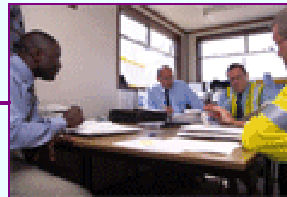


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National Context:

Government SFL Strategy launched 2001

Initial PSA target to improve the skills of 750,000 people by 2004

Further PSA target of improving the skills of 1.5 million people by 2007 and 2.25 million people by 2010

Improving skills among public sector employees and among employees in the supply chain to public sector is a key priority



The Developing picture

- 21st Century Skills White Paper
 - Sector Skills Councils
 - Regional Skills Partnerships
- New Quality Improvement Agency to be developed
- 14-19 White Paper 2005
 - Emphasis on need for skills at age 14 and beyond
 - Focus on functional skills appropriate for the workplace
- Skills White Paper 2005
 - Development of NETP
 - Building the contribution of trade unions
 - Sector agreements and academies



Local Government

There are over 430 local authority employers with a workforce of over 2 million people in England and Wales. These employers range from small district councils employing less than 200 employees to large metropolitan local authorities employing over 30,000 people.



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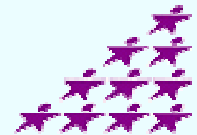
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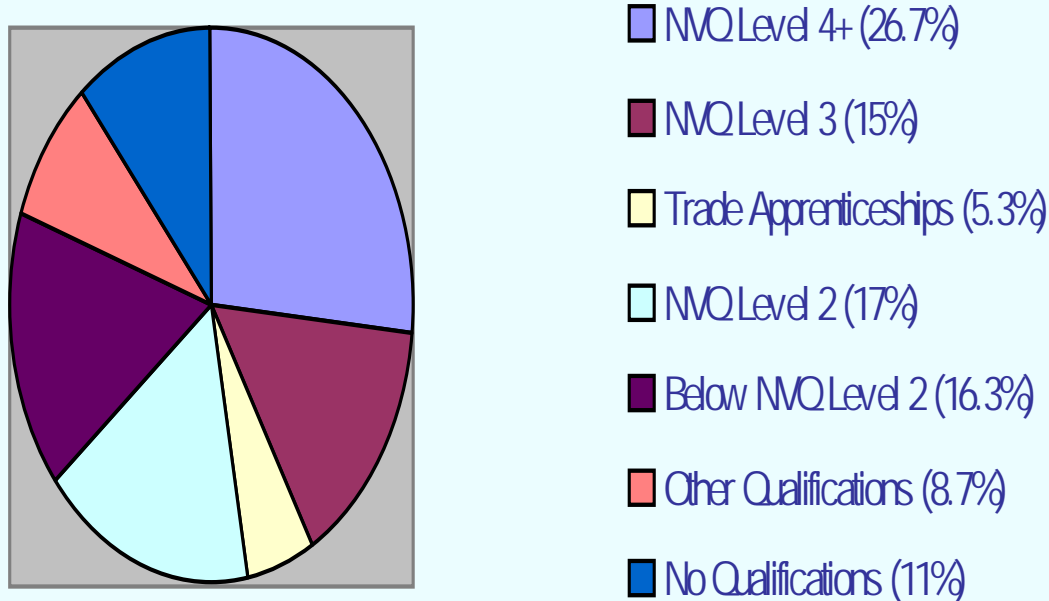
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NJC Agreement (LG Employers & Trade Unions)



