



Qualification Guide

Open Awards *Level 2 Award* in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)

601/3591/8

Open Awards *Level 2 Certificate* in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)

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Open Awards *Level 2 Diploma* in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)

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Open Awards

Set up in 1981 as OCNW and now trading as Open Awards, we have been in business for over 30 years. During that time we have helped thousands of learners get started on the education ladder, return to learning, achieve qualifications to help their careers and progress into University.

We were the first to design qualifications and courses based on credit accumulation so that learners could achieve in “bite sized” chunks. We designed the units and qualifications that are now the basis of the Qualification and Credit Framework (QCF). As pioneers and champions of credit we are the experts in the field and we use this expertise to design new qualifications.

We are more than just another Awarding Organisation. Uniquely, we have deep roots in the education sector as forward thinking organisations, FE Colleges and LAs, created OCNs to promote education and achievement. We have a governance structure, which is drawn from the people who use our services – our providers and centres – so that we can truly say we are “of the sector and for the sector”. Our purpose is to meet the needs of our provider organisations and their learners. We are a not for profit organisation and a registered charity and we use our funds to invest in our products and services to support the very organisations that use our products.

Open Awards qualifications are approved by the regulators (England, Northern Ireland and Wales) and are designed to meet the needs of learners and employers. The range of qualifications we offer is designed to meet the aspirations of learners who are seeking a stepping stone to their career, returning to learn or wishing to progress and build their skills and experience. We are constantly adding to our qualification portfolio to ensure that it is fresh and up to date.

Qualification and Credit Framework

The QCF is a framework that awards credit for qualification and unit achievement and aims to present qualifications in a way that is easy to understand and measure. It enables learners to gain qualifications at their own pace.

There are three sizes of qualification in the QCF

Award	Certificate	Diploma
1 to 12 Credits	13 to 36 Credits	37 Credits and above

The terms Award, Certificate and Diploma **do not** describe the qualification levels. It is possible to have an Award at level 4 and a Diploma at level 2.

For the specific credits related to this suite of qualifications please refer to the Rules of Combination within this guide.

Every unit and qualification in the framework is structured in the following way:

- Unit title
- Level
- Credit value
- Learning outcomes
- Assessment criteria

The credit value of a unit specifies the number of credits that will be awarded to a learner who has achieved the learning outcomes of the unit. The credit value of a unit is based on:

- One credit for those learning outcomes that a learner can achieve in 10 hours of learning.
- Learning time is defined as the time taken by learners at the level of the unit, on average, to complete the learning outcomes of the unit. For example if a unit is worth 3 credits then it will take on average 30 hours for the learner to complete. Guided learning hours are included in the learning time.
- Guided learning hours are the number of tutor-led contact hours required to support learner achievement of a unit or qualification. Guided learning hours include:
 - Induction specific to the programme; one to one or group tutorials; teaching sessions; facilitated workshops; assessment of learner achievements where the learner is present e.g. when assessing an individual in the workplace or assessing a skills activity in a classroom environment.

QCF Level Descriptors

Level 1

Summary

Achievement at Level 1 reflects the ability to use relevant knowledge, skills and procedures to complete routine tasks. It includes responsibility for completing tasks and procedures subject to direction or guidance.

Knowledge and Understanding

Use knowledge of facts, procedures and ideas to complete well-defined, routine tasks.

Be aware of information relevant to the area of study or work.

Application and Action

Complete well-defined routine tasks.

Use relevant skills and procedures.

Select and use relevant information.

Identify whether actions have been effective.

Autonomy and Accountability

Take responsibility for completing tasks and procedures subject to direction or guidance as needed.

Level 2

Summary

Achievement at Level 2 reflects the ability to select and use relevant knowledge, ideas, skills and procedures to complete well-defined tasks and address straightforward problems. It includes taking responsibility for completing tasks and procedures and exercising autonomy and judgment subject to overall direction or guidance.

Knowledge and Understanding

Use understanding of facts, procedures and ideas to complete well-defined tasks and address straightforward problems.

Interpret relevant information and ideas.

Be aware of the types of information that are relevant to the area of study or work.

Application and Action

Complete well-defined, generally routine tasks and address straightforward problems.

Select and use relevant skills and procedures.

Identify, gather and use relevant information to inform actions.

Identify how effective actions have been.

Autonomy and Accountability

Take responsibility for completing tasks and procedures.

Exercise autonomy and judgment subject to overall direction

Level 3

Summary

Achievement at level 3 reflects the ability to identify and use relevant understanding, methods and skills to complete tasks and address problems that, while well defined, have a measure of complexity. It includes taking responsibility for initiating and completing tasks and procedures as well as exercising autonomy and judgment within limited parameters. It also reflects awareness of different perspectives or approaches within an area of study or work.

Knowledge and Understanding

Use factual, procedural and theoretical understanding to complete tasks and address problems that, while well defined, may be complex and non-routine.

Interpret and evaluate relevant information and ideas.

Be aware of the nature of the area of study or work.

Have awareness of different perspectives or approaches within the area of study or work.

Application and Action

Address problems that, while well defined, may be complex and non-routine.

Identify, select and use appropriate skills, methods and procedures.

Use appropriate investigation to inform actions.

Review how effective methods and actions have been.

Autonomy and Accountability

Take responsibility for initiating and completing tasks and procedures, including, where relevant, responsibility for supervising or guiding others.

Exercise autonomy and judgment within limited parameters.

Further information on the QCF can be found at www.openawards.org.uk

Title(s) of the Qualification(s) within this Guide

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Open Awards Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)

Open Awards Level 2 Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)

Qualification(s) Rationale and Regulatory Purpose

Rationale

The Open Awards Skills for Further Learning and Employment qualifications at Level 2 form part of the new suite of qualifications which replace the current suite of Skills for Further Learning and Employment qualifications and the Qualifications in Progression, both of which expire in 2014.

The new suite of qualifications offers a wide range of flexible units which provide increased learning opportunities centred on personal development and employability and an introduction to a breadth of vocational sectors. The qualifications also aim to address the latest Government initiatives and regulations with regard to education and employment.

The suite offers increased progression opportunities at Entry Level 1, Entry Level 2, Entry Level 3, Level 1 and Level 2, each level is available as an Award, Certificate and Diploma. At Entry level the focus is primarily on personal development with an introduction to a breadth of vocational sectors, at Level 1 there is a balance between the two and at Level 2 the focus is firmly placed upon a chosen sector combined with employability skills.

New sectors across the suite of qualifications have been added, these include: Logistics; Conservation; Marketing and Sales; Fishing; Healthy Living; Food, Drink and Hospitality; Engineering; Maritime; Information, Advice and Guidance. Generic units include: employability; seeking employment; personal development; personal learning; English; Numeracy.

