



MicroCreds: A National Framework for Micro-Credentials in Ireland

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STRAND 1: National Framework for Micro-credentials

STRAND 2: MicroCreds Innovate sustainable model of data informed university
– enterprise collaboration

STRAND 3: Discovery Platform linked to a digital credentialing solution
(Europass early adopter)

STRAND 4: Agilely developed & flexibly delivered **suite of micro-credentials**
across partner universities



MicroCreds: Overview



The record of the learning outcomes that a learner has acquired following a **small volume of learning**. These learning outcomes have been **assessed against transparent and clearly defined standards**.

Courses leading to micro-credentials are designed to provide the learner with **specific knowledge, skills and competences** that respond to **societal, personal, cultural or labour** market needs.

Micro-credentials are owned by the learner, can be shared and are portable. They may be **standalone or combined into larger credentials**. They are **underpinned by quality assurance** following agreed standards in the relevant sector or area of activity.

European Commission proposal for Council Recommendation on a European Approach to Micro-Credentials for Lifelong Learning and Employability SWD (2021) 367 final, 2020



DEFINITION



Agreed MicroCred Constitutive Elements

Level 6-9 NFQ

Credit size 1-30 ECTS

1 ECTS= 25 learning hours

Quality assured

Stand alone credential or stack
towards a larger credential or award

**Assessed against stated learning
outcomes**



Question

How to unlock national and European skills data in support of micro-credential development?



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