American Society for Quality (ASQ)

The American Society for Quality (ASQ) is a leading authority on quality throughout the world. With more than 80,000 individual and organizational members, this professional association advances learning, quality improvement, and knowledge exchange to improve business results, and to create better workplaces and communities worldwide.

Six Sigma
Six Sigma is ASQ's systematic, rigorous and proven methodology focused on improving the quality of processes within an organization, and eliminating process defects. A successful implementation of these business improvement principles aligns all of a company's people, processes and energy around a common strategy and culture. Six Sigma Methodologies are applicable to organizations across the spectrum of industries, from manufacturing to service to healthcare.

Skillsoft's ASQ courseware
Although Skillsoft has no direct affiliation with ASQ, Skillsoft has developed courseware that aligns to Six Sigma Green Belt, Six Sigma Black Belt, and the Six Sigma Champion Programs.

Six Sigma Black Belt Recertification
To maintain a Six Sigma Black Belt certification, ASQ requires the credential holder to recertify every three years. To recertify, the ASQ certified professional must earn 18 recertification units (RUs) within the three-year certification period or retake the exam.

Recertification guidelines permit the learners to obtain 9 of the 18 required RU's via eLearning and Skillsoft offers a range of professional development courses that may be eligible for RU credits. As applicability for RU's depends upon each learner's area of study and professional development plans, learners are responsible to verify with ASQ whether the Skillsoft course(s) they have chosen are relevant to the BOK or their own professional development. Specific information is included in the Recertification Journal/Application.