

Purpose statement

**NCFE Entry Level Award in Developing
Enterprise Skills (Entry 3)**

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1. Overview

This qualification provides learners with a basic introduction into the main principles of enterprise. Learners will research local enterprising people or entrepreneurs, and identify their own enterprise skills and areas for growth. They'll then apply these skills through taking part in a brief enterprise activity.

The objective of this knowledge-based qualification is to help learners develop an awareness of their own enterprise skills, as well as those of others, in order to progress to higher level learning and eventual employment. Learners may not be aware of the skills they already possess – this qualification will allow them to become aware of these skills in order to be enterprising within education, life and work.

The qualification consists of the following mandatory units:

- Introduction to enterprise skills (F/506/6308)
- Participate in an enterprise activity (J/506/6309)

The requirement for learners to complete the 2 mandatory units ensures they gain an understanding of their own enterprise skills, as well as the opportunity to apply and review their performance in order to improve in future.

Who is this qualification designed for?

This qualification is suitable for learners aged pre-16 and above.

The qualification is designed for those learners who want or need a basic introduction to enterprise and is suitable for all ages.

The focus on development of skills and knowledge at this level prepares learners for progression into higher level qualifications, particularly within the business and enterprise sector, developing the skills education providers and employers value within individuals.

There are no specific recommended prior learning requirements for this qualification. As this is a lower level qualification it's expected that learners would have no prior knowledge of enterprise.

2. What could this qualification lead to?

Learners who complete this qualification could use the skills and knowledge gained within employment, however at entry level it's expected that the main progression route would be into further learning.

Progression opportunities

The main expected progression route of this qualification is into further learning. Learners undertaking this qualification could progress into further and higher education, including Level 1 qualifications in the following areas:

- Investigating or Developing Enterprise Skills
- Business Administration
- Business Studies
- Customer Service

Learners may then go on to progress to higher level qualifications, depending on their educational aspirations.

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

This qualification is the larger in a suite of 2, designed to introduce learners to the concept of enterprise and start to identify and develop their own enterprise skills.

Learners would choose to take this qualification in order to identify, apply, review and develop their enterprise skills, whereas the smaller qualification focuses solely on skills identification.

Learners who've completed the smaller qualification – the NCFE Entry Level Award in Investigating Enterprise Skills (Entry 3) - need only to complete Unit 02 as the qualifications are nested. This allows clear progression with no need to repeat learning.

NCFE is a market leader, having offered the first regulated qualification designed to allow learners to develop their own enterprise skills and capabilities, since 2006.

3. Who supports the qualification?

The qualification is supported by providers listed on the Register of Training Organisations who have current contracts for delivery across a range of provision and specifically within the Preparation for Life and Work sector. For further information please contact NCFE on 0191 239 8000.