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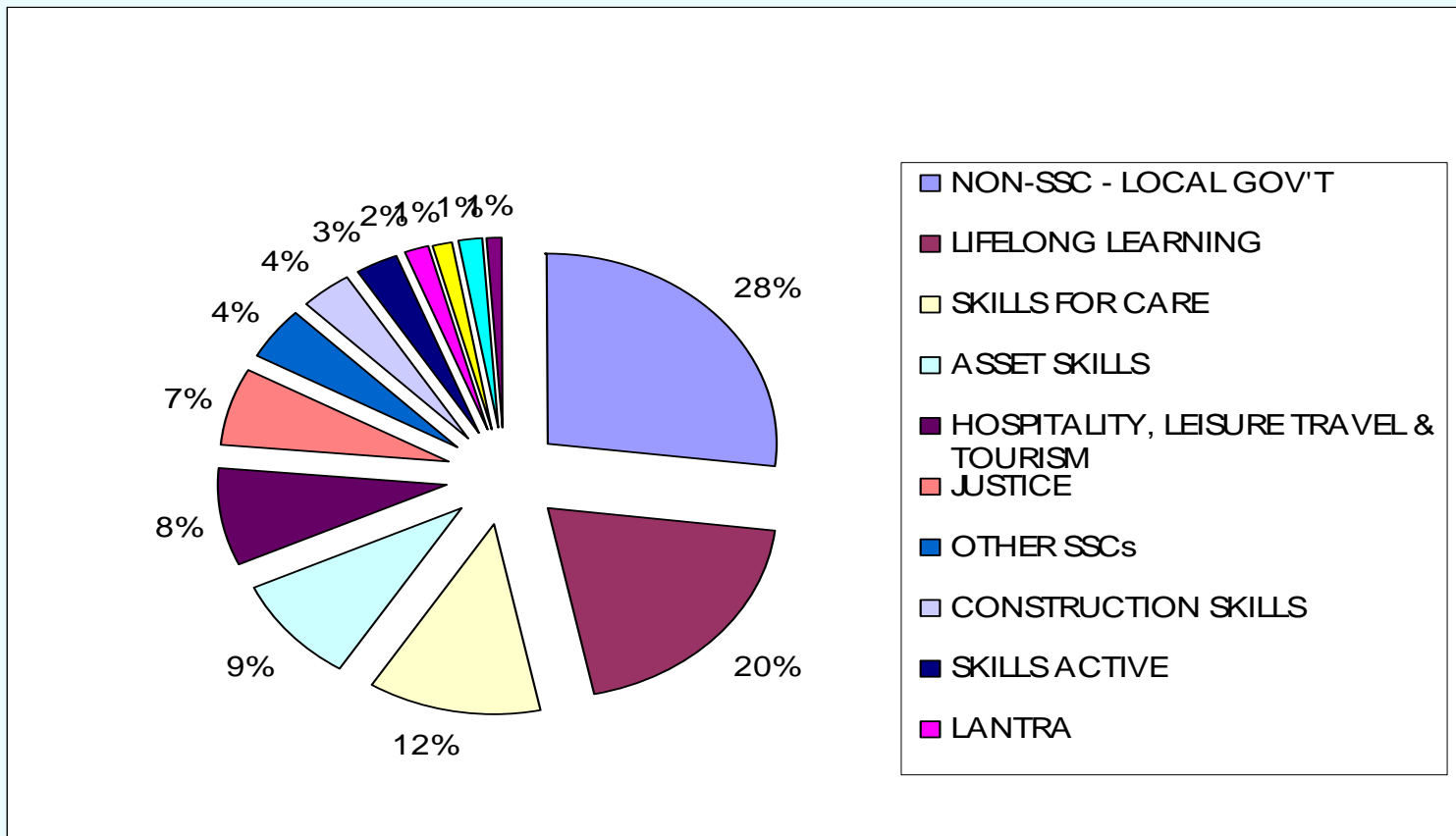
Level of Highest Qualification by LG Employees



Level of Highest Qualification held by Local Government Employees in the UK

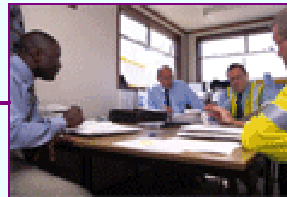


% of LG Workforce by Sector:



Get On Local Government

Our aim is to raise the demand among local authority employers to take a more proactive, sustained and strategic approach to workplace basic skills.



1. Launch of **Local Government Skills for Life Strategy in England 2005-7** in March 2005
2. Launch of **GO Local Government Award** in May 2005
3. Launch of **Basic Skills and Local Government** booklet in customised Employer Toolkit in June 2005
4. Launch of **DVD** July 2005
5. Launch of **SFL Champions booklet** January 2006



6. 6 Regional Networks

7. 6 Regional events

East of England (run May 2005)

Yorkshire and Humberside (October 2005)

East Midlands (October 2005)

South East (November 2005)

North West (February 2006)

North East (April 2006)

8. Gala Celebration event in March 2006



GO Local Government Award criteria

1. Whole organisation approach
2. Development of SFL Strategy for the Authority
3. Developing staff to support SFL
4. Appropriate identification of staff with SFL needs
5. Flexibility of delivery
6. SFL staff development offer forms part of wider programme



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Contextualised Level 2 qualification in learner support

Customised scratch cards

liP and CPA links