All existing units have been reviewed and updated by internal and external experts to ensure currency. New units have been added across all unit groups, particularly within the art and design sector and English and Numeracy

The qualifications have been re-structured making it easier to determine and plan curriculum and learner progression. The flexible Rules of Combination enable centres to create individualised learning programmes to suit learner need and are available for pre-and post-16 learners.

Purpose and Sub-purpose

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Each has the following Purpose:

B. Prepare for further learning or training and/or develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area

And the following Sub-Purpose:

Sub Purpose B2. Develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area

Operational Details

Operational Dates

Open Awards Level 2 Award in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)
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are due for review 28 February 2017.

Open Awards will notify centres prior to the review to enable a smooth progression from the current version to the new version.

Nationally Recognised Accreditation Number(s)

The suite of Qualifications is accredited by Qfqual and all Qualifications are on the QCF (Qualifications and Credit Framework). The table below outlines the full and official name* of the Qualification with the regulative QAC code.

Regulated Qualification Title	QAC Code
Open Awards Level 2 Award in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)	601/3591/8
Open Awards Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)	601/3589/X
Open Awards Level 2 Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)	601/3590/6

*Qualification titles may differ slightly in this guidance to those above, however, when searching the QCF Register please use the regulated title of the qualification or the qualification codes to ensure you obtain the correct information.

Qualification Overview

Who is the Qualification for?

The qualifications are suitable for pre and post -16 learners who wish to gain certification for learning and skills in order to demonstrate their capacity for further learning and/or employment. The Level 2 qualifications provide the opportunity for learners to work towards specific employment by choosing units from one vocational sector combined with relevant employability skills.

The Qualifications serve to:

- Engage learners and provide a mechanism to further develop learning and employment goals
- Enable learners to continue to build an awareness of their potential to progress into further learning and employment
- Enable learners to develop their literacy and/or numeracy skills.
- Provide learning opportunities in a specific vocational area allied with employability skills
- Contribute to a learners personal and social development skills
- Provide learning opportunities which are stimulating and engaging.

Benefits to Learners

- Flexibility and progression opportunities within a suite of qualifications and across the breadth of sizes - Award, Certificate, Diploma
- Learners achieve a nationally recognised Qualification.
- Learners apply personal, social and employability skills whilst focussing upon specific vocational units
- Units are transferable and may be achieved over a period time.
- The qualifications offer a route to specific vocationally related qualifications. See our [website](#).
- A wide range of assessment methods to suit learner needs.

Benefits to Centres

- The qualifications which are nationally recognised and regulated by Ofqual and are on the QCF (Qualifications & Credit Framework) may be eligible for funding in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. See Funding, Fees and Charges in this guide for more information.
- The qualifications offer progression across sizes and up to Level 2 enabling learners to make informed decisions both for employment and further learning.
- There is a breadth of units within a wide range of unit groups enabling a focus upon specific skills needs
- The structure of the qualifications supports flexible curriculum planning

Progression Opportunities

The Open Awards Level 2 Skills for Further Learning and Employment qualifications offer a smooth transition to specialist study - see our website for the range available.

Qualification Structure

Learning Time

The Minimum GLH (Guided Learning Hours) and Recommended Learning Hours for each Qualification is outlined in the table below.

Qualification Title	Minimum GLH	Maximum GLH	Learning Hours
Open Awards Level 2 Award in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)	49	84	90
Open Awards Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)	69	144	150
Open Awards Level 2 Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)	363	370	370

Rules of Combination

To achieve any Open Awards qualification each learner must fulfil a particular set of Rules of Combination relevant to the specific qualification. It is the centre's responsibility to ensure that the choice of units address the Rules of Combination for the specific qualification.

The Rules of Combination for:

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Open Awards Level 2 Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)

are noted below.

Open Awards Level 2 Award in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)

Credit Value of the Qualification:	9
Minimum Credits to be achieved at or above the Level of the Qualification:	6
Mandatory Units Group A:	All 3 credits must be achieved
Generic Optional Units Groups: B1; B2; B3; B4; B5; B6; B7	Minimum of 3 credits must be achieved from one or more of the groups
Sector Optional Units Groups: C; D; E; F; G; H; I; J; K; L; M; N; O; P; Q; R; S; T; U; V	Minimum of 3 credits must be achieved from one group only

Units with the same title at different levels are barred

Open Awards Level 2 Certificate in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)

Credit Value of the Qualification:	15
Minimum credits to be achieved at the level of the qualification	8
Maximum credits which <i>may be achieved</i> below the level of the qualification	6
Mandatory Units Group A:	All 3 credits must be achieved
Generic Optional Units Groups: B1; B2; B3; B4; B5; B6; B7	Minimum of 3 credits must be achieved from one or more of the groups
Sector Optional Units Groups: C; D; E; F; G; H; I; J; K; L; M; N; O; P; Q; R; S; T; U; V	Minimum of 9 credits must be achieved from one group only

Units with the same title at different levels are barred

Open Awards Level 2 Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (QCF)

Credit Value of the Qualification:	37
Minimum credits to be achieved at the level of the qualification	19
Maximum credits which <i>may be achieved</i> below the level of the qualification	12
Mandatory Units Group A:	All 3 credits must be achieved
Generic Optional Units Groups: B1; B2; B3; B4; B5; B6; B7	Minimum of 10 credits must be achieved from one or more of the groups
Sector Optional Units Groups: C; D; E; F; G; H; I; J; K; L; M; N; O; P; Q; R; S; T; U; V	Minimum of 24 credits must be achieved from one group only

Units with the same title at different levels are barred

Qualification Units

Units in the Open Awards Level 2 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
Mandatory Units Group			
(A) Mandatory Unit Group			
F/506/3442	Developing Own Interpersonal Skills	Level Two	3

