



# Purpose Statement

**NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Art and Design  
QN: 500/8988/2**

## Who is this qualification for?

The Level 2 Certificate in Art and Design (500/8988/2) is designed to develop the learner's understanding of art and design concepts and materials.

It will provide the learner with underpinning knowledge and the opportunity to develop skills in art and design techniques.

The learner will extend their knowledge and understanding of the design process and the health and safety issues within art and design.

This qualification was developed in partnership with industry experts within the art and design sector and will provide you with a nationally recognised qualification in art and design.

## Age restrictions

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

Entry is at the discretion of the centre.

## Entry requirements

You don't need to have any specific prior learning requirements to take this qualification but you may find it helpful if you've already achieved a level 1 qualification in the creative arts and design sector.

## Qualification content

During this qualification you'll develop your analytical and research skills, be able to develop ideas and learning through the design process, and evaluate your own work.

## Mandatory units

This qualification consists of **3** mandatory units:

- Unit 01 Investigate sources of ideas in art and design (3 credits)
- Unit 02 Explore the use of art and design materials, techniques and visual language (5 credits)
- Unit 03 Produce final art and design work (6 credits)

You'll plan and prepare for the production of your final work, using your developed ideas. You'll then produce this work using materials and techniques competently and using visual language effectively. On completion of your work you'll evaluate it in the context of what you have learnt and how your ideas have developed.

## Optional units

To support the knowledge and skills gained in the mandatory units you'll choose **2** optional units:

- Unit 04 Working in the art and design industry (5 credits)
- Unit 05 Building an art and design portfolio (5 credits)

- Unit 06 3D visual communication (5 credits)
- Unit 07 2D visual communication (5 credits)

The units give you the opportunity to gain an insight into working in the industry and to build your portfolio with 2D and 3D visual communication.

### **What type of qualification is this?**

This is a vocational competence-based qualification with 150 guided learning hours. During this time you can expect to be involved in formal learning activities, which could include classes and tutorials, supervised practical work in the workplace, and assessment where an Assessor is present. The remaining time required to complete this qualification will be spent undertaking practical work to develop your skills, knowledge and understanding of art and design.

100 per cent of this qualification focuses on the development of your skills and knowledge to support your progression within art and design.

### **Is this qualification part of an Apprenticeship?**

This qualification is **not** part of an Apprenticeship.

### **Progression opportunities**

Successful completion of this qualification will support your progression onto the next level of vocational learning:

- NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Creative Craft (Art and Design)
- NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media (Graphic Design)
- NCFE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media (Animation)
- NCFE Level 3 Certificate in Photography
- NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Photography

You may also go on to study qualifications in related areas depending on your current skills.

### **Similar qualifications**

We offer a number of other qualifications at Level 2 as part of our adult-based offering:

- NCFE Level 2 Award in Creative Craft (Art and Design)
- NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Creative Craft (Art and Design)

These qualifications focus on craft skills with art and design options only.

This qualification develops understanding in the use of visual language and the formal concepts of art and design as well as skills development in this area. It will develop the necessary underpinning knowledge and skills to support your progression to learning at the next level within the creative arts and design sector.

### **Further information**

For further information about the NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Art and Design (500/8988/2), please see the support materials tab on the qualification page on the NCFE website.