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Recognising employer training

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Welcome for 'McQualifications'

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McTraining and real education

Recognising Employer Training

Different models to achieve recognition

- Employer becomes a Recognised Awarding Body and transforms training into qualifications
- Employer works with an existing AB to assess its training and award qualifications
- Training provider becomes awarding body for employer qualifications/units
- Awards can be whole qualifications, or
- Units, or
- Clusters of units
- Shared units or bespoke

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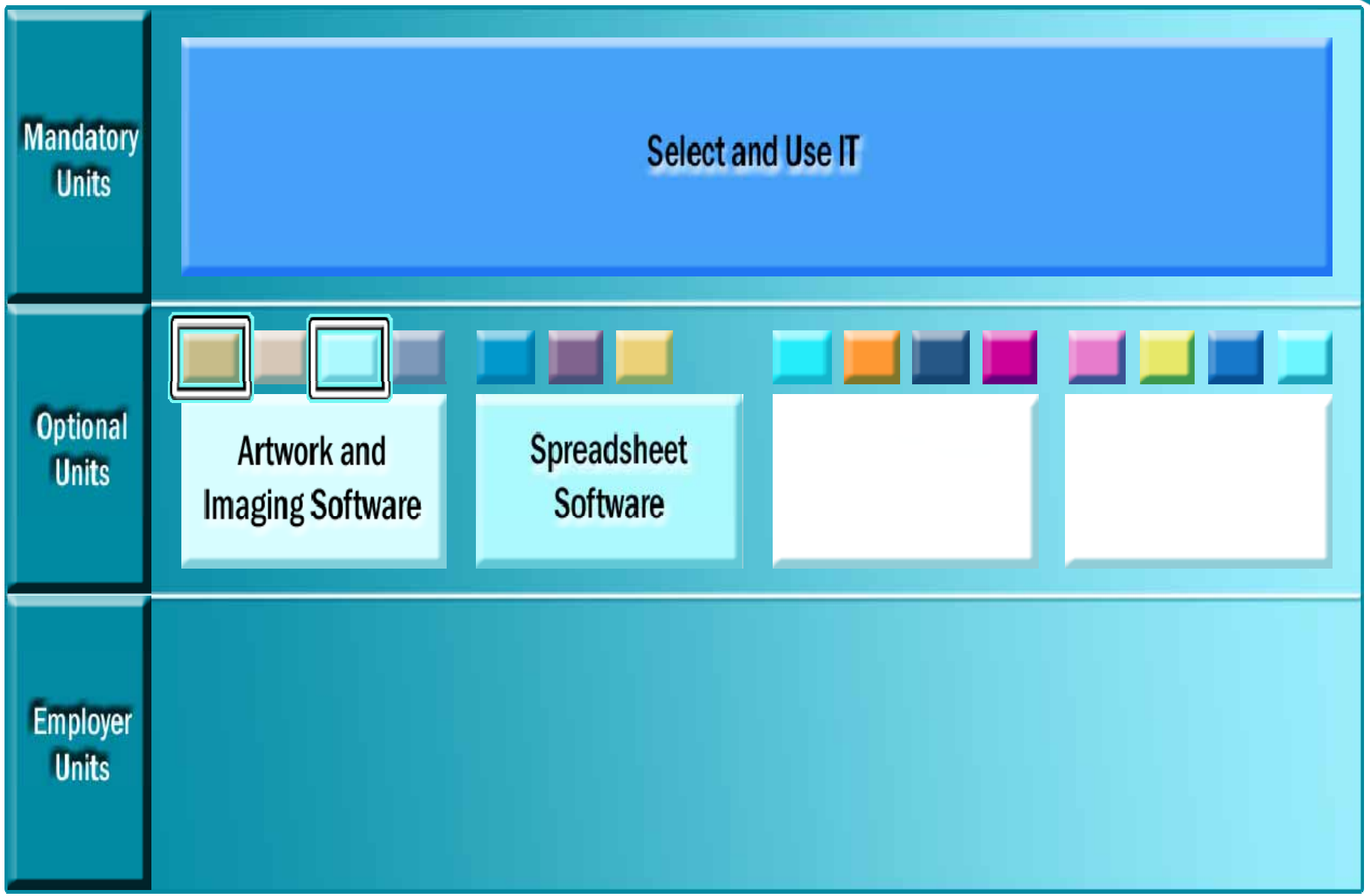

