

Open Awards Entry Level Award, Certificate, Extended Certificate and Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (Entry One) (RQF)

Award 601/3551/7 Certificate 601/3552/9 Extended Certificate 603/3552/X Diploma 601/3555/4



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Version Control

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Latest version, containing new imagery, revised qualification review date and updated information for Providers.

Endorsed Pathways have been introduced at **Certificate**, **Extended Certificate and Diploma** in the following subject areas for learners with a specific progression route in mind:

- C2 Business, Retail and Customer Service
- C3 Catering and Hospitality
- C4 Creative Industries
- C5 Digital Skills
- C7 Horticulture, Environmental and Animal Care
- C8 Living in the Community
- C9 Sport, Fitness and Leisure

Please note, there are no endorsed pathway options at Award Level.

We have added units from Open Awards Personal Progress Qualifications. These qualifications contain only Entry Level 1 Units, all other level units i.e. at Entry Level 2 have been removed.

The Pathway Groups titles have been updated as above (along with C1 Building and Construction and C6 Hair and Beauty).

December 2022

Updates made to B4 – 'Literacy, Numeracy and ICT' and C5 – 'Digital Skills' unit tables. New 'request to deliver this qualification' procedure added to 'Delivering This Qualification' section.

About the Qualification

Title	Open Awards Entry Level Award, Certificate, Extended Certificate and Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (Entry One) (RQF)	
QAN	Award – 601/3551/7 Certificate – 601/3552/9 Extended Certificate – 603/3552/X Diploma – 601/3555/4	
Sector	14.1 Foundations for Life and Learning	
Level	Entry Level One	
Funding	Please click here for more information	
Pricing Information Please click here for more information		
Review Date	31/08/2027	

Ofqual Purpose	A - Recognise personal growth and engagement in learning
Ofqual Sub-Purpose	A4 - Recognise development of employability skills and/or knowledge

Total Qualification Time/Guided Learning		
Award		
Total Qualification Time (hours)	60	
Guided Learning (hours)	60	
Certificate		
Total Qualification Time (hours)	130	
Guided Learning (hours)	130	
Extended Certificate		
Total Qualification Time (hours)	240	
Guided Learning (hours)	240	
Diploma		
Total Qualification Time (hours)	370	
Guided Learning (hours)	370	

Age Range and Restrictions:		
Pre -16	✓	
16 – 18	✓	
19+	✓	
Any other restrictions specific to the qualification(s)	None	

Any specified entry requirements

There are no additional entry requirements for this qualification.

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.

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 could include:

- a) Observation of Performance
- b) Questioning (written or oral)
- c) Practical Activities
- d) Photographs or Videos
- e) Personal Statements
- f) Project Work
- g) Witness Testimonies
- h) Group Discussion
- i) Recognition of Prior Learning

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

Qualification Structure

Rules of Combination		
Award in Skills for Further Learning and Employment		
Credit Value of the Qualification	6	
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification	6	
Mandatory Units Group A	2	
Optional Units Groups B1 – B4	2	
Pathway Units Groups C1 – C9	2	

Rules of Combination			
Certificate in Skills for Further Learning and Employment			
Credit Value of the Qualification 13			
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification	13		
Mandatory Units Group A	2		
Optional Units Groups B1 – B4	7		
Pathway Units Groups C1 – C9	4		
Non-Endorsed Route	Learners may achieve the required credits from any combination of units in the Pathway Groups C1 – C9		
Rules of Combination	1		
Endorsed Pathway Certificate in Skills for Further Learning and Employment			
Credit Value of the Qualification	13		
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification	13		
Mandatory Units Group A	2		
Optional Units Groups B1 – B4	7		
Pathways Units – Optional Groups C2 – C5, C7 – C9	4		
Business, Retail and Customer Service - C2 Catering and Hospitality – C3 Creative Industries – C4 Digital Skills – C5 Horticulture, Environmental and Animal Care – C7 Living in the Community – C8 Sport, Fitness and Leisure – C9	4 credits must be achieved from a single pathway to gain a certificate with the Pathway title: e.g. Open Awards Entry Level Certificate in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (Catering and Hospitality) (Entry 1) (RQF)		

