

Purpose statement

**NCFE Level 1 Award in Photography
QN: 601/3390/9**

Overview

This QCF qualification is aimed at individuals wishing to develop a basic understanding of photographic processes and basic photography skills.

Learners will understand how to use a camera correctly and safely to take photographs; they'll also be able to review the quality of their final images. Learners will also be aware of legal and ethical considerations relating to photography.

The objective of this qualification is to support the learner's progression into further learning in photography or other creative subject areas.

This qualification consists of the following mandatory units:

- Use a camera to capture creative images (J/505/9151)
- Digital image manipulation (L/505/9152)

Who is this qualification designed for?

This qualification is designed for adult learners, although it's suitable for a wide range of learners who wish to gain a basic understanding of photography.

This is an engaging qualification and suitable for learners with an interest in photography who are looking to return to learning or considering a change in career.

These may be learners who wish to access this qualification with a view to progress to further qualifications and eventually into employment or self-employment, or to complement other qualifications within apprenticeship frameworks in the creative sector.

There are no specific entry requirements for this qualification; however learners may find it helpful if they've already achieved an Entry Level 3 qualification in a similar or related area.

What could this qualification lead to?

The qualification can also support progression to further learning in the following areas:

- NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Photography
- City and Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Photography and Photo Imaging

Are there any larger or smaller versions of this qualification at the same Level, why should a learner take this one?

This is the only 6 credit Award at Level 1 aimed primarily at adult learners, who'll have the time and opportunity to develop their understanding and skills in the basics of photography.

Once learners have developed this knowledge they'll be able to progress onto more in-depth qualifications that introduce different types of photography. This qualification will help to develop the

learner's interest in photography and prepare them for progression onto further learning in this subject area.

Who supports the qualification?

This qualification is supported by the following providers, which are on the Register of Training Organisations whom have current contracts for delivery of provision:

- Adult Education Bexley
- New College Swindon
- Newcastle City Learning
- Rushmere College
- Truro College

Each centre has indicated that the NCFE Level 1 Award in Photography will support individuals into a qualification at a higher level and allow progression into employment.

The qualification is also supported by the Royal Photographic Society as a suitable programme for meeting the needs of learners and employers.