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Employer Units	

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Optional Units	Artwork and Imaging Software; Spreadsheet Software; IT Security for IT Users; Evaluate the Impact of IT
Employer Units	

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Mandatory Units

- Select and Use IT

Optional Units

- Artwork and Imaging Software
- Spreadsheet Software
- IT Security for IT Users
- Evaluate the Impact of IT

Employer Units

- Cisco Units
- Microsoft Units
- Barclays Units
- Pret a Manger Units

The architecture of the future Qualifications & Credit Framework

Enabling change and reform

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QCF - Key features

- Flexible approach to building qualifications, unit by unit
- Common titling conventions
- Credit to measure size
- Credit accumulation and transfer
- Shared units
- Permanent electronic learner record
- World-first – a regulated credit framework

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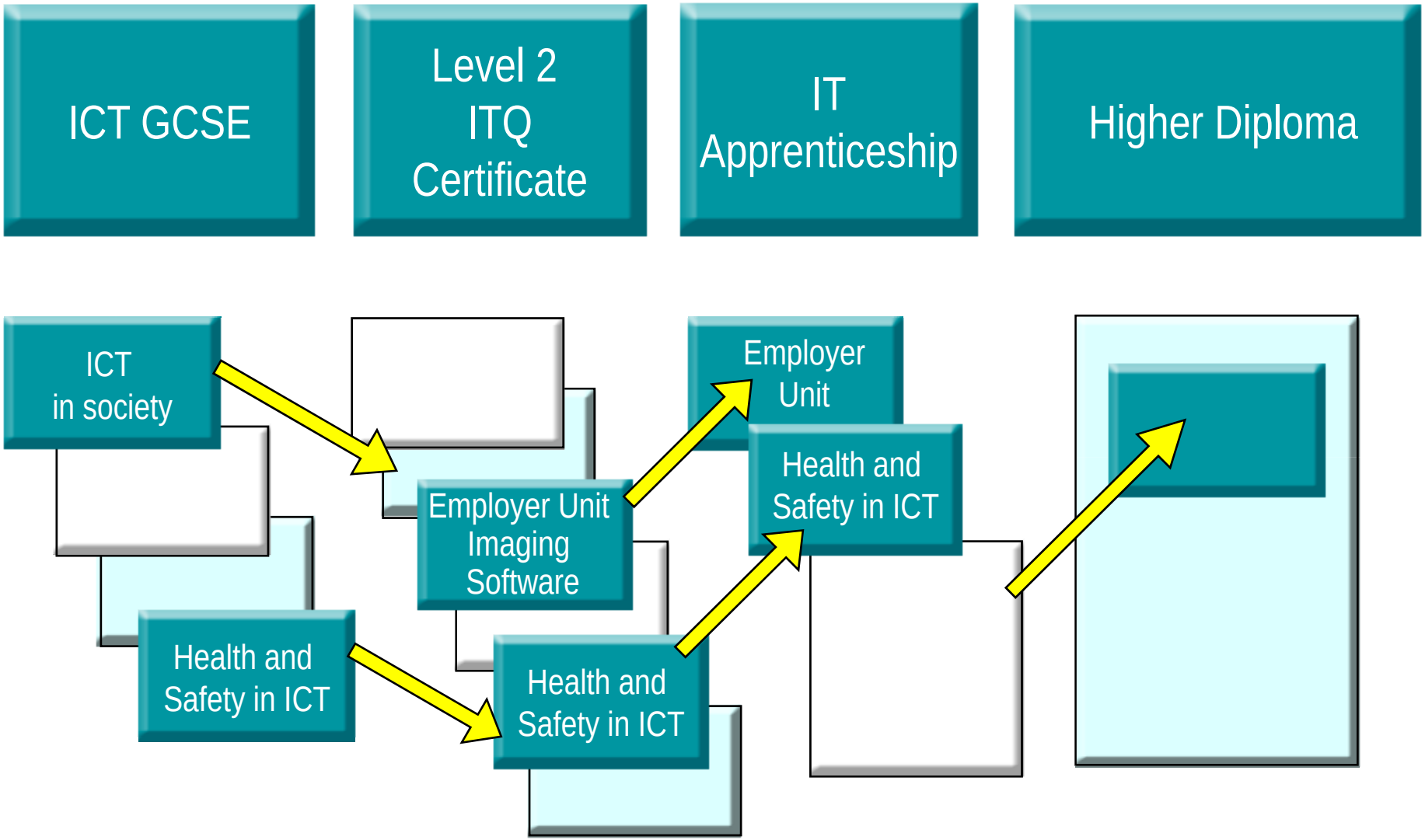
The QCF in practice



