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**Aviation
SWAPs Product
Information Guide**



Sector-based Work Academy Programmes (SWAPs) Overview

A SWAP is a short programme of training lasting up to six weeks and includes three components:

- Pre-employment training
- Work placement opportunity within business
- Guaranteed job interview or assistance with the job application process.

A key strength of SWAPs are their flexibility, enabling programmes to be tailored to local employer, sector and regional needs. In a short timeframe, learners build industry knowledge, practical skills and confidence and quickly progress towards work-readiness.

Aviation Pathway Overview

This SWAP provides a practical route into aviation and airport operations roles. Its purpose is to build sector knowledge, workplace confidence and readiness for entry into operational and customer-facing roles across the aviation industry.

Sector and Job Roles: Aviation - Airport Operations, Passenger Services, Ground Operations, Customer Service and Ramp Services.





Example:

Level 1			
Sector Specific Training	NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Exploring the Aviation Industry (600/5588/1)	This qualification is designed to develop knowledge and understanding of airline operations and aviation operations on the ground. Learners will understand the importance of health, safety and security procedures in the aviation industry and be introduced to the different terminology used. The qualification focuses on the development of skills and knowledge to support working in the aviation industry.	101 GLH
Transferable Skills	NCFE Level 1 Award in Employability Skills (601/4680/1)	This qualification aims to develop and enhance skills required for the working environment and improve learners' confidence and communication skills in order to prepare them for employment or for a change in employment.	36 GLH
Total			137 GLH

137 GLH = 23 hours/week for 6 weeks





Example:

Level 2			
Sector Specific Training	NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Aviation Operations On the Ground (Knowledge) (501/1281/8)	The Level 2 Certificate in Aviation Operations on the Ground (Knowledge) is designed for learners who wish to progress into job roles within airside ramp services, providing safe airside operations (airports), supporting aircraft operations or handling passengers.	108 GLH
Transferable Skills	NCFE Level 1 Award in Employability Skills (601/4680/1)	This qualification aims to develop and enhance skills required for the working environment and improve learners' confidence and communication skills in order to prepare them for employment or for a change in employment.	36 GLH
Total			144 GLH

144 GLH = 24 hours/week for 6 weeks

These are selected examples from our portfolio.

Find out more about our full range of Aviation & Travel & Tourism qualifications on our [sector page](#).





Supporting Workforce Need

This SWAP responds to recruitment demand across the aviation and airport operations sector, including customer-facing, operational and ground support roles. It supports the need for work-ready staff with an understanding of airport operations, customer service, health and safety, and security procedures within a highly regulated environment.

Progression

Participation in our SWAPs supports progression into employment by equipping learners with sector-specific skills, practical experience and direct access to recruitment opportunities.

Through pre-employment training, a structured work placement and a guaranteed interview or support with the employer's recruitment process, learners are well prepared to secure roles in the sector or progress into apprenticeships or further study, such as the [NCFE Level 2 Diploma in Aviation \(601/8996/4\)](#).

Further Information

For further information on SWAP delivery please visit the government's [Employer Guide](#).

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