Generic Optional Units Groups			
(B1) Employability			
D/504/8799	Being a Responsible Employee	Level Two	6
A/600/3718	Building and Managing Workplace Relationships	Level Two	2
F/501/6413	Building Working Relationships with Customers	Level Two	2
J/506/3443	Collection, Presentation and Interpretation of Discrete Data	Level Two	2
L/504/5168	Communication in Teamwork	Level Two	1
F/600/3719	Communication in the Workplace	Level Two	2
L/504/7695	Communication Skills for Group and Teamwork	Level Two	3
F/504/8729	Customer Service	Level Two	3
A/600/3721	Developing Enterprise Skills	Level Two	3
F/600/3722	Developing Meeting Skills	Level Two	2
R/503/2874	Effectiveness at Work	Level Two	1
T/502/1690	Establish and Maintain Effective Working Relationships with Others	Level Two	2
J/504/8859	Healthy, Safety and First Aid at Work	Level Two	3
R/600/3725	Operating in a Work Environment	Level Two	3
K/600/3729	Personal Presentation in the Workplace	Level Two	1
M/504/8659	Practical Presentation Skills	Level Two	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
L/505/9345	Protection and Safeguarding	Level Two	3
T/506/3552	Read Routine English in Familiar Everyday Work Situations	Level Two	5
D/600/3730	Recognising Leadership Skills	Level Two	2
M/600/3733	Responsible Work Practice	Level Two	1
T/600/3734	Rights and Responsibilities in the Workplace	Level Two	2
T/600/3572	Skills for Employment	Level Two	1
F/600/3736	Solving Problems in the Workplace	Level Two	3
F/506/3554	Speak English Using Routine Language in Familiar Everyday Work Situations	Level Two	5
K/501/6146	Summarising Documents	Level Two	1
H/504/8657	Team Building Skills	Level Two	3
H/504/8853	Team Motivation	Level Two	3
L/504/8877	Teamwork Skills	Level Two	3
H/506/3451	Understand Routine Spoken English in Familiar Everyday Work Situations	Level Two	5
L/600/3738	Understanding Change in the Workplace	Level Two	2
H/506/3644	Understanding Data Handling and Probability	Level Two	3
R/600/3739	Understanding Structures in the Workplace	Level Two	3
L/506/3542	Undertaking an Enterprise Project	Level Two	3
D/504/9225	Undertaking Professional Development	Level Two	3
J/504/6318	Using ICT in the Workplace	Level Two	3
T/504/6315	Using Numeracy Skills in the Workplace	Level Two	3
K/506/0776	Volunteering	Level Two	2
H/504/8884	Work Experience	Level Two	3
L/506/3556	Write English using Routine Language in Familiar Everyday Work Situations	Level Two	5
(B2) Seeking Employment			
T/600/3717	Applying for Work	Level Two	2
T/504/7495	Building A Personal Career Portfolio	Level Two	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
F/504/8648	Career Planning	Level Two	3
M/505/1190	Creating a Tailored Curriculum Vitae	Level Two	3
L/600/3724	Interview Skills	Level Two	1
L/504/8572	Investigating a Career	Level Two	3
K/600/3732	Researching Employment Opportunities	Level Two	1
(B3) Personal Development			
R/504/8282	Alcohol Awareness	Level Two	3
M/504/8273	Assertiveness and Decision Making	Level Two	3
Y/504/8719	Behaviour in Conflict	Level Two	3
J/504/8814	Body Image	Level Two	2
D/600/7793	Candidate Project for Learning and Work	Level Two	3
K/504/8725	Changing Roles and Relationships in Adolescence	Level Two	3
J/504/7484	Citizenship	Level Two	3
M/504/8726	Conflict Resolution	Level Two	3
L/504/8863	Criminal and Youth Justice	Level Two	3
L/504/8684	Dealing with Bullying	Level Two	2
F/504/8794	Debt Management	Level Two	2
Y/504/7599	Decision Making Skills	Level Two	1
A/504/7594	Developing a Personal Exercise Programme	Level Two	6
R/506/3557	Developing Assertiveness	Level Two	1
F/506/0654	Developing Personal Confidence and Self Awareness	Level Two	3
A/506/0572	Developing Personal Development Skills	Level Two	3
L/504/8796	Diversity in Society	Level Two	3
Y/504/8798	Eating Disorders	Level Two	1
Y/506/3558	English, Mathematics and ICT Needs for Life, Learning and Work	Level Two	2
H/504/8710	Family Learning	Level Two	3
Y/504/8266	Healthy Living	Level Two	3
M/504/8810	Human Behaviour in Relationships	Level Two	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
K/504/8689	Issues of Substance Misuse	Level Two	1
H/600/0182	Leadership and Teamwork	Level Two	5
Y/504/7778	Leadership Skills	Level Two	3
D/504/8575	Learning from Volunteering	Level Two	2
L/504/9379	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Awareness	Level Two	2
F/502/1689	Maintain and Develop Personal Performance	Level Two	2
J/505/5052	Making Choices in Pursuit of Personal Goals	Level Two	3
L/504/8443	Managing a Project	Level Two	1
H/504/8626	Managing Personal Relationships	Level Two	3
T/504/8811	Meditation	Level Two	3
T/504/8503	Mentoring	Level Two	1
T/504/8629	Mentoring Practice	Level Two	2
R/506/3574	Mentoring Skills	Level Two	3
Y/504/7781	Negotiation Skills	Level Two	3
A/504/7787	Parenting Skills	Level Two	3
H/504/8836	Personal and Social Responsibility	Level Two	3
K/503/9247	Personal Budgeting and Money Management	Level Two	3
F/504/7791	Personal Confidence	Level Two	3
L/504/7793	Personal Development	Level Two	3
H/504/8643	Personal Finances	Level Two	3
H/505/1333	Personal Physical Fitness	Level Two	3
A/504/8843	Prejudice and Discrimination	Level Two	3
F/504/8634	Public Sector Boards	Level Two	2
R/505/8178	Safeguarding Procedures for Life and Work	Level Two	2
Y/504/2886	Sex and Relationships Education	Level Two	3
H/506/3756	Skills Check and Signposting for English, Mathematics and ICT Needs	Level Two	1
H/504/8819	Stress and Stress Management Techniques	Level Two	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
J/505/1809	Travel Planning	Level Two	3
K/504/8806	Understanding Discrimination	Level Two	3
H/506/5653	Understanding Equal Opportunities	Level Two	3
F/506/0721	Understanding Family Relationships	Level Two	3
Y/505/8912	Understanding Young People, Law and Order	Level Two	3
L/505/1729	Using the Internet	Level Two	4
F/504/9721	Using the Media	Level Two	6
(B4) Personal Learning			
M/504/7592	Critical Thinking	Level Two	2
A/504/8275	Improving Own Learning and Performance	Level Two	3
K/505/8915	Managing Own Learning	Level Two	3
J/505/1292	Personal Learning Goals	Level Two	3
H/504/7797	Personal Learning Skills	Level Two	6
F/504/8651	Personal Skills Audit	Level Two	1
M/504/8127	Personal Study Skills	Level Two	6
H/504/8447	Referencing Skills	Level Two	1
Y/504/8445	Report Writing	Level Two	1
L/504/8202	Research Skills	Level Two	3
T/504/9697	Research Skills and Practice	Level Two	1
R/506/3560	Writing Persuasive Text	Level Two	1
J/506/3555	Writing to Convey Information	Level Two	2
(B5) English			
K/506/3578	Developing Reading Strategies	Level Two	3
L/504/8488	Improving Punctuation and Grammar Skills	Level Two	3
D/504/8494	Improving Spelling Skills	Level Two	3
J/504/8764	Writing Standard English	Level Two	3
(B6) Numeracy			
M/504/2439	Numeracy in Context	Level Two	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
(B7) Information, Advice or Guidance			
M/506/3596	Developing Interaction Skills for Information, Advice or Guidance	Level Two	3
K/506/3581	Information, Advice or Guidance - Context	Level Two	3
H/506/3580	Information, Advice or Guidance in Practice	Level Two	3
M/506/3579	Managing Information	Level Two	3
M/506/3582	Signposting and Referral - Information, Advice and Guidance	Level Two	3
Y/506/3575	Skills for Advice Providers	Level Two	3