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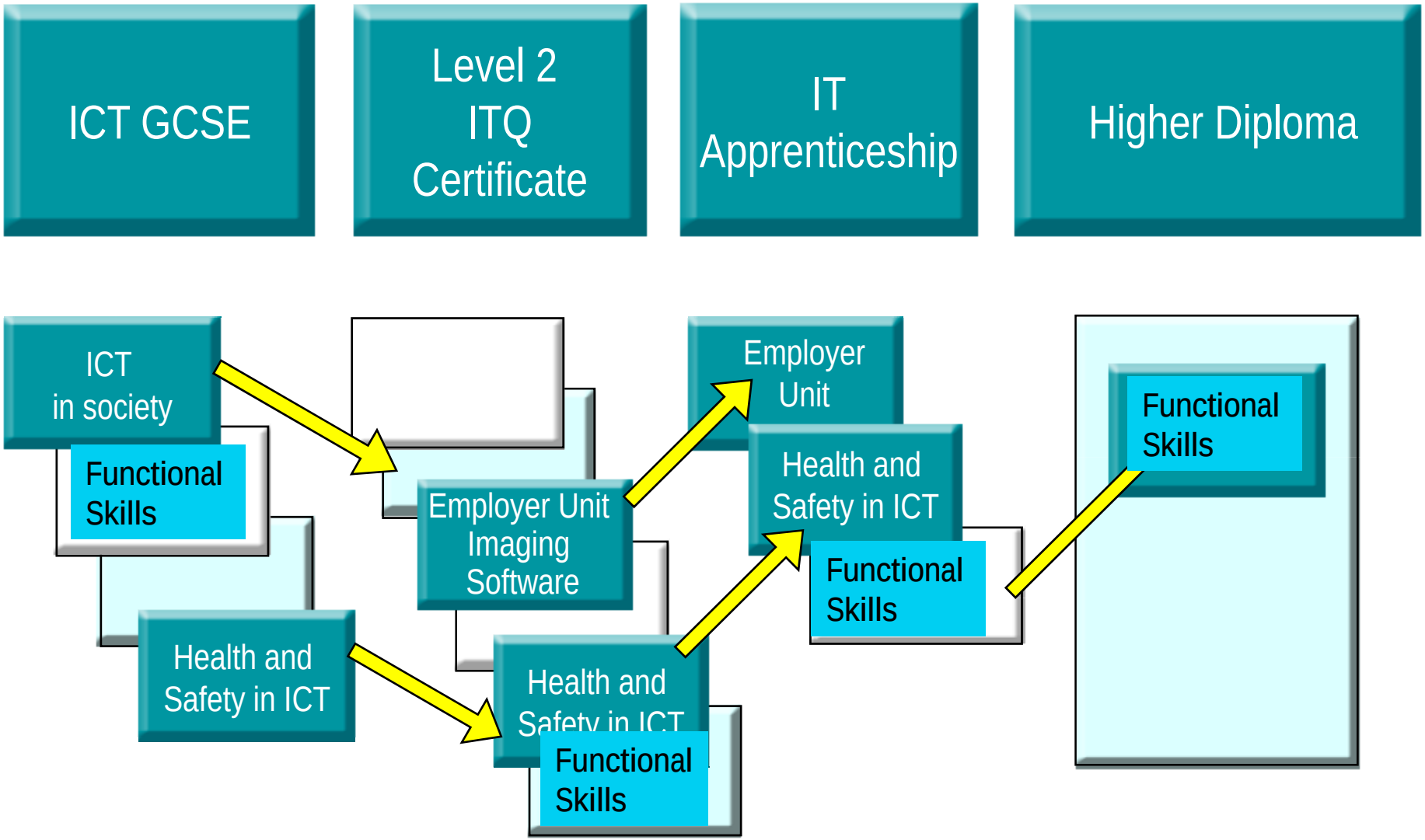

A new suite of qualifications

- English, Maths and ICT
  - Entry Levels 1,2 & 3
  - Level 1 and 2
  - Level 3 in development
- Level 2 Functional English and Maths link to Grade C GCSE
- 14-19 pilots 07/08
- 14-19 and adult pilots 08/09-09/10
- 2010 full roll out

