

Purpose Statement

ABC Awards Level 1 Award in Fashion and Textiles (500/4308/0)

Overview

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 in learners and employees. Aspects that are covered range from pattern and grading technology, tailoring, garment technology, pattern production and so much more. You the learner have the opportunity to gain an understanding and appreciations of the skills required to work in this exciting and fast paced industry, along with the knowledge and experience to excel.

The introductory ABC Level 1 Award in Fashion and Textiles qualification has been developed with the primary aim of enabling you to acquire the depth of skills and underpinning knowledge to support progression into further education/training or employment within the fashion and textile Industries. Aspects that are covered range from pattern and garment construction, using industrial sewing equipment.

Benefits for learners

Undertaking this qualification allows you to:

- undertake a flexible vocational learning route into a wide variety of job roles within the fashion and textiles industry and into higher levels of training and education
- develop knowledge related to the fashion and textiles industries
- develop skills in fashion and textiles
- develop your own personal growth and engagement in learning
- achieve a nationally recognised Level 1 qualification that is vocationally focused

Who is this qualification for?

The ABC Level 1 Award in Fashion and Textiles enable 14+ learners to access bite sized vocationally relevant programmes of accredited learning.

There are no formal qualification requirements for entry onto the Level 1 Award in Fashion and Textiles.

What does this qualification cover?

You will cover aspects of:

- Design principles in the fashion and textiles industry
- Soft furnishing
- Surface patterning
- Garment construction (Industrial)
- Pattern construction
- Garment construction (Craft)
- Upholstery
- Soft toy making
- Industrial sewing operations
- Inspection of finished sewn products
- Using industrial sewing machinery
- Fabric inspection
- Fabric laying
- Principles of fabric cutting

- Hand pressing of sewn products
- Introduction to finishing procedures for sewn products
- Quality control of a sewn product
- Industrial apparel machine maintenance
- Health and safety in a workshop

This 12 credit qualification has a selection of units ranging from 3 credits, 4 credits, 6 credits, 9 credits and a 10 credit unit. All are vocational and relate to the sector in the title. This qualification is 100% vocational in its content.

The Award provides you, who especially have limited qualifications in this area, to make bite sized developmental progression at Level 1. The qualification offers you a flexible bank of units that can be tailored into specialised learning packages in areas of interest that deliver an introduction to particular sectors within the fashion and textiles sector (at Level 1) and providing an overview of potential occupations and job roles.

The content of the qualification will support you to develop and expand your fashion and textiles skills, knowledge and understanding, at level 1.

In addition this qualification as part of the Award/Certificate/Diploma Fashion and Textiles suite which are utilised and defined as pre-Apprenticeship qualifications for entry onto the Intermediate Apprenticeship in Fashion and Textiles.

You will produce a portfolio of evidence for example; observations, witness statements, group discussion observation sheets, case studies, reports/notes.

What could this qualification lead to?

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

The development of your knowledge, understanding and skills through tailored learning within the Level 1 Award in Fashion and Textiles enables you as an individual to enter into employment and in conjunction with further learning (e.g. an Apprenticeship) work at Level 2 in the following roles:

- Cloth Cutter
- Sewing Machinist
- Tape Sealer
- Hand Presser
- Quality Control Inspector
- Clothing Presser
- Dressmaker
- Clothing Sewing Machinist
- Leather Craftworker
- Leather goods Service Operative
- Cutter
- Pattern Cutter
- Product Tester
- Textile operative
- Sewing Machinist
- Knitter
- Product Tester
- Footwear Manufacturing Operative
- Footwear Service Operative
- Leather Tanner
- Leather Trimmer/Finisher

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

Successful achievement of the ABC Level 1 Award in Fashion and Textiles provides an introduction and a stepping stone to further specific training and skills development in either apprenticeships or other forms of further education.

Further Education

- ABC Awards Level 1 Certificate/Diploma in Fashion and Textiles
- ABC Awards Level 2 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Fashion and Textiles
- ABC Awards Level 2 Certificate in Apparel, Footwear, Leather or Textile Production

Work-Based Learning

- ABC Awards Level 2 Certificate in Manufacturing Textile Products
- ABC Awards Level 2 Certificate in Manufacturing Sewn Products
- ABC Awards Level 2 Certificate in Footwear and Leather
- Intermediate Apprenticeship in Fashion and Textiles

If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification at the same Level, why should a learner take this particular one?

This qualification is part of the Fashion and Textiles suite (Award/Certificate/Diploma) and is designed to provide you with the opportunity for incremental learning. The different size qualifications add depth and breadth to the specialism being studied without duplicating the learning covered by each qualification.

The suite is designed to be flexible, allowing you to choose units that best fit your individual circumstances and level of achievement, whilst at the same time ensuring that essential areas of knowledge and skills for progression are covered. The larger sized Certificate (24 credits – potentially an additional minimum 2 units depending upon unit selection) allows you to develop across a broader area dependent on your specific needs. This larger size of qualification within the suite provides you with the opportunities to add further units at a later stage, as a progression route to another size or level of qualification (e.g. Level 1 Diploma in Fashion and Textiles or for progression to other qualifications.

The addition of extra units supports the transfer across specialist sectors within the fashion and textiles industries.

Who supports this qualification?

Further and Higher Education

Further Education Colleges and Training Providers who support and offer this qualification can be found on our website.

Further information on the qualification can be found at

The Certificate is offered at a range of colleges and training centres so to find out if this qualification is offered near where you live please access:

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