

Purpose Statement

ABC Level 3 Diploma in Apparel, Footwear or Leather Production (501/0088/9)

ABC Awards is at the forefront of developments within the fashion and textiles sector and has a suite of vocational qualifications from Level 1 to Level 4 which reflect the skills that employers and providers 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 3 Diploma in Apparel, Footwear or Leather Production 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.

Overview

The ABC Level 3 Diploma in Apparel, Footwear or Leather Production is a knowledge based qualification for adults and young people (16+) who require an opportunity through educational and vocational means, to provide the currency to enter further qualifications and enhance career progression.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is designed for those of you who are working, or want to work, in the fashion and textile industry producing apparel, footwear or leather goods. It provides you with the opportunity to practically develop your work-based industry specific knowledge at Level 3.

The ABC Level 3 Diploma in Apparel, Footwear or Leather Production was included within the Apprenticeship framework. Along with a relevant competence qualification, both components of the framework form the basis of work-based learning for any future career developments within the industry.

Taking the qualification within an Apprenticeship is for you if you are new to the sector or are looking to develop footwear and leather work-related skills and knowledge.

This qualification is suitable for you if you are a mature, semi-experienced employee. By completing this qualification outside of an apprenticeship, it will ensure recognition of your industrial knowledge at Level 3. 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.

You do not need a formal qualification for entry onto the Level 3 Certificate in Apparel Manufacturing Technology (NVQ). However, it would be advisable for you to have some prior knowledge of the industry. For example:

Qualifications that have been achieved through college based learning include:

- ABC Level 2 Certificate/Diploma in Fashion and Textiles

- GCSE in Design and Technology: Textiles Technology
- Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Fashion / Textiles qualifications

Qualifications that have been achieved through work-based learning include:

- ABC Awards Level 2 Certificate in Manufacturing Sewn Products
- ABC Awards Level 2 Certificate in Apparel, Footwear, Leather or Textile Production(500/6576/2)
- Intermediate Apprenticeship in Fashion and Textiles (Apparel)

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.

What does this qualification cover?

This 46 credit qualification has four mandatory units: two 7 credit units, two 8 credit units and one 9 credit unit. The remaining credit is achieved through the optional pathways from a choice of 7-9 credit units and one 11 unit. The qualification is 100% vocational learning that supports progression.

You will cover aspects of managing health and safety and employment rights and responsibilities, managing quality standards, managing own working relationships, manufacturing techniques involved in garment production and associated materials.

The flexible structure of this qualification enables you the opportunity to tailor your learning to support your technical knowledge and skills development in your particular career choice, for example:

- Apparel
- Footwear
- Leather
- Tailoring

Covering the following aspects within the apparel, footwear or leather industries:

- production management
- aspects of design
- professional practice
- buying (import/export)
- supervisory management
- information management

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 which level?

Successful completion of the Level 3 Diploma in Apparel, Footwear or Leather Production will not lead directly into employment but may assist entry into the Advance Apprenticeship in Fashion and Textiles as this qualification is the

knowledge component. Career developments into the following job roles may be possible:

- Dressmaker
- Garment technologist
- Pattern grader
- Sample machinist
- Leather goods designer
- Footwear designer
- Bespoke footwear technician
- Handcraft tailor
- Tannery process supervisor
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With further training the following career progression roles to the next level may be possible:

- Technical Manager (Production)
- Design Room Manager
- Project Scientist
- Textile designer
- Textile quality controller
- Project scientist
- Fabric technologist
- New product development manager
- Fashion designer

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

Successful achievement of the ABC Level 3 Diploma in Apparel, Footwear or Leather Production provides you with a sound preparation for further vocational training in either apprenticeships or potentially other forms of further/higher education e.g.

Work-based learning

- Advanced Apprenticeship in Fashion and Textiles
 - ABC Level 3 Certificate in Footwear and Leather (NVQ)
 - ABC Level 3 Diploma in Bespoke Cutting and Tailoring (NVQ)
 - ABC Level 3 Certificate in Apparel Manufacturing Technology (NVQ)
- Technical higher level apprenticeship:
 - Technical textiles or
 - Product development and sourcing

Higher Education progression

- Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas / Certificates or BA Honours Degrees. An example of progression could be:
 - BA (Hons) in Clothing Design Technology
 - BSc(Hons) in Leather Technology
 - Foundation Degree in Footwear
 - BA (Hons) Bespoke Tailoring

Who supports this qualification?

Further and Higher Education

Further Education Colleges offering higher level provision who support and offer this qualification can be found on our website.

Further Information

Further information on the qualification can be found at <http://www.abcawards.co.uk>