

Purpose statement

NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Developing Enterprise Skills QN: 601/4146/3

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1. Overview

This qualification consolidates learners' existing knowledge of enterprise and allows them to take this one step further through the planning, participation and evaluation of a substantial enterprise project.

Learners will assess their own enterprise skills and those of others, investigating how enterprise skills can be used and applied to different environments. They'll also take part in an enterprise project from start to finish - including preparing a project plan and carrying out a thorough evaluation of the project and their performance.

The qualification will allow learners to become more enterprising in their everyday life, developing an awareness of the skills possessed by themselves and other people, in order to utilise them in various contexts, and become more enterprising within education, life and work.

The qualification consists of the following mandatory units:

- Exploring enterprise skills (H/506/6320)
- Plan and carry out an enterprise project (J/506/6312)
- Evaluate enterprise project and skills (L/506/6313)

The requirement for learners to complete the mandatory units ensures they gain an understanding of their own and others enterprise skills, as well as the opportunity to apply these as part of a larger enterprise project, review the project outcomes and use of own skills, and start to plan for their career and educational development.

Who is this qualification designed for?

This qualification is suitable for learners aged pre-16 and above.

The qualification is designed for learners who have some knowledge of enterprise, who'd like to apply this to a full project activity. The focus on the development of skills and knowledge at this level prepares learners for progression to higher level qualifications or employment, particularly within the business and enterprise sector.

There are no specific recommended prior learning requirements for this qualification, although learners could progress onto this qualification from the following Level 1 qualifications:

- Investigating or Developing Enterprise Skills
- Enterprise and Employability
- Understanding Business Enterprise
- Exploring Enterprise Skills

2. What could this qualification lead to?

Learners who complete this qualification could use the skills and knowledge gained within employment, although it's expected that the main progression route would be into further learning, including Level 3 qualifications in the following areas:

- Employability and Enterprise
- Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
- Skills for Business: Enterprise

Learners may also decide to progress either directly, or eventually, on to enterprise qualifications in specific areas, based on their own interests and previous learning, for example:

- Level 3 Diploma in Enterprise for the Creative Industry
- Level 3 Certificate in Food Manufacturing Excellence and Enterprise
- Level 3 Certificate/Diploma in Managing a Music Business Enterprise
- Level 4 Certificate in Enterprise Mentoring
- Level 3 qualifications in Launching a Social Enterprise

Are there any larger or smaller versions of this qualification at the same Level, why should a learner take this one?

This qualification is the larger in a suite of 2, designed to give learners the opportunity to identify and utilise their own enterprise skills.

Learners would take this qualification in order to investigate, apply, review and develop their own enterprise skills, and to take part in an enterprising project, whereas the smaller qualification focuses solely on skills identification and planning for development.

Learners who've completed the NCFE Level 2 Award in Investigating Enterprise Skills only need to complete Units 02 and 03 as the qualifications are nested. This allows clear progression with no need to repeat learning.

NCFE is a market leader, having offered the first regulated qualification in 2006, allowing learners to develop their own enterprise skills and capabilities

3. Who supports the qualification?

The qualification is supported by providers listed on the Register of Training Organisations who have current contracts for delivery across a range of provision and specifically within the Preparation for Life and Work sector. For further information please contact NCFE on 0191 239 8000.