Rules of Combination			
Extended Certificate in Skills for Further Learning and Employment			
Credit Value of the Qualification	24		
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification	24		
Mandatory Units Group A	2		
Optional Units Groups B1 – B4	14		
Pathway Units Groups C1 – C9	8		
Non-Endorsed Route	Learners may achieve the required credits from any combination of units in the Pathway Groups C1 – C9		
Rules of Combination	1		
Endorsed Pathway Extended Certificate in Skills for Further Learning and Employment			
Credit Value of the Qualification	24		
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification	24		
Mandatory Units Group A	2		
Optional Units Groups B1 – B4	14		
Pathways Units – Optional Groups C2 – C5, C7 – C9	8		
Business, Retail and Customer Service - C2 Catering and Hospitality – C3 Creative Industries – C4 Digital Skills – C5 Horticulture, Environmental and Animal Care – C7 Living in the Community – C8 Sport, Fitness and Leisure – C9	8 credits must be achieved from a single pathway to gain a certificate with the Pathway title: e.g. Open Awards Entry Level Extended Certificate in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (Catering and Hospitality) (Entry 1) (RQF)		

Rules of Combination			
Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment			
Credit Value of the Qualification	37		
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification	37		
Mandatory Units Group A	2		
Optional Units Groups B1 – B4	23		
Pathway Units Groups C1 – C9	12		
Non-Endorsed Route	Learners may achieve the required credits from any combination of units in the Pathway Groups C1 – C9		
Rules of Combination	ì		
Endorsed Pathway Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment			
Credit Value of the Qualification	37		
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification	37		
Mandatory Units Group A	2		
Optional Units Groups B1 – B4	23		
Pathways Units – Optional Groups C2 – C5, C7 – C9	12		
Business, Retail and Customer Service - C2 Catering and Hospitality – C3 Creative Industries – C4 Digital Skills – C5 Horticulture, Environmental and Animal Care – C7 Living in the Community – C8 Sport, Fitness and Leisure – C9	12 credits must be achieved from a single pathway to gain a certificate with the Pathway title: e.g. Open Awards Entry Level Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (Catering and Hospitality) (Entry 1) (RQF)		

Qualification Units

Mandatory Unit Group A

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
L/615/5597	Personal Action Planning	2	Entry Level One

Optional Group B1 – Employability

Unit Reference	Unit Name	Credits	Level
Number			
T/618/2485	Applying for Jobs and Courses	2	Entry Level One
A/615/5594	Dealing with Customer Queries and	1	Entry Level One
	Complaints		
R/616/1613	Developing Skills for the Workplace:	2	Entry Level One
	Following Instructions		
Y/616/1614	Developing Skills for the Workplace:	4	Entry Level One
	Getting Things Done		
D/616/1615	Developing Skills for the Workplace:	2	Entry Level One
	Health and Safety		
H/616/1616	Developing Skills for the Workplace:	2	Entry Level One
	Looking and Acting the Part		
F/615/8478	Exploring Occupational Areas	2	Entry Level One
A/618/2486	Job Searching	2	Entry Level One
D/615/7029	Making Choices	1	Entry Level One
R/615/5598	Preparation for Work	2	Entry Level One
Y/615/5599	Preparing for Work Placement	2	Entry Level One
F/618/2487	Setting Work Related Targets	2	Entry Level One
F/615/5600	Taking Part in an Interview	2	Entry Level One
D/615/5605	<u>Understanding Professional</u>	3	Entry Level One
	Relationships		
H/615/5590	Using a Telephone in a Workplace	2	Entry Level One
	Setting		
T/615/6954	Volunteering	2	Entry Level One
M/615/6953	Working as a Volunteer	3	Entry Level One

