

Purpose Statement

ABC Level 2 Certificate in Manufacturing Textile Products (NVQ) (501/0173/0)

ABC Awards is at the forefront of qualification developments within the fashion and textiles sector and has a suite of vocational qualifications from Level 1 to Level 4 which allow you to develop the skills that employers are looking for. Aspects that are covered range from pattern and grading technology, tailoring, garment technology, pattern production and so much more. By undertaking the ABC Level 2 Certificate in Manufacturing Textile Products, you have the opportunity to gain an understanding and appreciation of the skills required to work in this exciting and fast paced industry, along with the knowledge and experience to excel.

ABC Awards is the leading Awarding Organisation for fashion and textiles work-based vocational qualifications.

Overview

The **ABC Level 2 Certificate in Manufacturing Textile Products (NVQ) (501/0173/0)** is a work-based qualification designed for adults and young people (16 and above) who have an interest in the apparel and textiles sector and are looking to develop technical and practical work-related skills that businesses need. The qualification offers you, the learner the opportunity to demonstrate competence of industrial performance, knowledge and understanding at level 2.

Benefits for employees

Undertaking this qualification allows you to:

- undertake a flexible vocational learning route into a wide variety of job roles within the textile industry and into higher levels of training and education
- develop your knowledge in the manufacturing of textile products
- develop your skills in the manufacturing of textile products
- develop your own personal growth and engagement in learning
- demonstrate the achievement of skills, knowledge and understanding needed to carry out a particular role and work in a the field of manufacturing textile products
- achieve a nationally recognised Level 2 qualification that is vocationally focused.

Who is this qualification for?

The Level 2 Certificate in Manufacturing Textile Products has been designed in collaboration with the sector skills council for the creative industries and through them in collaboration with representatives of the apparel and textile industry. It is based on the National Occupational Standards developed by the industry and for the industry, to support their training needs.

This qualification is suitable for you if you are a mature, semi-experienced employee. By completing this stand-alone competency based qualification, it will ensure recognition of your industrial experience and skills at Operative, Level 2.

As an existing employee, your employer may also use the qualification to upskill you and address any skills gaps they may have within their businesses, ensuring that processes and technological practices are up-to-date and their skills base remains world class.

The apparel and textile workforce has an ageing demographic and as a result in order to attract young individuals into the industry an Apprenticeship framework was developed – Intermediate Fashion and Textile Apprenticeship Framework (Textiles). The Level 2 Certificate in Manufacturing Textile Products was included within the Apprenticeship framework, along with the Level 2 Certificate in Apparel, Footwear, Leather or Textile Production knowledge qualification. Both components of the framework form the foundation of work-based learning for any future career developments within the bespoke tailoring sector.

Taking the qualification within an Apprenticeship is for you if you are new to the sector or are looking to develop within the Apparel/Fashion and Textile industry, producing textiles.

The qualification is 100 percent vocational learning that relates to the competences needed to work in the manufacturing textile products sector, at Level 2.

You will most likely be working in some capacity as one of the following job roles in order to complete this qualification:

- sewing machinists
- textile operative
- linker
- quality assurance assistant
- product tester

What does the qualification cover?

Mandatory Units

You will cover health, safety and security at work and develop skills to maintain the quality of production working with textiles, leather and materials.

The additional choice of topics from the optional units (minimum of three) will support you to develop skills and confirm competence in your particular job role.

Optional Units

- **Maintaining the work area for manufacturing textiles products** - looking after tools and equipment and keeping the work area clean and tidy
- **Maintain textiles machinery and equipment** - basic day to day maintenance of production machinery and equipment and identification of faults and problems
- **Carry out quality control procedures during textile production** - monitor quality by means of regular checks; make recommendations for remedial action to return production to the required quality

- **Prepare for textile processing (operations)** - gathering resources and ensuring equipment is in good working order
- **Produce textile products** - putting together the various components of the products using different products
- **Carry out manual textile operations** – pre and post production checks on materials and components
- **Control the efficiency of textile production** - preparing for work operations, gathering resources and ensuring equipment is in good working order and monitoring the production process
- **Receive, store and organise materials for processing**
- **Package manufactured products**

You do not need a formal qualification for entry onto the Level 2 Certificate in Manufacturing Textile Products (NVQ) but an example of qualifications that may provide you with a useful grounding include:

- ABC Awards Level 1 Award/Certificate or Diploma in Fashion and Textiles
- GCSE in Design and Technology: Textile Technology
- Edexcel BTEC level 1 Textiles qualifications, or alternative Level 1 provision

Alternatively voluntary or unpaid employment in a fashion and textiles role could provide you with a useful entry onto this qualification. However, to commence the qualification you must be in work.

The delivery and assessment of the qualification will take place in your workplace. You will produce a portfolio of evidence for example; observations, witness statements, photographs and products produced.

What could this qualification lead to?

Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?

The **ABC Level 2 Certificate in Manufacturing Textile Products (NVQ) (501/0173/0)** provides you with the practically developed skills that textile manufacturing businesses need, enabling you to possibly progress into the following higher level job roles:

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| • textile team leader | • quality supervisor |
| • textile dyeing technician/technologist | • textile colour technologist and designer |
| • analytical textile technologist | |

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

After you complete the **ABC Level 2 Certificate in Manufacturing Textile Products NVQ**, there are a variety of learning opportunities at the next level open to you:

- Intermediate Apprenticeship in Fashion and Textiles
- ABC Level 3 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Fashion and Textiles
- ABC Level 3 Diploma in Textile Design and Manufacture (600/0088/0)

- Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Manufacturing Textile Products (600/0257/8)
- Advanced Apprenticeship in Fashion and Textiles (Textiles) or onto an alternative, related qualification:

With further learning/training you could progress onto Level 4 provision: Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas / Certificates, BA Honours Degrees and related professional courses. Examples include:

- Bsc (Hons) Textile Technology or for a more vocational route
- ABC Higher Level Apprenticeship in Technical Textiles (employers such as ASOS, Johnsons Apparel master, New Look, George at Asda, Matalan, Next, Courtalds, Sainsbury's are engaged amongst other leading retailers and textile manufacturers).

Who supports the qualification?

Industry

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British Lace Federation • Fashion Enter • Holmfirth Dyers Ltd • ISPL • Richards Designs • SDC Enterprises Ltd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skopos Design Ltd • Spectrum Yarns Ltd • Westwood Yarns Ltd • WT Johnson & Sons |
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Further Information

Further information on the qualification can be found at:

<http://www.abcawards.co.uk>