



Purpose Statement

Awarding Organisation: Open Awards

Qualification Number: 601/4090/2

Qualification Title: Open Awards Level 3 Certificate in Working in Freight Forwarding Logistics (QCF)

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Overview

The Open Awards Level 3 Certificate in Working in Freight Forwarding Logistics is a QCF qualification which was designed and developed in collaboration with Freight Forwarding industry experts. The qualification will prepare you to enter or progress in the Freight Forwarding sector in a leadership and management role, particularly within 'Supply Chain Management' and 'International Trade Logistics' and provide an in depth knowledge of the tasks undertaken by a Freight Forwarder which ensure their part in the supply chain runs effectively and efficiently.

The qualification forms part of a suite of qualifications which provides a quality assured and regulated training programme. Prior to the development of the qualifications the industry lacked the opportunity for employees of the Freight Forwarding industry to progress within learning and to formally demonstrate the ability to progress within employment. There are currently no other Freight Forwarding qualifications on the QCF.

The qualification is suitable for you if you are aged 16 + and have been working in the Freight Forwarding industry at a supervisory level or if you are interested in learning more about Freight Forwarding with a view to developing a career in the industry. The qualification offers you the flexibility as an individual to include some level 4 learning. You are not required to have specific evidence of prior achievement but it is likely that you will need to be able to demonstrate, alongside your interest in Freight Forwarding, your ability to study at this level and your aptitude to become a junior manager.

The size of the qualification is defined by credits, to achieve the qualification you will be required to achieve 15 credits and to commit to approximately 150 hours of learning. The size offers you the flexibility to study to suit your personal circumstances, for example, it may be that you currently have responsibilities that do not allow you to take a larger qualification which will require a greater commitment of learning hours or you may wish to study over an intense or alternatively a prolonged length of time. It may be possible for your achievement to count towards the larger Open Awards Level 3 Diploma in Working in Freight Forwarding Logistics (QCF) should you wish to consider this at a later date. The qualification offers you the opportunity to select vocational sector units combined with generic skills units. The generic learning units may be integrated within sector specific units to support learning in context.

Units available are as follows:

Mandatory unit: Understand Freight Forwarding Logistics

Generic units:

Sector specific units:

Assess Health and Safety Risks in a Freight Forwarding Office	Obtain Freight Forwarding Information Required for the Movement of Goods
Check Work, Progress and Recognise Achievements of Your Team in Freight Forwarding	International Freight Forwarding Disciplines
Develop Productive Working Relationships with Colleagues in Freight Forwarding Operations	Customs - Duty & Liability: Tariff, Origin and Anti Dumping for Freight Forwarding
Improve Performance in Freight Forwarding Operations	Customs Imports & Export – Customs Freight Simplified Procedures - CFSP in Relation to Freight Forwarding
Provide Leadership for Your Team in Freight Forwarding Operations	Customs – Reliefs & Suspensions: Customs Procedures with Economic Impact - CPEI and Processing under Customs Control - PCC in Relation to Freight Forwarding
	Customs: Reliefs & Suspensions – Inward & Outward Processing in Relation to Freight Forwarding
	Customs: Beers Wines and Spirit - BWS Products in Relation to Freight Forwarding
	Customs: Duty & Liability - Common Agricultural Policy in Relation to Freight Forwarding
	Freight Forwarding in Conjunction with Supply Chain Management
	Understand Freight Forwarding Operations to Meet Customer Requirements
	Understand the Importance of Compliance with Legal, Regulatory, Ethical and Social Requirements in Freight Forwarding Operations

	Customs: Beers, Wines, Spirits BWS, Tobacco Products – Duty & Liability in Relation to Freight Forwarding
	Understand Freight Forwarding in Conjunction with the Supply Chain
	Comprehend the Role of Freight Forwarding Within the International and European Supply Chain

http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Unit/Details/D_506_5750

http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Unit/Details/R_506_5809

http://register.ofqual.gov.uk/Unit/Details/D_506_5764

The suite of qualifications makes a clear distinction between Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4:

- Level 1 provides you with an introduction to the Freight Forwarding industry and the basic but essential knowledge required to put good practices into action.
- Level 2 is for you if you have been working within the Freight Forwarding sector of logistics for around 12 to 24 months or if you are interested in learning more about Freight Forwarding with a view to developing a career in the industry. You will develop a more detailed understanding of the Freight Forwarding industry in order to support day to day operations
- Level 3 is for you if you have been working as a team leader or supervisor. You will develop the skills and knowledge required to become a junior manager and an in depth knowledge of the tasks undertaken by a freight forwarder to make sure their part in the supply chain runs as smoothly as possible.
- Level 4 is for you if you wish to further develop your management skills and knowledge to ensure the smooth running of Freight Forwarding operations, relationships with team members, colleagues and customers, and to understand the importance of good leadership qualities.

What could this qualification lead to?:

The qualification provides you with opportunities to both realise your potential to progress to further learning including Apprenticeships but also employment, particularly within Freight Forwarding but also the wider Logistics industry.

You may progress from the Open Awards Level 3 Certificate in Working in Freight Forwarding Logistics (QCF) to other qualifications:

- Level 4 Certificate in Managing Logistics Operations
- NVQ Level 4 in Business Management
- Level 4 Diploma in International Trade
- Level 4 Diploma in Business Administration
- BSC In Supply Chain Management
- Certificate in Procurement and Supply Chain Operations

- Open Awards Level 3 Diploma in Working in Freight Forwarding Logistics (QCF)
- Open Awards Level 4 Certificate in the Management of Freight Forwarding Logistics (QCF)
- Open Awards Level 4 Diploma in the Management of Freight Forwarding Logistics (QCF)

- Higher Apprenticeships (Level 4 upwards) in Management

Who supports this qualification?:

The qualification is supported by:

- British International Freight Association (BIFA)
- Skills For Logistics, sector skills council for the logistics industry.
- Freight Forwarding employers

The British Freight Association, Skills for Logistics and Freight Forwarding employers are in agreement that the Open Awards Level 3 Certificate in Working in Freight Forwarding Logistics (QCF) together with the other qualifications within the suite, offer a solution to the previous lack of formal recognition of achievement for Freight Forwarders and fully support the qualifications.

Please see letters of support linked to the funding application form.