Sector Optional Units Groups			
(C) Agriculture, Horticulture and Floristry Units			
L/504/9317	Constructing Water Gardens	Level Two	2
F/504/9315	Floristry Techniques	Level Two	3
H/504/9274	Garden Horticulture Skills	Level Two	3
Y/504/9319	Growing Fruit	Level Two	3
M/504/9309	Growing Fruit and Vegetables	Level Two	3
K/601/4911	Identify and Maintain the Condition of Plants and Planted Designs	Level Two	5
K/504/9244	Landscaping and Ornamental Planting	Level Two	3
K/504/9311	Organic Horticulture	Level Two	3
L/501/7693	Package Floral Designs and Plants	Level Two	4
D/601/4923	Plan, Prepare and Construct Floral Arrangements	Level Two	10
T/504/9246	Plant Propagation Skills	Level Two	3
A/504/9250	Practical Floristry Skills	Level Two	3
H/504/9310	Selecting Plants	Level Two	3
M/600/2663	Understanding Plant Nomenclature, Terminology and Identification	Level Two	5
J/504/9316	Floristry Techniques	Level One	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
D/504/9273	Garden Horticulture Skills	Level One	3
A/504/9247	Practical Floristry Skills	Level One	3
Y/505/1930	Introduction to Horticulture	Level Three	3
(D) Animal Care Units			
Y/505/6562	Animal Husbandry	Level Two	3
M/502/3731	Animals in Transit	Level Two	3
A/503/9009	Assist with the Provision of Basic Nursing Care to Animals	Level Two	4
J/502/7624	Companion Animal Nutrition	Level Two	2
M/506/4392	Contribute to the Nursing of Animals	Level Two	10
Y/502/1536	Control and Restrain Animals	Level Two	2
Y/502/1505	Deliver Basic Treatments to Animals	Level Two	5
K/502/1850	Establish and Maintain Conditions appropriate to the Welfare of Animals	Level Two	3
J/502/1466	Handle Animals	Level Two	2
Y/502/1522	Maintain Animal Accommodation	Level Two	3
T/506/4393	Maintain Animal Health and Welfare	Level Two	10
L/502/1694	Prepare and Groom Animals	Level Two	4
L/502/1467	Prepare Feed for Animals	Level Two	2
A/505/0723	Assist with the Maintenance and Cleaning of Animal Accommodation	Level One	2
T/505/0767	Care of Animals	Level One	3
F/502/1661	Manage the Care of Young Animals	Level Three	3
(E) Art, Design and Crafts Units			
H/504/4365	Art and Design: Colour Theory and Design	Level Two	3
F/504/9122	Art Design Style	Level Two	3
H/504/4916	Art History in Practice	Level Two	6
J/504/4620	Creative Craft Skills	Level Two	3
T/504/9716	Design	Level Two	3
Y/504/4623	Design Project	Level Two	3
H/504/4625	Design Style	Level Two	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
F/504/4633	Drawing Application Methods	Level Two	3
M/504/4773	Drawing Development Methods	Level Two	3
F/506/3585	Drawings, Surfaces and Textures	Level Two	6
K/504/9714	Graphic Design Project	Level Two	6
T/504/0000	Interior Design in Context	Level Two	3
M/504/4644	Life Drawing	Level Two	3
F/504/4647	Linear Drawing	Level Two	3
L/504/4652	Materials Exploration	Level Two	3
K/504/4738	Painting Methods - Mixed Media	Level Two	3
M/504/4921	Painting Methods and Appropriation	Level Two	3
J/506/3586	Produce Final Art and Design Work	Level Two	6
K/504/4769	Tonal Drawing Methods	Level Two	3
T/506/3583	Working in the Art and Design Industry	Level Two	5
T/504/4791	Art and Design: Colour Theory and Design	Level One	3
J/504/4794	Design Project	Level One	3
L/504/4795	Design Style	Level One	3
Y/504/4797	Drawing	Level One	3
D/504/4624	Design Project	Level Three	3
K/504/4626	Design Style	Level Three	3
J/504/4648	Linear Drawing	Level Three	3
(F) Building and Construction Units			
L/505/2248	Assembling and Fitting Units for Interiors	Level Two	3
J/505/0322	Brickwork Bonding Skills	Level Two	5
L/505/0743	Carpentry and Joinery Tools	Level Two	3
F/505/0738	Domestic Plumbing Systems	Level Two	3
J/506/3538	Expanding Brickwork Skills	Level Two	1
T/506/3440	Exploring Carpentry and Joinery	Level Two	5
A/506/3441	Exploring Painting and Decorating	Level Two	5
D/505/4425	Health and Safety in Construction	Level Two	3
Y/504/9904	Introduction to Building and Construction	Level Two	1