Optional Group B2 - Health and Wellbeing

Unit Reference	Unit Name	Credits	Level
Number			
Y/615/5666	Anger Management	1	Entry Level One
D/615/5586	Causes of Stress	2	Entry Level One
M/616/1604	Developing Independent Living Skills:	2	Entry Level One
	Being Healthy		
A/616/1606	Developing Independent Living Skills:	2	Entry Level One
	Keeping Safe		
F/616/1607	Developing Independent Living Skills:	2	Entry Level One
	Looking After Your Own Home		
L/615/5664	Emotional Wellbeing	2	Entry Level One
K/615/5588	E-Safety	3	Entry Level One
A/618/1225	Health and Hygiene	3	Entry Level One
F/618/1226	<u>Healthy Lifestyles</u>	2	Entry Level One
R/615/5665	Healthy Living	2	Entry Level One
H/615/5668	Knowing Your Local Area	3	Entry Level One
M/615/6936	Personal Care and Hygiene	3	Entry Level One
T/615/6937	Personal Health	3	Entry Level One
A/615/6938	Personal Presentation	3	Entry Level One
F/615/6939	Personal Safety	3	Entry Level One
A/615/6955	Self-Advocacy	3	Entry Level One
M/617/9066	Sex and Relationships	2	Entry Level One
A/615/5935	Substance Misuse Awareness	1	Entry Level One
J/615/5713	Understanding a Balanced Diet	3	Entry Level One
R/615/6945	<u>Understanding Relationships</u>	2	Entry Level One
Y/616/1631	Using Local Health Services	2	Entry Level One

Optional Group B3 - Personal Learning and Development

Unit Reference	Unit Name	Credits	Level
Number			
F/615/5659	Beginning to Study	3	Entry Level One
H/615/6934	Choosing Clothing and Footwear	2	Entry Level One
J/615/5596	Dealing with Problems	2	Entry Level One
F/615/5662	Developing Assertiveness	2	Entry Level One
T/616/1605	Developing Independent Living	3	Entry Level One
	Skills: Having Your Say		
J/616/1608	Developing Learning Skills:	5	Entry Level One
	Learning to Learn		
L/616/1612	Developing Self Awareness: All	3	Entry Level One
	About Me		
A/615/6020	Engage in Discussions	1	Entry Level One
F/506/2906	First Steps in Communicating with	3	Entry Level One
	<u>Others</u>		
T/615/5660	Following Instructions	2	Entry Level One
J/506/4379	Listening and Responding	3	Entry Level One
K/615/6935	Looking after Clothes	3	Entry Level One
L/615/6927	Looking after Yourself and Your	1	Entry Level One
	<u>Home</u>		
A/615/5658	Personal Awareness	2	Entry Level One
J/615/5663	Personal Development	3	Entry Level One
F/615/6018	Rights and Responsibilities	2	Entry Level One
K/615/6952	Understanding Rights and	2	Entry Level One
	Responsibilities		

Optional Group B4 - Literacy, Numeracy and ICT

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Number Skills	
T/616/1619 <u>Early mathematics: Measure</u> 2 Entry Leve	l One
K/616/1620 <u>Early mathematics: Position</u> 2 Entry Leve	
M/616/1621 Early mathematics: Sequencing and 3 Entry Leve	l One
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T/616/1622 Early mathematics: Shape 2 Entry Leve	l One
J/650/3719 Identifying Hour and Minute Hands 1 Entry Leve	l One
on Analogue Clock Faces	
F/615/5872	l One
F/650/3735 Number Bonds Zero to Ten 1 Entry Leve	
A/615/5661 Planning for Progress in English 1 Entry Leve	
Skills	
Y/650/3741 Reading the Hour on Analogue 1 Entry Leve	l One
Clock Faces	
J/650/3737 Subtracting single digit numbers 1 Entry Leve	l One
from ten	
A/615/5871 Time and Date 1 Entry Leve	

