

# Purpose Statement

## Open Awards Level 1 Award in Touch Typing

The primary purpose of this Level 1 Award in Touch Typing Skills is to prepare you for employment in a broad occupational area. This Award is designed to support you to learn to touch type, so that you can increase your speed and accuracy when using an alphanumeric keyboard. This skill will support your employment across a broad spectrum of employment opportunities. By learning to touch type, you will be able to increase your efficiency when using an alphanumeric keyboard both in work and at home. This can serve to increase your overall productivity in work and give you a life-long skill to support employment aspirations.

### Who is it for?

- Anyone new to using an alphanumeric keyboard
- Anyone who is used to using an alphanumeric keyboard as a 'two-fingered' typist
- Anyone who has some experience of touch typing but looking to increase their speed and efficiency

### What does this qualification cover?

The size of the qualification is defined by credits. To achieve the qualification you will be required to achieve 3 credits and to commit to approximately 30 hours of learning.

You will be required to complete a 3 credit mandatory unit in 'Touch Typing Skills'. This unit requires you to achieve the following assessment criteria:

- Type a minimum of 20 words per minute
- Demonstrate a minimum typing accuracy of 95%
- Demonstrate a typing continuous text including capitalisation, punctuation, spacing, numbers and symbols

### 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 you complete initial diagnostic assessments to ensure that the qualification level is appropriate for you.

## **What are the Progression Opportunities?**

The achievement of the qualification will prepare you for progression to the next level of vocational learning. Examples of this include, but are not exclusive to:

Level 2 Award in Touch Typing Skills (RQF)

The qualification provides you with recognisable skills to prepare you for employment. This includes both specific job roles such as an Administrator or Secretary with duties including, but not exclusive to:

- Word Processing
- Audio and Copy typing

As secretarial and administrative work is so diverse, you could find employment in virtually all sectors, including:

- Academic institutions and universities
- Creative industries, such as advertising or publishing
- Government
- Hospitals and general medical practices
- Legal and financial services
- Management and strategic consulting
- Marketing and communications
- Public organisations, including local authorities and charities;
- Retail and leisure

## **What are the Assessment Methods?**

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification. This is likely to include an online test to accurately measure your average word per minute and accuracy when using an alphanumeric keyboard. One example of this end-test is 'Typequick' provided by Type and Test, details of which can be found [here](#)

## **Who supports this qualification?**

The qualification was developed with and is supported by a diverse range of training providers and Further Education Colleges, including: Type and Test; Pitmans Training; Birmingham Adult Education; and Exeter Royal Academy for Deaf Education.