

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Art and Design		
Qualification number (QN)	601/8898/4		
Total qualification time (TQT):	540	Guided learning hours (GL)	360 plus 18 hours for the external assessment
Entry requirements:	There are no specific recommended prior learning requirements for this qualification. However, learners may find it helpful if they've already achieved a Level 2 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 Art and Design 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 applied study of art and/or design
- a significant core of knowledge and theoretical content with broad-ranging applicability
- practical and technical skills

Qualification structure

To be awarded the Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Art and Design, learners are required to successfully complete 5 mandatory units. Learners must also achieve a minimum of a pass in the external assessment.

Mandatory units

Unit 01 – Materials, techniques and processes in art and design
Unit 02 – Research project in art and design
Unit 03 – Communicate visually
Unit 04 – Present and promote your work
Unit 05 – Develop a personal response in art and design

Assessment

The Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Art and Design consists of 2 assessment components:

- internal assessment – each unit is internally assessed and externally quality assured by NCFE
- external assessment – practical test. This will assess the application of knowledge and skills acquired throughout Units 01, 02, 03 and 05

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve the Level 3 Applied General Certificate Award in Art and Design could progress to degree courses including:

- Art and Design
- Graphic Design
- Advertising and Branding
- Architecture
- Art History
- Fine Art
- Fashion and Textiles
- Illustration
- Ceramic Design
- 3D Design
- Film and Visual Culture
- Photography
- Animation



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