D/650/3725	Total Costs up to Ten Pounds	1	Entry Level One
D/650/3743	Understanding AM and PM	1	Entry Level One
R/616/1630	Understanding What Money is Used	3	Entry Level One
	<u>For</u>		
F/650/3726	Use a Calculator to Work Out Total	1	Entry Level One
	Costs		
K/650/3738	Using a Calculator	1	Entry Level One
F/650/3744	Using Before, After, Earlier and	1	Entry Level One
	<u>Later</u>		
J/615/5601	Using ICT Skills in a Work Place	2	Entry Level One
A/506/4377	Using Maths in Everyday Contexts	2	Entry Level One
L/615/5602	Using Number Skills in a Work	2	Entry Level One
	<u>Place</u>		
R/615/5603	Using Reading Skills in a Work	2	Entry Level One
	<u>Place</u>		
Y/615/5604	Using Writing Skills in a Work Place	2	Entry Level One
H/650/3727	Working out change from Five	1	Entry Level One
	<u>Pounds</u>		
J/650/3728	Working Out Change From Twenty	1	Entry Level One
	Pounds With a Calculator		

Pathway Group C1 - Building and Construction

Unit Reference	Unit Name	Credits	Level
Number			
F/506/4378	Building a Cavity Wall	4	Entry Level One
T/615/5710	Exploring Working in Construction	1	Entry Level One
F/615/5595	Identifying Personal Protective	1	Entry Level One
	<u>Equipment</u>		
H/615/5587	Recognise Tools	1	Entry Level One

Pathway Group C2 - Business, Retail and Customer Service

Unit Reference	Unit Name	Credits	Level
Number			
A/615/6941	Accessing Commercial Services	3	Entry Level One
J/615/5730	Developing Customer Service Skills	3	Entry Level One
L/615/5731	Exploring Business and Enterprise	1	Entry Level One
T/615/5934	Exploring Working in an Office	1	Entry Level One
M/615/5723	Exploring Working in Retail	1	Entry Level One
T/615/5724	Introduction to Retail Skills	3	Entry Level One
T/615/5593	Keeping a Retail Environment Clean	2	Entry Level One
	and Tidy		
D/615/5734	Making a Product	2	Entry Level One
T/615/5805	Participating in an Enterprise Project	6	Entry Level One
M/615/5589	Using a Computer Keyboard in a	2	Entry Level One
	Workplace Setting		

Pathway Group C3 - Catering and Hospitality

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
F/615/5712	Cooking Techniques	3	Entry Level One
L/615/5714	Everyday Food and Drink Preparation	3	Entry Level One
J/618/3155	Exploring Opportunities in Hospitality and Catering	1	Entry Level One
Y/615/6929	Food Safety and Storage	3	Entry Level One
R/615/5715	Kitchen Hygiene	1	Entry Level One
Y/615/5716	Make a Meal	3	Entry Level One
K/615/5719	Preparing Drinks and Snacks	3	Entry Level One
D/615/5717	Selecting and Using Cooking Equipment	3	Entry Level One
J/615/5713	Understanding a Balanced Diet	3	Entry Level One
H/615/5718	Working in Hospitality	2	Entry Level One

Pathway Group C4 - Creative Industries

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
L/506/2908	Communicating with Art	3	Entry Level One
J/506/2891	Communicating with Dance	3	Entry Level One
K/506/2902	Communicating with Music	3	Entry Level One
D/506/2914	Create a Piece of Craft or Design	2	Entry Level One
M/615/5706	Develop Dance and Movement Skills	2	Entry Level One
T/506/2899	Develop Skills to Play a Musical	2	Entry Level One
H/506/2896	Instrument Developing Skills in Drama	2	Entry Level One
L/615/5700	Displaying Creative Work	3	Entry Level One
F/615/6200	Engaging in a Creative Group Project	3	Entry Level One
Y/615/5702	Engaging in New Creative Activities	3	Entry Level One
H/615/5704	Exploring Art	3	Entry Level One
T/615/5707	Exploring Dance	3	Entry Level One
A/615/5708	Exploring Music	3	Entry Level One
J/615/6957	Exploring Performance	3	Entry Level One
H/618/2935	Listening to Music	1	Entry Level One
D/615/5703	Produce a Piece of Art Work	2	Entry Level One
D/615/5927	Taking Photographs	2	Entry Level One
K/615/5705	<u>Using Creative Software</u>	3	Entry Level One

