

# NOCN Qualifications in Progression (QCF) - Entry 3 to Level 3



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Information for Providers

## For ages 16+

The NOCN Qualifications in Progression (QCF) are flexible general and pre-vocational qualifications. These qualifications have been devised with the aim to progress learners into further learning and/or employment. There are over 600 units available which can be used to create individualised learning programmes tailored to learners' needs whilst enabling those learners to achieve or work towards a national qualification and improve their opportunities for progression.

The level 2 Certificate and Diploma are full level 2 qualifications.

## Who are the qualifications for?

The qualifications are particularly targeted at those learners who:

- want to progress into other further or higher education courses, or into new work areas
- are returning, or planning to return, to work and who are seeking to update and/or add to their employment skills
- would benefit from alternative approaches to curriculum and learning
- want to test out a vocational area to inform their career/employment choices
- for whatever reason, have not previously achieved in education
- need to develop their literacy and/or numeracy skills.

## What are the aims of the qualifications?

- To provide opportunities for learners to develop skills in literacy and numeracy, ICT, employability, learning to learn and personal development.
- To allow learners to test out their abilities and personal preferences through a range of taster units in different sector specific areas before selecting a chosen career or employment route

## Qualification overview

Qualification Title	Qualification Number	Credits	Minimum credits at qualification	GLH
Entry Level 3 Award in Progression	500/1894/2	3	3	30
Entry Level 3 Certificate in Progression	500/1893/0	15	15	150
Level 1 Award in Progression	500/1948/X	6	6	54
Level 1 Certificate in Progression	500/1949/1	21	15	189
Level 1 Diploma in Progression	500/1952/1	42	30	388
Level 2 Award in Progression	500/1942/9	9	6	72
Level 2 Certificate in Progression	500/1953/3	24	18	192
Level 2 Diploma in Progression	500/1943/0	45	33	360
Level 3 Award in Progression	500/1944/2	12	9	84
Level 3 Certificate in Progression	500/1945/4	30	21	210



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## Rules of Combination

Entry level 3 Award	3 credits	All units are optional
Entry level 3 Certificate	15 credits	3 credits from Core Skills Group. Max 3 credits from ITQ units.
Level 1 Award	6 credits	All units are optional.
Level 1 Certificate	21 credits	6 credits from Core Skills Group. Max 3 credits from ITQ units.
Level 1 Diploma	42 credits	9 credits from Core Skills Group. Max 6 credits from ITQ units.
Level 2 Award	9 credits	3 credits from Core Skills Group.
Level 2 Certificate	24 credits	6 credits from Core Skills Group. Max 7 credits from ITQ units.
Level 2 Diploma	45 credits	9 credits from Core Skills Group. Max 7 credits from ITQ units.
Level 3 Award	12 credits	3 credits from Core Skills Group.
Level 3 Certificate	30 credits	6 credits from Core Skills Group. Max 9 credits from ITQ units.

## Unit Details

### Core Skills Units

These units allow learners to be accredited for generic and functional skills such as:

- literacy and numeracy
- learning to learn
- personal development
- preparation for work.

### Optional units

Administration Agriculture Building and Construction Business Management Child Development and Well-Being Crafts, Creative Arts and Design Environmental Conservation Foundations for Learning and Life Health and Social Care Horticulture and Forestry	Hospitality and Catering ICT for Users Marketing and Sales Media and Communication Performing Arts Publishing and Information Services Preparation for Work Sport, Leisure and Recreation Transportation, Operations and Maintenance Travel and Tourism
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Optional units are available in a range of sector areas across the different levels, and may be used as vocational tasters. The sector specific areas include:

*Note: NOCN has worked with e-skills UK to agree the use of the national ITQ units within the NOCN Qualifications in Progression (QCF). At Levels 1, 2 and 3 the ITQ units are included as optional units, whilst at Entry Level some NOCN ICT units are included as Core Skills units.*

**Full details of the qualification** can be found in the qualification guides on the NOCN website at [www.nocn.org.uk/qualifications/progression](http://www.nocn.org.uk/qualifications/progression)

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