

Open Awards Level 3 Diploma in

Master Quilting (RQF)

QAN: 610/4687/5

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This qualification replaces the Open Awards Level 3 Diploma in Master Quilting (RQF).

There are unit changes within this new qualification which affect:

Creating Landscapes with Depth and Impact. For this unit the title has been changed to Free Form Quilts and the content updated to reflect this.

Template Drafting and Hand Quilting. This unit has been added to the qualification to ensure future relevance.

These changes have led to an increase in credit value from 55 to 58; the TQT has increased from 550 or 580 and the GLH from 255 to 270 hours.

All the changes have been at the request of The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles

About the Qualification

Title	Open Awards Level 3 Diploma in Master Quilting (RQF)
Qualification Accreditation Number	610/4687/5
Sector	9.2 Crafts. Creative Arts and Design
Level	Level 3
Funding	Please click here for more information
Pricing Information	Please click here for more information
Review Date	31/07/2029

Purpose	Prepare for Further Learning or Training and/or Develop Knowledge and/or Skills in a Subject Area
Sub-Purpose	Develop Knowledge and/or Skills in a Subject Area

Total Qualification Time/Guided Learning	
Total Qualification Time (hours)	580
Guided Learning (hours)	270

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 nature of the qualification learners should have been creating quilts for a minimum of 2 years and be a member of the The Quilters' Guild before commencing the qualification.

It is recommended, but not required, that learners have a good standard of English and Maths before attempting this qualification, to support the level and content of this qualification.

Recommended Assessment Method Summary

Learners will be required to complete a Master Quilt and supporting portfolio of evidence which is marked by The Quilters' Guild 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:
- Quilting journal/practical activities
- Questioning (written or oral)
- Photographs or videos
- Personal statements
- Project work
- Witness testimonies
- Group discussion
- Recognition of Prior Learning

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

Specialist Equipment

Learners and tutors will be required to have the necessary tools and equipment to complete this qualification, which includes the following:

- Access to a sewing machine
- Specialist sewing machine equipment such as:
 - A range of machine feet
 - Specialised needles

In order to complete the online learning for this course learners will need the necessary equipment and internet connection.



Delivery Requirements

This qualification has been developed in partnership with The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles to recognise the achievement of the Master Quilter.

The Guild was founded in 1979 by a group of quilting enthusiasts and has grown from a founding membership of 300 to over 6,500+ individual members today and has become the recognised name for quilting.

Open Awards and The Quilters' Guild

The delivery of this qualification will be through Open Awards preferred delivery provider which is The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles.

The Quilters' Guild has gone through a provider approval process with Open Awards to be approved to deliver this qualification. They are able to offer a range of online and face to face delivery methods for this qualification, to enable the skills and knowledge of the production of a Master Quilt which will showcase a variety of styles of quilting. Learners who successfully complete this qualification will also gain the Master Quilting title from The Quilters' Guild.

Where The Quilters' Guild approves other organisations to deliver training on their behalf, this will be managed through a sub-contracting arrangement directly with The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles. In this case, providers are not required to go through centre recognition with Open Awards. Learner registration, internal quality assurance of the delivery and assessment remains the responsibility of The Quilters' Guild; and external quality assurance of the delivery, assessment and award of qualifications remains the responsibility of Open Awards. Please be aware that approval from The Quilters' Guild does not constitute approval from Open Awards to deliver regulated qualifications in their own right.

For more information about how The Quilters' Guild can support the delivery of this qualification, please contact them on admin@quiltersguild.org.uk or 01904 613242.

Qualification Structure

Rules of Combination

Credit Value of the Qualification:	58
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification:	58
Mandatory Units A:	58

Qualification Units

Mandatory Units A (all units must be achieved to be awarded the qualification)

Unit Reference Number	Unit Name	Credits	Level
J/650/0630	<u>Appliqué</u>	3	Level Three
M/650/0624	<u>Colour and Design Principles</u>	3	Level Three
L/650/0632	<u>Colouring Cloth</u>	3	Level Three
K/650/0631	<u>Complex Piecing</u>	3	Level Three
Y/650/0627	<u>Concepts and Techniques used in Modern Quilts</u>	3	Level Three
T/650/0626	<u>Curved Piecing by Machine</u>	3	Level Three
R/650/0625	<u>Designing a Commissioned Patchwork Quilt</u>	3	Level Three
A/650/0628	<u>English Paper Piecing (EPP)</u>	3	Level Three
R/651/3027	<u>Free Form Quilts</u>	3	Level Three
R/650/0634	<u>Free Motion Machine Quilting</u>	3	Level Three
K/650/0622	<u>History of Quilting</u>	3	Level Three
M/650/0633	<u>Machine Quilting with a Walking Foot</u>	3	Level Three

A/650/0637	<u>Master Quilt Project</u>	10	Level Three
T/650/0635	<u>Methods of Finishing a Quilt</u>	3	Level Three
Y/650/0636	<u>Piping and Binding</u>	3	Level Three
L/650/0623	<u>Precision Piecing in Quilting</u>	3	Level Three
T/651/3028	<u>Template Drafting and Hand Quilting</u>	3	Level Three

Delivering this Qualification

Becoming a Provider

To deliver this qualification you must be working with or part of The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles (please see details on page 6)

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. Template forms and guidance documents are available via the Open Awards portal.

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. They must hold the title Master Quilter and have at least two years' experience of working on large scale quilting projects.

Providers are 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 a variety of training and support to Providers. Our online training and support are free of charge and can be accessed on the following link [ehttps://oallearn.org.uk/shop](https://oallearn.org.uk/shop). An everlasting coupon (PLUC code) will be issued to each Provider to gain free access to these resources.

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 internal 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 [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](#).

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 the learners and staff safety throughout the course.

Appendices and Links

The following documents can be viewed on the Open Awards [website](#):

1. Provider Handbook
2. Enquiries, Complaints and Appeals Policy
3. Equality and Diversity Policy
4. Invoicing Policy
5. Privacy Policy

Further supporting information can be found on the Open Awards Portal.

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