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Open Awards Level 3 Diploma in the

Principles of Aseptic Pharmaceuticals Processing (RQF)

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About the Qualification

Title/ Teitl	Open Awards Level 3 Diploma in the Principles of Aseptic Pharmaceuticals Processing (Wales)
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Sector	1.2 Nursing and Subjects and Vocations Allied to Medicine/
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Purpose/ Pwrpas	Prepare for Further Learning or Training and/or Develop Knowledge and/or Skills in a Subject Area
Sub-Purpose/ Is-ddiben	Develop Knowledge and/or Skills in a Subject Area

Total Qualification Time/Guided Learning	
Total Qualification Time (hours)	560
Guided Learning (hours)	362

Age Range and Restrictions	
Pre-16	x
16 – 18	✓
18+	✓
Any other restrictions specific to the qualification(s)	None

Any Specified Entry Requirements

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 16+

Due to the level and content of the qualification, you are required to have a Level 2 Maths or English qualification (or be working towards this). A Science qualification at Level 2 would also be advantageous.

Recommended Assessment Method Summary

Learners will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence set and marked by the education provider and externally quality assured by Open Awards.

Learners 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 could include:

- a) Portfolio of evidence
- b) Observations
- c) Witness statements
- d) Assignment
- e) Professional discussion
- f) Reflective journals
- g) Presentations

Assessment practices must reflect the Equality and Diversity Policy of Open Awards.

Qualification Structure

Rules of Combination

Credit Value of the Qualification:	56
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification:	56
Mandatory Units A:	56

Qualification Units

Mandatory Units

All units must be achieved to be awarded the qualification.

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
F/617/0954	Aseptic Manufacture and Preparation Processes	12	Level Three
J/617/0955	Clean Room Design and Behaviours	3	Level Three
L/617/0956	Health, Safety and Reducing Risk in Aseptic Pharmaceuticals	4	Level Three
R/617/0957	Legislation, Regulations and Standards in Aseptic Pharmaceuticals	6	Level Three
Y/617/0958	Maintenance and Calibration in Aseptic Pharmaceuticals	3	Level Three
D/617/0959	Quality Management in Aseptic Pharmaceuticals	6	Level Three
R/617/0960	Roles, Responsibilities and Professional Development in Aseptic Pharmaceuticals	4	Level Three
Y/617/0961	Science in Aseptic Processing	12	Level Three
D/617/0962	Stock Management in Aseptic Pharmaceuticals	3	Level Three
H/617/0963	Documentation in Aseptic Processing	3	Level Three

Delivering this Qualification

Becoming a Provider

To deliver this qualification you must be a recognised Open Awards Provider. For more information, head to our [website](#) or contact the team on 0151 494 2072.

How to Deliver

To request to deliver this qualification, please login to [the Portal](#) and then click on 'Tracking' and 'Initiate a Workflow'. You will then need to select 'Apply to Deliver Regulated Qualification(s)'.

For support with this process, please see the following document in the Portal 'Provider Portal Guidance – Qualification Approval' or contact the team on customerservices@openawards.org.uk or 0151 494 2072.

Registering Learners

Once you are ready to deliver this qualification, you will need to register your learners in line with the timescales below:

Short courses (15 weeks or less) within 25 working days of the course start date.
Long courses (over 15 weeks) within 60 working days of the course start date.

You will need to register your learners via [the Portal](#).

Quality Assurance and Standardisation

Delivery of this qualification must be done so in accordance with Ofqual regulatory guidelines and in line with Open Awards' quality assurance processes. Please see our website for more information.

Provider Staff Requirements

Providers are responsible for ensuring that their staff are suitably skilled and experienced. Tutors/ assessors and internal quality assurance (IQA) staff must have relevant occupational knowledge and/or occupational competence at the same level or higher as the units being delivered.

Providers are responsible for notifying Open Awards of staff changes.

Training and Support

Open Awards offers training and support events in Delivery & Assessment and Quality Assurance. These events are held throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of these training events are on our [website](#).

Internal Quality Assurance

All providers delivering Open Awards provision must operate rigorous internal quality assurance systems. A centre must identify how they will internally quality assure and standardise their delivery and assessment before delivering a course.

External Quality Assurance

Provider approval compliance monitoring and external quality assurance is carried out by Open Awards' Lead Quality Reviewers/External Quality Assurers who will confirm that the centre is assessing to standard and ensure that there are robust quality assurance systems embedded.

Please refer to Internal and External Quality Assurance within the Centre Handbook.

Standardisation

Centres are required to contribute to national standardisation as requested by Open Awards. Open Awards offers Standardisation events that are held throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of training and standardisation events can be found on our website.

Further guidance on Quality Assurance and Standardisation please refer to the [Provider Handbook](#).

Recognition of Prior Learning and Achievement (RPL)

RPL is a method of assessment that considers whether a learner can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they may already possess. Evidence of learning must be sufficient, reliable and valid.

It is the responsibility of the Provider to inform Open Awards at registration of any exemptions and/or equivalences for which a claim may be made. These claims will be subject to external quality assurance by the Open Awards Quality Assurance Team.

For more information, please see our Recognition of Prior Learning Policy found on [the Portal](#).

Appendices and Links

The following documents can be viewed on the Open Awards website:

1. Provider Handbook
2. Enquiries and Appeals Policy and Procedures
3. Complaints Policy
4. Equality and Diversity Policy
5. Invoicing Policy
6. Privacy Policy
7. Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy and Procedures

Additional supporting documents can be viewed in the Open Awards Portal.

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