

## Purpose Statement

### **ABC Level 3 Certificate in Apparel Manufacturing Technology (NVQ) (500/5454/5)**

#### **Overview**

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 will allow you to develop the skills that employers are looking for. The majority of fashion and textiles companies now manufacture overseas, with a technical base in the UK focusing on design, pattern production and sampling. This qualification reflects the technical skills needed within these areas and is designed to provide you with the opportunity to enhance your work-based competence, as well as develop industry specific knowledge, ensuring your skills are recognised and valued throughout the sector.

This competence qualification is designed for those of you (16+) who are garment technologists, pattern and grading technologists, sample technicians, handcraft garment makers, and individuals whose role is expanding into new technical and managerial areas.

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

#### **Benefits for employees**

Undertaking this qualification allows you to:

- undertake a flexible vocational learning route into a variety of job roles within the apparel manufacturing industry and into higher levels of training and education
- develop your pattern and garment production knowledge and skills
- develop your own personal growth and engagement in learning
- demonstrate the achievement of competence, knowledge and understanding needed to carry out a particular role and work in the field of apparel manufacturing
- achieve a nationally recognised Level 3 qualification that is vocationally focused.

#### **Who is this qualification for?**

The Level 3 Certificate in Apparel Manufacturing Technology has been designed in collaboration with the sector skills council for the creative industries and through them in collaboration with sector representatives. It is based on the National Occupational Standards developed by the industry and for the industry, to support their training needs. The qualification is unique as it is the only competence qualification for Apparel Manufacturing Technology nationally regulated, at level 3.

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

The apparel manufacturing workforce has an ageing demographic and as a result in order to attract young individuals into the industry an Apprenticeship framework was developed - Advanced Apprenticeship in Fashion and Textiles. This qualification Level 3 Certificate was included within the Apprenticeship framework, along with the Level 3 Diploma in Apparel, Footwear or Leather Production (501/0088/9) knowledge qualification. Both components of the framework form the foundation of work-based learning for any future career developments within apparel manufacturing.

Taking this qualification within an Apprenticeship is for you if you are new to the sector or looking to develop apparel manufacturing work related skills.

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 the qualification cover?**

You will cover aspects of health, safety and security at work, maintaining the work area for manufacturing sewn products and the quality of production working with textiles, leather and materials.

The additional choice of topics from one pathway of the optional units will support you to develop skills and confirm competence in your particular job role/career choice as a:

- **Garment Technologist** - identify and agree the construction of garments to be produced, create and maintain technical documents, investigate markets,

materials and styles, use of CAD/CAM in design concepts and pattern production

- **Pattern and Grading Technologist** - assessing customer requirements and taking measurements, transferring product patterns into CAD systems, producing block and graded patterns, producing prototype patterns and assessing for fit and make up apparel products from patterns.
- **Handcraft Garment Maker** - illustrating fashion design concepts using CAD, using CAD systems to produce patterns, pattern grading and lay planning, completing garment to customer requirements and make up and assembling apparel samples.
- **Sample Technologist** - planning apparel production schedules, producing lifecycle management using a CAD system, solving quality issues for sample apparel production and providing technical feedback on sample garments.

This 33 credit qualification has one 3 credit unit and the remaining units being 5 credits each. The qualification is 100% vocational learning that relates to the competences needed to work in the apparel manufacturing sector, at Level 3.

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 3 Certificate in Apparel Manufacturing Technology (NVQ) qualification provides you with the practical competence that this industry requires, enabling you to possibly progress into the following examples of job roles:

- Technical Manager (Production)
- Design Room Manager
- Project Scientist
- Textile Quality Controller

#### **Will the qualification lead to further learning?**

After you complete the ABC Level 3 Diploma in Bespoke Cutting and Tailoring (NVQ), there are a variety of learning opportunities at the next level open to you:

#### **Further work-based learning**

- 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.

### **Who supports the qualification?**

#### **Industry**

- UK Fashion & Textiles Association

#### **Further Information**

Further information on the qualification can be found at

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