Pathway Group C5 - Digital Skills

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
M/650/3686	Accessing an Online Book	2	Entry Level One
	<u>Application</u>		
J/618/0692	Accessing Online Video Clips	2	Entry Level One
Y/615/7031	Computer Games	1	Entry Level One
R/506/2912	Developing and Presenting	2	Entry Level One
	Information Using ICT		
D/615/5720	Developing ICT Skills	4	Entry Level One
Y/506/2913	Finding, Selecting and Exchanging	2	Entry Level One
	Information Using ICT		
L/506/2911	Following Health and Safety	1	Entry Level One
	Working Practices When Using ICT		
H/615/5721	Identifying and Using ICT	3	Entry Level One
	Equipment		
D/618/2934	Introduction to Email	2	Entry Level One
K/615/5722	Responding to ICT Enabled	3	Entry Level One
	Equipment		
K/615/5591	Sending and Receiving Emails	2	Entry Level One
M/615/5592	Understanding Social Media	2	Entry Level One
R/650/3687	Using a Calendar Application	2	Entry Level One
L/618/7028	Using a Radio Application on a	2	Entry Level One
	<u>Digital Device</u>		
R/618/0694	Using Control Settings on a Digital	2	Entry Level One
	<u>Device</u>		
R/618/7029	Using Digital Photograph Gallery	2	Entry Level One
	<u>Applications</u>		
Y/618/0695	<u>Using Video Communication</u>	2	Entry Level One

Pathway Group C6 - Hair and Beauty

Unit Reference	Unit Name	Credits	Level
Number			
A/615/5711	Exploring Working in Hairdressing	1	Entry Level One
L/615/5762	Recognise Hair and Beauty Tools	1	Entry Level One
	and Products		

Pathway Group C7 - Horticulture, Environmental and Animal Care

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
R/615/7030	Accessing the Countryside	3	Entry Level One
D/616/1615	Developing Skills for the Workplace:	2	Entry Level One
	Health and Safety		,
Y/615/5697	Environmental Awareness	2	Entry Level One
D/615/6950	Environmental Issues	2	Entry Level One
M/618/3148	Exploring Opportunities in Animal	1	Entry Level One
	Care		
K/618/4069	Exploring Opportunities in	1	Entry Level One
	Conservation		
A/618/3170	Exploring Opportunities in	1	Entry Level One
	<u>Horticulture</u>		
Y/615/5781	Exploring Working with Animals	1	Entry Level One
F/615/5693	Feeding Animals	2	Entry Level One
T/615/5691	Gardening	3	Entry Level One
D/618/4070	Getting to Know Woodlands	1	Entry Level One
A/615/5692	Growing and Caring for Plants	2	Entry Level One
R/615/5780	Identify Parts of a Flowering Plant	1	Entry Level One
J/615/5694	Looking After and Caring for	2	Entry Level One
	<u>Animals</u>		
H/618/4071	Maintain an Area of Habitat	3	Entry Level One
L/615/5695	Pet Care	3	Entry Level One
R/615/5696	Working with Animals	2	Entry Level One

Pathway Group C8 - Living in the Community

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
F/615/6942	Accessing Financial Services	3	Entry Level One
T/615/6940	Accessing Health Services	3	Entry Level One
A/616/1623	Encountering Experiences: Being a	3	Entry Level One
	Part of Things		
F/616/1624	Engaging with the World Around	3	Entry Level One
	You: Events		
J/616/1625	Engaging with the World Around	3	Entry Level One
	you: Objects		
L/616/1626	Engaging with the World Around	3	Entry Level One
	you: People		
J/615/6943	Getting about Safely	3	Entry Level One
R/616/1627	Getting on with Other People	4	Entry Level One
L/615/6930	Household Cleaning	3	Entry Level One
R/615/6931	Household Expenses	3	Entry Level One
Y/615/6932	Household Shopping	3	Entry Level One
H/615/6951	Law and Order	2	Entry Level One
F/615/6956	Living in a Diverse Society	2	Entry Level One
R/615/6928	Living in the Community	1	Entry Level One
D/616/1629	Travel within the Community: Going	3	Entry Level One
	<u>Places</u>		
L/615/6944	Using Public Transport – Buses and	3	Entry Level One
	<u>Trains</u>		

