

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise		
Qualification number (QN)	603/7004/X		
Total qualification time (TQT)	157	Guided learning hours (GLH)	143
Entry requirements	This qualification is designed for learners aged 14–16 in schools and colleges but is also accessible for post-16 learners.		

About this qualification

The Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise is designed for learners who want an introduction to business and enterprise that includes a vocational and project-based element. The qualification will appeal to learners who wish to pursue a career in the business and enterprise sector or progress onto further study.

The NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Business and Enterprise (603/7004/X) complements GCSE qualifications. It is aimed at 14 to 16 year olds studying key stage 4 (KS4) curriculum who are interested in the business and enterprise sector. This qualification is designed to match the rigour and challenge of GCSE study. The qualification is graded at level 1 pass, merit, distinction and level 2 pass, merit, distinction and distinction* (equivalent to GCSE grades 8.5 to 1).

This qualification is part of a suite of technical award qualifications that have been developed to meet the Department for Education's (DfE's) requirements for high-quality, rigorous qualifications that:

- have appropriate content for the learner to acquire core knowledge and practical skills
- allow the qualification to be graded
- provide synoptic assessment
- enable progression to a range of study and employment opportunities

Qualification structure

To be awarded this qualification, learners are required to successfully demonstrate the knowledge and skills to meet the requirements of all 8 content areas of this qualification.

Content areas

Content area 1: Entrepreneurship, business organisation and stakeholders
Content area 2: Market research, market types and orientation and marketing mix
Content area 3: Human resource requirements for business and enterprise
Content area 4: Operations management
Content area 5: Business growth
Content area 6: Sources of enterprise funding and business finance
Content area 7: The impact of the external environment on business and enterprise
Content area 8: Business and enterprise planning

Assessment

The qualification has **2** assessments externally-set by NCFE: **one** non-exam assessment and **one** written examined assessment.

Assessment breakdown		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour 30 minutes examined assessment • 21 hours non-exam assessment
Non-exam assessment (NEA)	Weighting (60%)	Externally-set, internally marked and externally moderated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • synoptic project
Examined assessment (EA)	Weighting (40%)	Externally-set and externally marked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written exam
Total	100%	Overall qualification grades: L1P, L1M, L1D, L2P, L2M, L2D, L2D*

Progression opportunities

Depending on the grade the learner achieves in this qualification, they could progress to level 2 and level 3 qualifications and/or GCSE/A Levels.

Learners who achieve at level 1 might consider progression to level 2 qualifications post-16, such as:

- GCSE Business Studies
- study at level 2 in a range of technical routes that have been designed for progression to employment, apprenticeships, and further study; examples might include the Level 2 Technical Certificate in Business Enterprise

Technical certificate qualifications provide post-16 learners with the knowledge and skills they need for skilled employment or for further technical study.

Learners who achieve at level 2 might consider progression to level 3 qualifications post-16, such as:

- Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Business and Enterprise
- Level 3 Technical Level in Management and Administration (this will support progression to higher education)
- A Level in Business (this will support progression to higher education)

Learners could also progress into employment or onto an apprenticeship. The understanding and skills gained through this qualification could be useful to progress onto an apprenticeship in the business sector or through a variety of occupations that are available within the sector, such as in marketing, business administration and human resources.



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