

# Qualification factsheet

## Qualification overview

<b>Qualification title</b>	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice for Pharmacy Technicians		
<b>Qualification number (QN)</b>	603/5447/1		
<b>Total qualification time (TQT):</b>	1320	<b>Guided learning hours (GL)</b>	785
<b>UCAS</b>	This qualification has been allocated UCAS points. Please refer to the UCAS website for further details of the points allocation and the most up-to-date information.		
<b>Entry requirements:</b>	<p>Learners must be 16 or over and must be able to meet the following entry requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specified English language requirements (GCSE English at Grade C/Level 4, Scottish National 5 or above, or equivalent English language evidence)</li> <li>• specified numeracy requirements (GCSE Maths at Grade C/Level 4, Scottish National 5 or above, or equivalent evidence of numeracy)</li> <li>• the ability to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of science suitable for entry to the course, for example, GCSE Science at Grade C/Level 4, Scottish National 5 or equivalent</li> <li>• other academic requirements or experience equivalent to national Level 2 or above</li> <li>• good character checks</li> <li>• appropriate health checks</li> </ul> <p>Please note, there are additional approval and external quality assurance requirements for centres delivering this qualification which can be found in the approvals area of our website.</p>		

## About this qualification

This qualification has been designed to confirm occupational competence for Pharmacy Technicians working in a variety of pharmacy settings. Pharmacy Technicians manage the supply of medicines and devices in a pharmacy, and assist Pharmacists with advisory services.

The qualification focuses on the study of the supplying and assembling of medicines and providing information to patients and other healthcare professionals within a pharmacy setting.

This qualification meets the requirements of the pharmacy regulator (the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)) and meets employer need in England and Wales. On completion of this qualification learners will be able to register with the GPhC as a Pharmacy Technician.

Please note this qualification is not eligible for direct claims status (DCS). Please speak to your External Quality Assurer (EQA) for more information.

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 or over who can meet the entry requirements and want to qualify as a Pharmacy Technician.

#### Learners in England

This qualification does not feature in the Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Standard in England, so is not suitable for apprenticeship learners.

#### Learners in Wales

This qualification will be included in the following Welsh Apprenticeship Framework: Health (Pharmacy Services).

## Qualification structure

This qualification consists of 21 mandatory units.

### Mandatory units

F/617/9282 Principles of person-centred approaches for Pharmacy Technicians
J/617/9283 Principles of health and safety for Pharmacy Technicians
L/617/9284 Personal development for Pharmacy Technicians
R/617/9285 Principles of health promotion and wellbeing in pharmacy services
Y/617/9286 Contribute to service improvement in the delivery of pharmacy services
K/617/9289 Principles for the management of pharmaceutical stock
T/617/9294 Undertake medicines reconciliation and supply
A/617/9295 Assemble and check dispensed medicines and products
F/617/9332 Receive, validate and issue prescriptions
J/617/9333 Chemical principles for Pharmacy Technicians
L/617/9334 Biological principles for Pharmacy Technicians
R/617/9335 Medicinal and non-medicinal treatments for gastrointestinal and nutritional conditions
Y/617/9336 Medicinal treatments for cardio-respiratory conditions
D/617/9337 Medicinal and non-medicinal treatments for malignant diseases and musculoskeletal conditions
H/617/9338 Microbiology for Pharmacy Technicians
K/617/9339 Actions and uses of medicines
D/617/9340 Medicinal and non-medicinal treatments for central nervous system conditions
K/617/9342 Medicinal methods for the prevention, protection from and treatments of infections
M/617/9343 Medicinal treatments for endocrine, gynaecological and genitourinary conditions
T/617/9344 Medicinal treatments for sensory organ conditions
F/617/9380 Principles of safe manufacture of quality medicines in the pharmaceutical environment

## Assessment

The qualification is internally assessed through a portfolio of evidence. Two sample assessments have been provided to support the delivery and assessment of units 07 and 08.

## **Placement requirements**

This qualification requires learners to be working in a pharmacy environment, or to have secured a placement as a pre-registration trainee Pharmacy Technician, supervised by a designated educational supervisor who is a registered pharmacy professional.

## **Progression opportunities**

Learners who achieve this qualification, and the requirements of the pharmacy regulator, will be able to apply for professional registration as a Pharmacy Technician. In the longer term, learners can progress to more senior or complex job roles in pharmacy or the healthcare sector.



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