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
R/506/3588	Know How to Apply Plaster Materials to Internal Surfaces	Level Two	7
F/600/0075	Performing Brickwork Operations	Level Two	5
A/600/0088	Performing Joinery Operations	Level Two	5
L/505/0547	Timber in Construction	Level Two	3
M/505/0752	Wallpapering Skills	Level Two	3
L/505/0483	Woodwork Jointing Skills	Level Two	3
F/506/4381	Carpentry and Joinery Skills	Level One	2
H/506/3269	Developing Brickwork Skills	Level One	4
F/505/1369	Painting Skills	Level One	3
K/505/0751	Wallpapering Skills	Level One	3
(G) Business Administration Units			
Y/506/3589	Assessing Your Capacity to Start and Run a Business	Level Two	1
L/506/3539	Business Online	Level Two	10
M/504/9357	Communication Skills for Business	Level Two	3
H/506/3563	Develop your Business Idea	Level Two	1
K/506/3466	Doing Business Online	Level Two	10
Y/506/3592	Explore Your Business Motives	Level Two	1
D/504/5143	Exploring Business and Enterprise	Level Two	2
F/506/3540	Financial Considerations for a New Business	Level Two	3
H/506/3594	Generating and Assessing a Business Idea	Level Two	2
J/506/3541	Improve Your Business Skills	Level Two	1
M/504/6281	Setting up a Business Online	Level Two	8
T/505/1787	Supporting Sustainability in an Office Environment	Level Two	2
Y/506/3463	Understanding Environmental Sustainability within Business	Level Two	3
L/506/3461	Understanding Social Enterprise	Level Two	2
H/506/3465	Understanding the Uses of Social Media for Business	Level Two	2
Y/505/1667	Communication Skills for Business	Level One	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
F/506/3862	Exploring Business and Enterprise	Level One	1
R/506/3607	Develop your Business Idea	Level Three	1
M/506/3601	Improve Your Business Skills	Level Three	1
(H) Child Care and Development Units			
J/505/1566	Caring for Babies under Twelve Months	Level Two	3
R/505/1571	Child Protection	Level Two	3
H/505/1574	Children's Social and Emotional Development	Level Two	3
K/505/1575	Cognitive Development of Children	Level Two	3
J/506/3460	Contribute to the Support of Positive Environments for Children and Young People	Level Two	3
F/505/1579	Food and Nutrition for Children	Level Two	3
A/505/1581	Meeting the Physical Needs of Children	Level Two	3
D/505/1606	The Importance of Play	Level Two	3
M/505/1609	The Intellectual and Language Development of Children	Level Two	3
M/505/1612	The Physical Development of Children	Level Two	3
R/505/1618	The Principles of Listening to Children	Level Two	3
L/506/3458	Understanding Children's Social and Emotional Development	Level Two	3
Y/505/1619	Understanding How Children Learn	Level Two	3
D/505/1573	Children's Social and Emotional Development	Level One	3
K/505/1608	The Intellectual and Language Development of Children	Level One	3
J/505/1616	The Principles of Listening to Children	Level One	3
D/505/5753	Cognitive Development of Children	Level Three	3
T/505/1613	The Physical Development of Children	Level Three	3
(I) Conservation and the Environment Units			
K/600/2161	Build and Pack Dry Stone Walls	Level Two	6
D/506/3450	Communicate with the Public and others on Recycling Activities	Level Two	3
M/504/9729	Ecology	Level Two	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
H/504/9730	Economic Activity	Level Two	3
K/504/9731	Environmental Conservation	Level Two	3
M/504/9732	Environmental Pollution	Level Two	6
T/504/9733	Geographical Fieldwork	Level Two	6
M/600/2162	Prepare to Build a Dry Stone Wall	Level Two	6
L/504/9169	Project in Sustainability	Level Two	3
A/504/9734	The Impact of Leisure and Tourism	Level Two	6
A/600/2164	Using Copestones	Level Two	1
J/505/2040	Project in Sustainability	Level One	3
(J) Engineering Units			
J/505/6072	Carrying Out an Engineering Project	Level Two	6
D/505/6076	Communication Skills for Engineering	Level Two	4
D/506/3447	Engineering Assembly Methods and Techniques	Level Two	5
H/506/4051	Engineering Industry	Level Two	7
A/505/6070	Engineering Maintenance	Level Two	4
K/506/4052	Engineering Technology	Level Two	7
Y/505/1989	Introduction to Engineering	Level Two	3
H/503/0174	Working in Engineering	Level Two	7
A/505/6067	Working Safely and Effectively in Engineering	Level Two	3
(K) Hair and Beauty Units			
Y/506/3446	Exploring the Hair and Beauty Sector	Level Two	2
R/506/3445	Health and Safety in Hair and Beauty	Level Two	1
T/505/1921	Introduction to Working in a Hair and Beauty Salon	Level Two	3
R/505/1859	Shampoo and Condition the Hair and Scalp	Level Two	3
M/506/4053	Style and Finish African Type Hair	Level Two	5
F/506/3439	The Art of Colouring Hair	Level Two	7
H/506/3420	The Art of Dressing Hair	Level Two	5
K/506/3144	Shampoo and Condition Hair	Level One	4

