What's changing?

We've made a number of changes to the structure of our V Cert qualifications in order to adhere to the Department for Education's technical guidance. This handy guide breaks down the changes so that you know what to expect when you transition to the new model from September 2022.

If you've taught our V Cert Technical Awards before, you'll notice that the new content feels familiar. We're pleased to say that you'll still receive the same level of support and guidance from our EQA and Provider Development teams, as well as receiving our free classroom packs which contain everything you need to start teaching a V Cert!

Structure & qualification content

→ Each V Cert is made up of just one unit, broken down into a number of individual content areas.

→ V Certs are all 120 Delivering Hours, with additional time for the Assessments to take place.

→ The Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) is an externally set, internally marked and externally moderated synoptic project, and counts towards 60% of the overall grade*.

→ The Examined Assessment (EA) is an externally set and externally marked examination, and counts towards 40% of the overall grade*.

→ All Technical Awards now have a terminal assessment rule, as stipulated by Ofqual and the Department for Education. This means that the External Examination must be taken at the end of the qualification, after the Non-Examined Assessment (synoptic project) has been completed.

→ The Non-Examined Assessment (synoptic project) and External Examination must both be taken in the final year of study.

→ All V Certs are Level 1/2, to recognise the achievements of all learners.

→ V Certs are graded at Level 1 Pass, Merit, Distinction and Level 2 Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction* (equivalent to GCSE grades 8.5–1).

Benefits

→ We designed our V Certs to mirror the structure of GCSEs, which allows them to fit in easily with the rest of your curriculum.

→ We have just one internal assessment and one external assessment, which are both taken in the final year of study. This relieves some of the burden on teachers, as you will only ever be managing one cohort's assessments at any one time.

→ V Certs count towards the Open Group of your Progress 8 measures.

Additional support

→ Free classroom packs containing ready-to-go teaching and learning materials.

→ Our Provider Development Team deliver regular, free teacher CPD to ensure you're able to teach the V Cert content with confidence.

Example of a typical V Cert delivery model

V Cert structure											
Year 1											
September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Delivery											
Year 2											
September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
NEA brief released	Delivery				NEA delivery			Examined assessment		Certification	

*Counts for 50% for Health & Social Care, and Child Development & Care in the Early Years