

# Qualification factsheet

## Qualification overview

<b>Qualification title</b>	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology		
<b>Qualification number (QN)</b>	601/6779/8		
<b>Total qualification time (TQT):</b>	610	<b>Guided learning hours (GL)</b>	360 plus 12 hours for the external assessment
<b>Entry requirements:</b>	There are no specific recommended prior learning requirements for this qualification		

## About this qualification

An Applied General is a qualification that is suited to post-16 learners and can be offered as a technical alternative to an A Level. They benefit from applied learning and a mixture of practical external assessment and portfolio work, so learners can evidence what they know through means other than a cumulative assessment. The qualification also has tangible links into the workplace as we develop the content with professionals working in the related sector.

The Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology is designed for learners who want to study at a higher level and is aimed at learners aged 16-19 in schools and colleges but is also accessible for learners post-19.

Throughout this qualification, your learners will gain valuable knowledge of:

- the operation and use of a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW)
- how to experiment with musical elements in different musical styles
- recording, mixing and mastering their audio
- creating sound for a range of multi-media purposes
- creating sound for a live performance
- managing revenue and marketing within the digital music business

## Qualification structure

To be awarded the Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Music Technology, learners are required to successfully complete 6 mandatory units. Learners must also achieve a minimum of a pass in the external assessment.

### Mandatory units

Unit 01 – Using a digital audio workstation (DAW)
Unit 02 – Creating music
Unit 03 – Multi-track audio recording, mixing and mastering
Unit 04 – Sound Creation
Unit 05 – Live sound performance technology
Unit 06 – Digital music business

## Assessment

This qualification is made up of 3 different assessment components:

- Internal assessment – each unit is internally assessed and externally quality assured.
- External assessment – written test – this will assess the underpinning knowledge and skills drawn from units 01 – 06.
- External assessment – practical test – this will assess the application of knowledge and skills acquired from units 01 – 04

## Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve the Level 3 Applied General Certificate Award in Music Technology could progress to degree courses including:

- Music Technology
- Live Sound Production
- Music Production
- Creative Music Production
- Creative Music Technology
- Music Technology and Audio Systems
- Music Technology and Popular Music



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