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
H/505/1929	Introduction to Working in a Hair and Beauty Salon	Level Three	3
(L) Health and Social Care Units			
F/504/8956	Ageing and the Older Person	Level Two	3
L/504/9737	Barriers to Health	Level Two	1
K/504/8966	Care Planning Skills for the Care Worker	Level Two	6
J/505/1194	Counselling Theories	Level Two	3
R/506/3543	Developing Skills to Provide Personal Care in Care Settings	Level Two	3
L/504/8958	Disability, Society and the Law	Level Two	3
L/504/9088	Domestic Abuse Awareness	Level Two	2
M/504/8290	Drug Awareness	Level Two	3
Y/504/9739	Health Care Practice	Level Two	6
Y/504/8963	Health Promotion in Care Settings	Level Two	3
H/505/3289	Introduction to Duty of Care in Health, Social Care or Children's and Young People's Settings	Level Two	1
M/506/3419	Principles of Communication in Adult Social Care Settings	Level Two	2
H/506/3417	Principles of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion in Adult Social Care	Level Two	2
Y/506/3544	Principles of Personal Development in Adult Social Care Settings	Level Two	2
M/504/8953	Providing Personal Care to Support Individuals to Eat and Drink	Level Two	3
L/504/9740	Regional and Local Health Needs Assessment	Level Two	3
R/602/2954	Understand Employment Responsibilities and Rights in Health, Social Care or Children and Young People's Settings	Level Two	3
K/506/3547	Understand How to Handle Information in Social Care Settings	Level Two	1
L/505/5909	Understand Person-Centred Approaches in Adult Social Care Settings	Level Two	4
F/504/9735	Understand the Effects of a Medical Condition on a Patient	Level Two	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
H/506/3272	Understand the Role of the Social Care Worker	Level Two	1
D/506/3545	Understand the Safe, Sensible and Social Use of Alcohol	Level Two	3
K/506/3175	Awareness of Communication in Adult Social Care	Level One	2
M/505/8625	Introduction to Peer Support Skills	Level One	2
H/506/3174	Introductory Awareness of Equality and Inclusion in Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings	Level One	3
L/506/3606	Principles of Communication in Adult Social Care Settings	Level Three	2
F/506/3604	Principles of Personal Development in Adult Social Care Settings	Level Three	2
(M) Hospitality and Catering Units			
M/504/9388	Baking Bread, Pastry, Cakes and Biscuits	Level Two	4
J/504/9395	Cooking Skills	Level Two	3
T/504/9408	Cooking with Dairy Products and Eggs	Level Two	1
T/504/9392	Cooking with Meat, Fish and Vegetables	Level Two	4
Y/504/9403	Cooking with Rice, Grains and Pulses	Level Two	3
T/506/3549	Developing Skills for Employment in the Catering and Hospitality Industry	Level Two	3
H/500/8935	Health and Safety in Catering and Hospitality	Level Two	3
L/504/9446	Hotel Reservations	Level Two	3
Y/504/9451	Housekeeping in Hospitality	Level Two	3
T/504/9909	Introduction to Hospitality	Level Two	1
D/500/8934	Investigate the Catering and Hospitality Industry	Level Two	4
Y/504/9398	Kitchen Skills	Level Two	3
J/504/9719	Planning and Promoting an Event	Level Two	3
K/506/3550	Planning and Running a Hospitality Event	Level Two	10
T/600/0638	Prepare, Cook and Finish Food	Level Two	4
T/505/4415	Principles of Customer Service in the Hospitality Sector	Level Two	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
Y/504/9448	Reception, Billing and Cashier Procedures for Front Office Staff	Level Two	3
M/505/5255	Customer Service in the Hospitality Industry	Level One	3
(N) Information Communication Technology Units			
T/506/3468	Audio Software	Level Two	3
F/502/4396	Bespoke Software	Level Two	3
T/506/3471	Computerised Accounting Software	Level Two	3
H/505/2286	Creating an Online Profile	Level Two	2
D/505/1735	Creating and Publishing Websites	Level Two	4
J/502/4559	Data Management Software	Level Two	3
M/502/4555	Database Software	Level Two	4
J/506/3474	Design Software	Level Two	4
D/506/3416	Desktop Publishing Software	Level Two	4
Y/506/3480	Developing Personal and Team Effectiveness Using IT	Level Two	4
M/506/3422	Drawing and Planning Software	Level Two	3
T/506/3423	Imaging Software	Level Two	4
F/506/3425	Improving Productivity Using IT	Level Two	4
J/506/3426	IT Communication Fundamentals	Level Two	2
L/506/3427	IT Security for Users	Level Two	2
Y/506/3429	IT Software Fundamentals	Level Two	3
H/506/3370	IT User Fundamentals	Level Two	3
M/506/3372	Multimedia Software	Level Two	4
F/506/3375	Optimise IT System Performance	Level Two	4
A/506/3455	Personal Information Management Software	Level Two	2
M/502/4622	Presentation Software	Level Two	4
L/506/3377	Project Management Software	Level Two	4
R/506/3378	Set Up an IT System	Level Two	4
Y/506/3379	Understanding the Potential of IT	Level Two	8
L/504/9723	Use E-Sources to Select Information	Level Two	1
L/506/3380	Using Collaborative Technologies	Level Two	4
M/502/4300	Using Email	Level Two	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
M/506/3386	Using Mobile IT Devices	Level Two	2
Y/506/3382	Using the Internet	Level Two	4
L/505/1732	Video Software Skills	Level Two	3
R/502/4631	Website Software	Level Two	4
F/505/1744	Word Processing Software Skills	Level Two	4
A/502/4395	Bespoke Software	Level One	2
F/502/4401	Computerised Accounting Software	Level One	2
Y/502/4615	Multimedia Software	Level One	3
K/502/4618	Project Management Software	Level One	3
T/502/4296	Using the Internet	Level One	3
F/502/4558	Data Management Software	Level One	2
K/502/4621	Presentation Software	Level One	3
L/502/4630	Website Software	Level One	3
H/502/4553	Database Software	Level One	3
A/506/3214	Audio Software	Level One	2
H/506/3210	Drawing and Planning Software	Level One	2
M/506/3209	Imaging Software	Level One	3
K/506/3208	Personal Information Management Software	Level One	2
M/506/3212	Design Software	Level One	3
K/506/3211	Desktop Publishing Software	Level One	3
R/506/3204	Video Software	Level One	2
(O) Logistics Units			
T/504/5195	Regulations in Commercial Moving	Level Two	2
M/504/5194	Warehouse Operations for Commercial Moving	Level Two	2
M/506/0245	Pick Goods in Logistics Operations	Level Two	3
M/506/3436	Keep Stock at Required Levels in a Logistics Operations	Level Two	3
K/506/3435	Keep Work Areas Clean in Logistics Operations	Level Two	3
Y/506/3432	Moving and/or Handling Goods in Logistics Operations	Level Two	4
R/506/3431	Receive Goods in Logistics Operations	Level Two	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
L/506/3430	The Structure of the Commercial Moving Industry	Level Two	2
H/506/3434	Maintain Hygiene Standards in Handling and Storing Goods in Logistics Operations	Level Two	3
T/506/3437	Make an Effective Contribution to a Business in the Logistics Sector	Level Two	3
F/506/0217	Keep Stock at Required Levels in a Logistics Environment	Level One	2
K/506/3192	Keep Work Areas Clean in a Logistics Environment	Level One	2
Y/506/0224	Receive Goods in a Logistics Environment	Level One	3
D/506/0225	Maintain Hygiene Standards an Handling and Storing Goods in a Logistics Environments	Level One	2
L/506/0219	Moving or Handling Goods in Logistic Facilities	Level One	2
Y/506/3821	Pick Goods in a Logistics Environment	Level One	2
(P) Marketing and Sales Units			
R/506/3414	Understanding Marketing	Level Two	4
A/504/8115	The Marketing Environment	Level Two	3
A/505/6733	Marketing Research	Level Two	3
D/502/9928	Principles of Marketing Theory	Level Two	4
D/502/9931	Principles of Digital Marketing	Level Two	5
K/505/6730	Marketing	Level Two	3
Y/506/3396	Telesales	Level Two	5
D/506/3397	Understanding Sales Targets	Level Two	2
D/506/3402	Principles of Presentations and Demonstrations in Sales	Level Two	2
L/506/3413	Understanding How to Sell a Product or Service	Level Two	2
F/506/3411	Understanding Sales Techniques and Processes	Level Two	5
H/504/5354	Marketing and Sales for a New Business	Level Two	3
H/506/3398	Sales Targets	Level Two	2

