

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Entry Level 2 Award and Certificate in Skills for the Travelling in the Community (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to recognise personal growth and engagement in learning and, specifically, to recognise your development of knowledge and/or skills to operate independently and effectively in life, learning and work. This qualification aims to give you the skills and knowledge needed to use public transport safely and to start to progress towards independent travel. If you are starting to think about travelling independently and want a good introduction to the skills required for this, then this qualification could be for you.

Who is it for?

Young people or adults with barriers to travelling independently who want an introduction to the skills and knowledge required for safe and independent travel on pedestrian routes or using public transport.

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the qualification you will be required to achieve 6 credits for the Award and to commit to approximately 60 hours of learning and to achieve 15 credits for the Certificate and commit to approximately 150 hours of learning.

You will be required to complete a mandatory unit 'Complete a Journey using Public Transport', which will see you travelling on a chosen route with support. This is designed to give you practical experience to allow you to start developing the skills required.

You will then complete a range of generic optional units. Examples of these include:

- Crossing Roads Safely
- Problem Solving Skills when Travelling by Public Transport
- Preparing for the Weather
- Personal Safety when Travelling by Public Transport
- Using a Mobile Phone

What are the Entry Requirements?

There are no age restrictions for working towards this qualification and no specific prior achievements required. However, it is recommended that your learning provider completes robust initial assessment and risk assessments to ensure that this qualification is appropriate for you and will support your long-term career and personal goals and aspirations.

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification. There is an expectation that components of this qualification will be completed in a practical setting. For example, you are required to travel a journey using public transport with support. Types of evidence included in your portfolio could include:

- Videos/photographs of you travelling on a journey
- Reflective Journals
- Questions/Answers
- Worksheets
- Recorded discussions with your tutor

What are the Progression Opportunities?

The qualification provides a mechanism for you to recognise your development of knowledge and/or skills to operate independently and effectively in life, learning and work. For some learners, developing the skills required to travel using public transport with support is sufficient and will fulfil their aspirations.

For those who aspire to travel using public transport independently (without support), there is the opportunity to progress to the next level of learning:

Entry Level 3 Award/Certificate in Skills for Travelling Independently

This qualification will provide the skills and confidence needed to continue to travel by public transport with support and in groups, which will enable you to continue honing your skills naturally over time.

Who supports this qualification?

The qualification was developed with and is supported by a diverse range of training providers and Further Education Colleges who have established experience of delivering independent travel training programmes. These include Go4it ITTU Sandwell Council, Pure Innovations and Manchester Travel Training Partnership (Lancasterian School).