Purpose Statement

Open Awards Entry Level 1 Award and Certificate in Independent Living – Living in the Community (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to recognise personal growth and engagement in learning. This includes the recognition of development of skills for life; development of knowledge and/or skills to operate independent effectively in life, learning and work; and development of personal skills and/or knowledge. This qualification will help you be more independent in your community. There is a particular focus on accessing and using services and facilities. The qualifications ensure that you are given the opportunities to access appropriate and relevant education and improve your life chances by developing the necessary skills and abilities. The qualifications area designed to provide a foundation for lifelong learning and enhance life experience by focusing on essential and transferable social and life skills which enable increased independence and self-determination.

Who is it for?

- Learners who are looking to live more independently in the community
- Learners who are looking to demonstrate their abilities and aspirations
- Learners of all ages (pre-16 and post-16)
- Learners who are working at or towards Entry Level 1

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the Award, you will need to complete 6 credits and commit to 60 hours of learning.
To achieve the Certificate, you will need to complete 15 credits and commit to 150 hours of learning.
You will need to complete a mandatory unit:

- Living in the Community

You will then have a choice of units from each of the following areas:

- Accessing Community Facilities
- Personal Development and Leisure Activities
- Rights and Responsibilities

For the Award, you can complete units from any of the groups. For the Certificate, you will need to complete at least 3 credits from each group.

What are the Entry Requirements?

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 11+
There are no other restrictions on learner entry and no specific prior achievements required.

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification. Types of evidence included in your portfolio could include:

- Videos/photographs
- Reflective journals
- Questions/answers
- Worksheets
- Recorded discussions with your tutor

What are the Progression Opportunities?

This qualification has been designed to recognise development of knowledge and/or skills to operate independently and effectively in life, learning & work.

This qualification offers progression within the suite of Independent Living qualifications, including:

- Entry Level Award / Certificate in Independent Living – Looking After Yourself and Home (Entry 1) (RQF)
- Entry Level Diploma in Independent Living (Entry 1) (RQF)
- Entry Level Award / Certificate in Independent Living – Living in the Community (Entry 2) (RQF)
- Entry Level Award / Certificate in Independent Living – Looking After Yourself and Home (Entry 2) (RQF)
- Entry Level Diploma in Independent Living (Entry 2) (RQF)

You may choose to use your developed transferable skills to progress onto an employability pathway, including:

- Entry Level Award/Certificate/Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (Entry 1) (RQF)
- Entry Level Award/Certificate/Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment (Entry 2) (RQF)

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification has been reviewed with and is supported by a diverse range of training providers and Further Education Colleges, including: Pure Innovations, Pinehirst Training and Manor Academ