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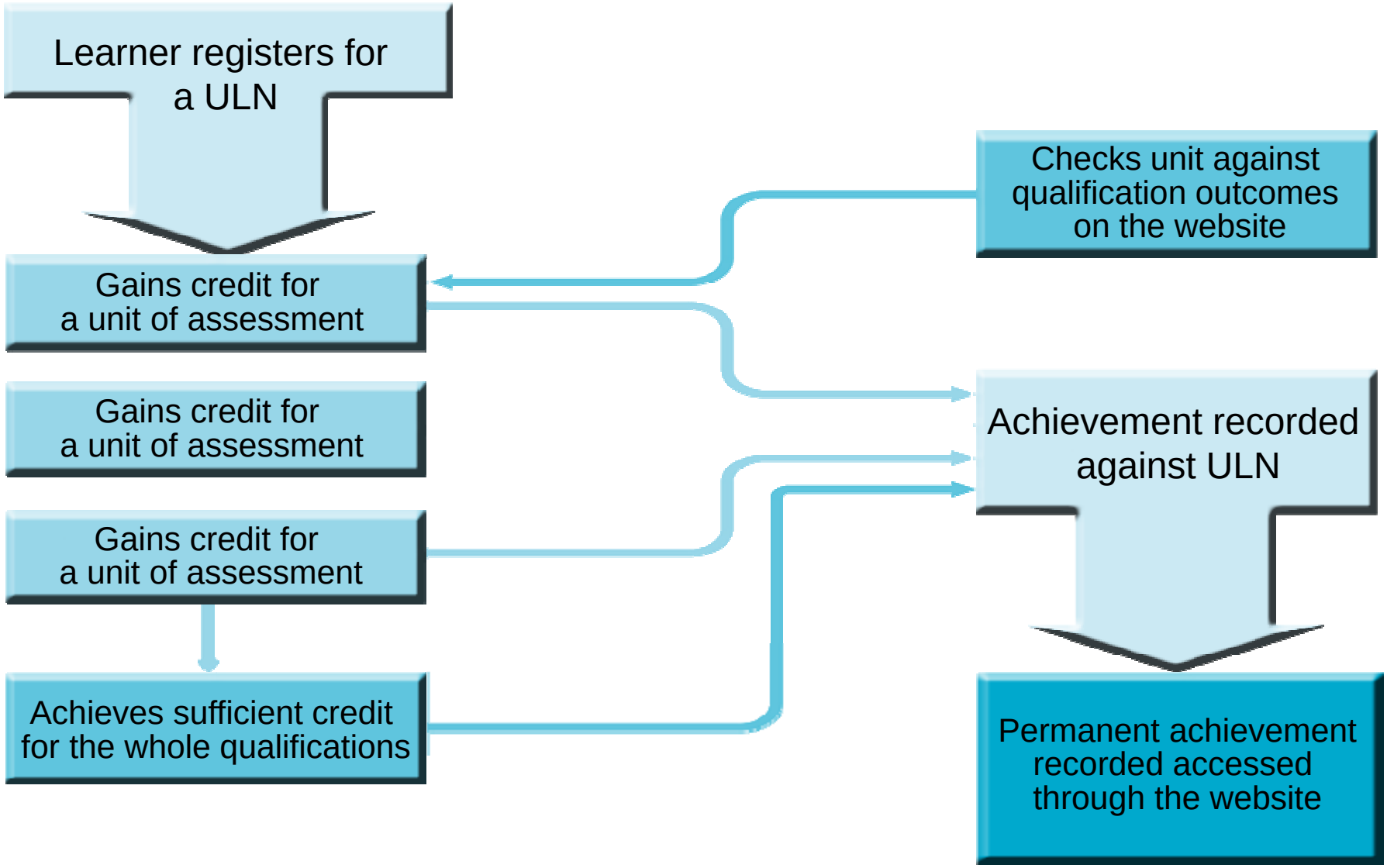
Using the Qualifications and Credit Framework



What counts as staying on?

- Participation at school, college, work-based learning or ***accredited training provided by an employer***
- Working towards an accredited qualification
- Full time (16 guided hours per week if not working)
- 280 hours/year if working at least 20 hours per week (approx one day per week)

Matt: **The Telegraph**

'There are no local A-level colleges, but it's in the catchment area of a very good McDonald's'

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