

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Creative Design and Production		
Qualification number (QN)	603/7003/8		
Total qualification time (TQT)	154	Guided learning hours (GLH)	140
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 Creative Design and Production is designed for learners who want an introduction to design and production that includes a vocational and project-based element, approached from a creative perspective with regular opportunities to experiment and create. This qualification will appeal to learners who wish to pursue a career in the design and production sector or progress to further study.

The Level 1/2 Technical Award in Creative Design and Production complements GCSE qualifications. It is aimed at 14 to 16 year olds studying key stage 4 (KS4) curriculum who are interested in the design and production 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 6 content areas of this qualification.

Content areas

Content area 1: Design and production in context
Content area 2: Design materials and processes
Content area 3: Design brief and production processes
Content area 4: Presentation of a design solution
Content area 5: Review of processes and solution
Content area 6: Working in the design production industries

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 16 hours non-exam assessment plus 2 hours of preparation time
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 Design and Technology
- 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 a Level 2 Technical Certificate in Design Production

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:

- A Level Design and Technology (this will support progression to higher education)
- Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Art and Design
- study at level 2 in a range of technical routes that have been designed for progression to employment, apprenticeships, and further study
- Level 3 Technical Level in Engineering: Design (this will support progression to higher education)
- Level 3 Technical Level in Art and Design (this will support progression to higher education)
- T Level in Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing (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 industry through a variety of occupations that are available within the industry, such as interior designer, design studio assistant or furniture maker.



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