

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE Level 3 Award in Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment		
Qualification number (QN)	501/0888/8		
Total qualification time (TQT):	30	Guided learning hours (GL)	24

Qualification title	NCFE Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment		
Qualification number (QN)	501/0882/7		
Total qualification time (TQT):	90	Guided learning hours (GL)	54

Qualification title	NCFE Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement		
Qualification number (QN)	501/0886/4		
Total qualification time (TQT):	90	Guided learning hours (GL)	54

Qualification title	NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement		
Qualification number (QN)	501/0885/2		
Total qualification time (TQT):	150	Guided learning hours (GL)	84

Entry requirements

These qualifications are designed for learners aged 19 and above. There are no specific recommended prior learning requirements for these qualifications. However, learners may find it helpful if they've already achieved a Level 2 qualification.

About these qualifications

NCFE Level 3 Award in Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment (501/0888/8)

This qualification is intended for those who wish to gain an understanding of the principles and practices of assessment without any requirement to practice as Assessors.

NCFE Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment (501/0882/7)

This qualification is intended for Assessors who assess occupational competence in an individual's work environment. It includes the following assessment methods (although not all of these require performance evidence):

- observation of performance in the work environment
- examining products of work
- questioning the learner
- discussing with the learner
- use of others (witness testimony)
- looking at learner statements
- recognising prior learning.

NCFE Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement (501/0886/4)

This qualification is intended for those who assess vocational skills, knowledge and understanding in environments other than the work environment (for example a workshop, classroom or other training environment). It includes the following assessment methods (although not all of these require performance evidence):

- assessment of the learner in simulated environments
- skills tests
- oral and written questions
- assignments
- projects
- case studies
- recognising prior learning.

NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement (501/0885/2)

This qualification is intended for those who assess both occupational competence in the work environment and vocational skills, knowledge and understanding in environments other than the workplace (for example a workshop, classroom or other training environment).

Qualification structure

To be awarded the **Level 3 Award in Understanding the Principles and Practices of Assessment**, learners are required to successfully complete the following mandatory unit:

Unit No	Unit title
Unit 01	Understanding the principles and practices of assessment

To be awarded the **Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment**, learners are required to successfully complete Unit 01 and Unit 02.

To be awarded the **Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement**, learners are required to successfully complete Unit 01 and Unit 03.

To be awarded the **Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement**, learners are required to successfully complete all 3 mandatory units.

Unit No	Unit title
Unit 01	Understanding the principles and practices of assessment
Unit 02	Assess occupational competence in the work environment
Unit 03	Assess vocational skills, knowledge and understanding

Assessment

The NCFE Level 3 Qualifications for Assessors are internally assessed and externally quality assured.

Progression opportunities

The objectives of these qualifications are to:

- provide the essential knowledge and understanding that assessment staff need, and offer additional units that describe competent practice. This approach gives flexibility and a greater potential to meet the needs of aspiring Assessors.

Learners who achieve one of these qualifications could progress to:

- NCFE Level 4 Award in Understanding the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- NCFE Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- NCFE Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- NCFE Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training

Learners can progress from an Award to a Certificate but centres must carefully consider which qualification they want to register the learner onto, as the registration fee will be applied for both qualifications.



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