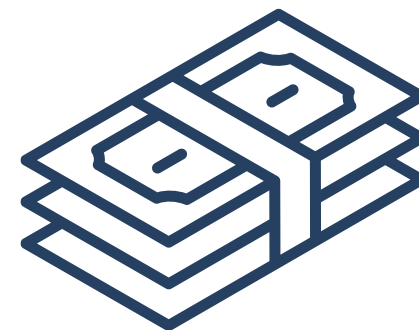


# MAPPING YOUR QUALIFICATIONS



<https://scqf.org.uk/support/support-for-individuals/support-for-veterans/>

# FUNDING



# MOD LEARNING CREDITS SCHEME



**Standard Learning  
Credit Scheme  
(SLC) (In Service)**



**Enhanced Learning  
Credit Scheme  
(ELC)**



**Further Education  
Higher Education  
Scheme (PFFEHE)**

# APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY THROUGH UCAS

**This is the process for applying to universities in the UK.**

- Applications to college or the Open University are done directly to those institutions.
- Part Time routes for most universities may not require a UCAS application. Get in touch with the Admissions team or Veterans Champion for more information

## UCAS:

- Web-based system
  - Includes details of your qualifications and a personal statement
  - You can apply to up to five courses
  - Application sessions run by universities & UCAS
- <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate>

# MY ASK!

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We would like to increase the number of ADVANCE Reps who can speak to the Armed Forces Community

We would like you to tell us of any initiatives you have within your institution suitable for the Armed Forces community

Please tell us if you are working with the Armed Forces community so we can start to build a database of activity



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# THE SCQF: HELPING EMPLOYERS NAVIGATE SCOTLAND'S CHANGING QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS LANDSCAPE



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## SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

Recognise equivalent skills and experience at different SCQF levels

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## CREDIT RATING

Have your in-house training credit rated and placed on the SCQF

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## QUALIFICATIONS

Understand the wide range of qualifications that can be taken in Scotland in:

- School
- College
- University
- Workplace
- Community

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## FUTURE WORKFORCE

Build a stronger workforce through:

- More inclusive recruitment
- Workforce development
- Staff retention
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

# Military Skills and Qualifications Discovery Tool







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