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
J/506/3412	Understanding Laws and Ethics of Selling	Level Two	3
L/506/3153	Understanding Marketing	Level One	2
R/501/5167	Research Skills	Level Three	3
M/505/9757	Understanding the Relationship between Sales and Marketing	Level Three	3
(Q) Media and Communication Units			
Y/600/8506	Awareness of Converging Digital Technology in the Creative Media Sector	Level Two	5
L/600/8504	Awareness of Employment in the Creative Media Sector	Level Two	5
R/600/8505	Communicating and Presenting Ideas in the Creative Media Sector	Level Two	4
H/600/8508	Creative Media Industry Awareness	Level Two	4
D/600/8507	Professional Behaviour in the Creative Media Sector	Level Two	4
F/504/9721	Using the Media	Level Two	6
K/600/8509	Creative Media Industry Awareness	Level Three	4
(R) Performing Arts Units			
F/504/4650	Making Dance	Level Two	3
M/504/4630	Discovering Music	Level Two	3
M/505/0895	Creative Writing Skills	Level Two	3
T/505/8920	Performance Improvisation Techniques	Level Two	3
A/505/5047	Performing Physical Theatre	Level Two	3
A/505/0916	Rehearsal Process Skills	Level Two	3
A/505/1001	Social Psychology of Music	Level Two	6
A/506/3391	How The Music Industry Works	Level Two	8
D/505/0911	Performance Realisation Skills	Level Two	3
M/505/0993	Audio Production Skills	Level Two	3
R/506/3395	Working in the Performing Arts Industry	Level Two	5
L/506/3394	Opportunities in Dance	Level Two	1
F/506/3392	Working in the Music Industry	Level Two	5
J/505/0921	Composing Lyrics	Level Two	4

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
H/505/3499	Plan, Lead and Evaluate a Series of Dance Sessions	Level Two	3
J/505/5049	Preparation for Employment in the Performing Arts Industry	Level Two	3
J/506/3393	Careers in Music	Level Two	8
A/504/4632	Discovering Music	Level One	3
M/505/0881	Creative Writing Skills	Level One	3
H/505/0909	Performance Improvisation Techniques	Level One	3
D/506/0841	Performing Physical Theatre	Level One	3
(S) Retail Units			
D/502/5801	Understanding Retail Consumer Law	Level Two	2
H/502/5797	Understanding the Handling of Customer Payments in a Retail Business	Level Two	2
M/502/5821	Understanding Customer Service in the Retail Sector	Level Two	3
A/502/5806	Understanding the Retail Selling Process	Level Two	2
J/502/5789	Understanding How Individuals and Teams Contribute to the Effectiveness of a Retail Business	Level Two	3
K/502/5817	Understanding Security and Loss Prevention in Retail Business	Level Two	2
F/502/5810	Understanding the Control, Receipt and Storage of Stock in a Retail Business	Level Two	2
J/504/9901	Introduction to Retail	Level Two	1
F/503/5687	Deal with Customer Queries and Complaints in a Retail Environment	Level Two	4
M/503/5684	Display Stock to Promote Sales to Customers in a Retail Environment	Level Two	5
J/503/5688	Demonstrate Products to Customers in a Retail Environment	Level Two	3
T/503/5685	Help Customers to Choose Products in a Retail Environment	Level Two	6
L/504/6529	Introduction to Retail	Level One	2
J/505/4208	Understanding the Retail Selling Process	Level One	2
F/502/5807	Understanding the Retail Selling Process	Level Three	2

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
(T) Sport, Fitness and Leisure Units			
T/506/3454	Assist in the Delivery of a Sports Activity Session	Level Two	4
H/505/1333	Personal Physical Fitness	Level Two	3
A/505/1872	Safeguarding and Protecting Children and Young People in Sport and Active Leisure	Level Two	3
A/506/3388	Health, Safety and Welfare in Sport and Active Leisure	Level Two	3
M/505/1335	The Environmental Impact of Leisure and Tourism in the UK	Level Two	3
L/505/1925	Introduction to Sport and Leisure	Level Two	3
F/506/3389	Business Skills in Sport	Level Two	10
F/506/3568	Injuries in Sport	Level Two	3
T/505/1336	Understanding Leisure Provision	Level Two	3
T/506/3390	Assist in Organising and Delivering a Sports Event or Competition	Level Two	2
T/506/3566	Nutrition for Sports Performance	Level Two	10
D/505/1332	Careers in Leisure and Tourism	Level Two	3
J/505/1874	Assisting a Leader of Sports or Active Leisure Activities to Plan and Deliver an Activity	Level One	4
H/505/1932	Introduction to Sport and Leisure	Level Three	3
(U) Travel and Tourism Units			
J/505/1809	Travel Planning	Level Two	3
A/506/3570	Introduction to Passenger Transport Services	Level Two	5
D/504/9385	The Role of a Resort Representative	Level Two	3
M/504/9908	Introduction to Travel and Tourism	Level Two	1
K/602/5990	Provide Professional Customer Service in the Road Passenger Transport Industries	Level Two	6
L/505/2508	Planning for Work in Travel and Tourism	Level Two	3
L/602/5934	Employment Rights and Responsibilities in the Passenger Transport Sector	Level Two	3

QAC Code	Unit Name	Level:	Credit Value:
J/506/3569	Introduction to Planning and Operating Passenger Transport	Level Two	5
K/502/5994	Develop and Maintain Work Skills and Knowledge in the Passenger Transport Industry	Level Two	2
D/505/1332	Careers in Leisure and Tourism	Level Two	3
K/505/1799	Working in Travel and Tourism	Level One	3
Sector Optional Unit Group V: Vehicle Maintenance Units			
F/505/1923	Introduction to Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	Level Two	3
D/506/3576	Undertake Basic Maintenance and Servicing of Vehicles	Level Two	2
L/506/3573	Assist in Motor Vehicle Maintenance	Level Two	5
F/506/3571	Knowledge of Routine Light Vehicle Maintenance	Level Two	3
H/506/3577	Knowledge of Light Vehicle Engine Mechanical, Lubrication and Cooling System Units and Components	Level Two	3
J/506/3572	Skills in Routine Light Vehicle Maintenance	Level Two	2
J/506/3829	Routine Vehicle Maintenance Techniques	Level Two	10
K/505/0605	Introduction to Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	Level One	3
D/505/1931	Introduction to Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	Level Three	3

Assessment, Verification and Standardisation

Assessment

Assessment practices must reflect the Equality and Diversity Policy of Open Awards. Reasonable Adjustments may be required for individual learners to enable them to undertake assessments fairly. Please see our guidance and the procedures for applying for Reasonable Adjustments. For more information see the [Quality Assurance information on our Website](#).

Candidates must provide sufficient evidence that they have the required knowledge, skills and understanding of the assessment criteria and that it is their own work.

Types of evidence may include:

- Observation of performance
- Questioning (written or oral)
- Personal statements
- Assignments or projects
- Witness testimonies
- Simulations (where allowed)
- Professional discussion
- Recognition of prior learning

Assessments are designed by centres. Assessments should be:

Valid;

- They should clearly measure the knowledge or skills that they set out to measure.

Reliable;

- They will in general produce the same range of responses from learners, as long as they are used in similar circumstances and with similar groups of learners.

Inclusive;

- So that no individual learner is excluded from the opportunity to demonstrate their achievement because of their individual circumstances.