Pathway Group C9 - Sport, Fitness and Leisure

Unit Reference	Unit Name	Credits	Level
Number			
D/615/5667	Accessing Leisure Services	3	Entry Level One
A/615/5725	Developing Community Participation	3	Entry Level One
	Skills: Participating in Sporting		
	<u>Activities</u>		
J/615/5727	Doing Sport	3	Entry Level One
Y/615/6946	Eating Out	3	Entry Level One
D/615/6947	Gardening for Pleasure	3	Entry Level One
F/615/5726	Health and Fitness	3	Entry Level One
H/615/6948	<u>Hobbies</u>	2	Entry Level One
M/615/5690	Making the Most of Leisure Time	2	Entry Level One
K/615/6949	Participation in Team Activities	3	Entry Level One
L/615/5728	Personal Attributes for Sport	1	Entry Level One
R/615/5729	Working in Sport	2	Entry Level One

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. Full, year-long courses (over 15 weeks) within 60 working days of the course start date.

You will need to register your learners via the Open Awards 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

It is expected that Providers will have occupationally competent staff with relevant subject knowledge and/or sector experience for their role in the delivery of the units/qualifications being offered.

There are no additional staffing requirements for this qualification.

Providers are responsible for ensuring that their staff are occupationally competent and have access to appropriate training and support. They are also responsible for notifying Open Awards of staff changes.

Assessment

Open Awards units and qualifications have been designed around the principle that the learner will build evidence towards the achievement of the assessment criteria over a period of time. Each learner is required to build a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate that all the assessment criteria associated with each unit has been met.

Tutors and assessors need to ensure that all evidence presented in a portfolio is:

Valid: it should clearly demonstrate the knowledge or skills that are set out in the assessment criteria. It should also clearly be the work of the learner.

Reliable: it 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 show their achievement because of their individual background or experience. Assessors are required to review and assess all learner evidence and must be satisfied that learners have achieved all learning outcomes and assessment criteria relating to the unit being assessed prior to deciding the learner has completed the unit. Assessors will also ensure that the evidence produced by the learner is their own work.

Assessors retain records (e.g. Feedback Sheets, Individual Progress Record, Group Progress Record) on behalf of the Provider which are made available and used by the Provider's Internal Quality Assurer and Open Awards' Quality Assurance Team.

Training and support

Open Awards offers online training and support in Delivery and Assessment and Quality Assurance. These can be accessed, free of charge from the Open Awards <u>e-shop.</u> An everlasting coupon (PLUC code) will be issued to each Provider to gain free access to our online Provider training courses.

Internal Quality Assurance (IQA)

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

External Quality Assurance (EQA)

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

Standardisation

Providers 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.

For further guidance on Quality Assurance and Standardisation, please refer to the <u>Provider Handbook.</u>

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 Open Awards <u>portal</u>.

Resources and Equipment

The qualification must be delivered at a Provider able to offer a wide variety of subjects which enable learners to meet the unit requirements in full, including any resources and materials required to complete practical activities and assessments.

Specialist resources must be available from visiting specialist lecturers.

Health and Safety

Due to the practical requirements of some of the units within this qualification, Providers must ensure that appropriate risk assessments are in place for both the activities and individual learners to ensure learner and staff safety throughout the course. As part of this, Providers must ensure that learners and staff have access to suitable clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) where appropriate.

Minimum Age Statement

Young persons under the age of 18 years are often exposed to risks to their health and safety when using work equipment as a consequence of their immaturity, lack of experience of existing and potential risks. Therefore, such young people should not be allowed to operate equipment without supervision unless they have the necessary competence and maturity, as well as having successfully completed appropriate training (The Health and Safety (Young Persons) regulation 1997).

Appendices and Links

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