Assessors must be satisfied that learners have achieved all assessment criteria relating to the unit being assessed prior to deciding the learner has completed the unit.

Verification

Verification is the process by which assessment decisions are confirmed. Centres have a responsibility to conduct internal verification led by a trained internal verifier.

External verification is carried out by Open Awards Quality Reviewers/Open Awards External Verifiers who will confirm that the centre is assessing to standard and ensure that the centre's quality assurance systems continue to meet Open Awards centre recognition criteria.

Further guidance on [Internal Verification](#) and [Training Support](#) for centres can be found [on our website](#).

Standardisation

Open Awards will undertake a process of standardisation periodically. Centres will be notified of the required sample which will be copied and collected by the Quality Reviewer. Feedback on standardisation will be available to centres. Standardisation will agree standards for each unit, identify exemplars and make recommendations for changes where appropriate. For further information, see our [Standardisation](#) activities.

Delivering the Qualifications

Recognised Centres

To deliver Open Awards Qualifications you must be an Open Awards Recognised Centre. For more information about becoming a Recognised Centre then please see our [website](#).

Notification to Deliver Open Awards Qualifications

If you are an Open Awards Recognised Centre then you will need to alert us that you want to deliver this Qualification. For more information about this process [contact](#) your Business Development Advisor.

If you are familiar with the process then [proceed to](#) your Open Awards Secure Portal and complete and submit the New Qualification Notification Form. For help with this see the Administration and Support section of this guide.

Additional Information

Recognition of Prior Learning & Achievement

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is a method of assessment (leading to the award of credit) that considers whether a learner can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they already possess. RPL enables recognition of achievement from a range of achievements and experiences whether at work, home and at leisure and is acceptable for accrediting a unit, units or a whole qualification. Evidence of learning must be sufficient, reliable and valid.

Credit based qualifications enable learners to avoid duplication of learning and assessment through equivalences or exemptions:

- For achievements within the QCF it is possible to transfer credits (equivalent)
- Learners with certificated achievements outside the QCF can claim exemption from the requirement to achieve credits for designated units.

It is the responsibility of the centre to inform Open Awards at registration of any exemptions and/or equivalencies for which a claim may be made. These claims will be subject to external verification by the Open Awards Quality Reviewer for the centre.

For more information please **[View our RPLA Policy](#)**.

Support for Functional Skills

The units within this qualification may provide opportunities for developing skills related to Functional Skills in Mathematics, ICT and English: Reading, Writing and Speaking, Listening and Communication.

Funding, Fees and Charges

Funding

More information about Funding can be found on the [**LARS website**](#).

Please confirm eligibility for funding via the appropriate funding source.

Fees

Please see the Open Awards [**Fees and Charges**](#) page for further details.

Administration and Support

Full support is given to all centres along with training for administrators. You can find the Open Awards **Centre Handbook** on our website. You can also view **Training/Events** information on our website.

The Open Awards web site **www.openawards.org.uk** is the best source for further information with full listings of our qualifications, news, events, assessment information, policies, and details of our support services. Alternatively our experienced customer service team can be contacted on 0151 494 2072 or via email **enquiries@openawards.org.uk**.

Glossary

Assessment	The process of making judgements about the extent to which a candidate's work meets the assessment criteria for a qualification or unit, or part of a unit.
Assessment Criteria	Assessment criteria describe what a learner should be able to do in order to evidence the learning outcomes.
Authentic	Evidence must be the learner's own work.
Award	A qualification within the QCF which has a value between one and twelve credits.
Certificate	A qualification within the QCF which has a value between thirteen and thirty six credits.
Certification end date	The last date on which a certificate can be issued.
Credit value	All units have a credit value. The minimum credit value that may be determined for a unit is one, and credits can only be awarded in whole numbers. Learners will be awarded credits for the successful completion of whole unit.
D Unit	The original qualification for internal verifiers involved in NVQs: D34 Internally verify the assessment process If you already have this qualification then you can continue to internally verify as long as you have continued your professional development.
Diversity	Acknowledging that each individual is unique and recognising individual differences, for example, culture, ability, gender, race, religion, wealth, sexual orientation, or any other individual characteristic.

EQA	External Quality Assurance
Equality	Fair treatment for all regardless of differences eg culture, wealth, race, gender, ability, sexual orientation or any other group characteristic.
Evidence	Evidence of a candidate's knowledge, understanding or skill that can be used to make a judgment of achievement against criteria.
Fair	Ensuring that everyone has an equal chance of getting an objective and accurate assessment.
Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	Guided learning hours are defined as all the times when a tutor, trainer or facilitator is present to give specific guidance towards the learning aim being studied on a programme. This definition includes lectures, tutorials and supervised study in, for example, open learning centres and learning workshops. It also includes time spent by staff assessing learners' achievements. It does not include time spent by staff in day-to-day marking of assignments or homework where the learner is not present.
Holistic	Holistic assessment is identifying how evidence can relate to and be cross referenced to other units rather than taking a unit by unit approach.
IQA	Internal Quality Assurance
Learning Outcomes	Learning outcomes describe what a learner should know and understand by the end of a unit.
Level	The level at which the qualification is positioned in the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF). Levels indicate difficulty and vary from level 1 to level 8.
NVQ	National Vocational Qualification
Operation dates	The first/last dates that learners can be registered for the qualification.

Qualification and Credit Framework (QCF)	The QCF awards credit for qualifications and units (small steps of learning). Each unit has a credit value. This value specifies the number of credits gained by learners who complete that unit. The flexibility of the system allows learners to gain qualifications at their own pace along routes that suit them best.
Reliable	Reliable evidence indicates that the learner can consistently perform at this level. A reliable method of assessment will produce consistent results for different assessors at each assessment.
Simulations	Where simulations are allowed they must replicate working activities in a realistic workplace environment. A realistic working environment is one which replicates what is likely to happen when an individual is carrying out their normal duties and activities.
Sufficient	Enough evidence as specified in Evidence Requirements or Assessment Strategy.
Units of assessment	A unit is defined as a coherent and explicit set of learning outcomes and related assessment criteria with a title, credit value and level. Within the QCF the term 'unit' refers to a unit of assessment.
V Unit	The previous unit required to quality assurance the assessment process: V1 Conduct internal quality assurance of the assessment process If you already have this qualification then you can continue to quality assure as long as you have continued your professional development.
Valid	Evidence must be relevant to the learning outcome and assessment criteria ie capable of measuring the knowledge or skills in question. For example a written test cannot measure a candidate assessor's ability to provide feedback to learners.
Qualifications Accreditation Number (QAN)	Unique reference number given to the qualification by the regulatory authorities on accreditation.