

## Purpose Statement

### **ABC Level 5 Diploma in Bespoke Tailoring (601/8252/0)**

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 5 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 5 Diploma in Bespoke Tailoring, 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**

This qualification is developed with The Savile Row Bespoke Association, a group of prestigious employers from the bespoke garment production industry in London. The primary purpose of the design of this qualification is to meet the requirements of the Bespoke Tailoring Trailblazer Apprenticeship Standards.

The qualification provides the opportunity to develop and demonstrate highly skilled cutter and/or tailoring techniques and workmanship, with speed, accuracy, precision and consistency to ensure the bespoke garment meets the exacting standards of both the customer and workplace, which could promote career opportunities within the bespoke and luxury garment market.

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

This qualification has been designed to support those who would like to learn and be able to highly demonstrate skills cutter and/or tailoring techniques and workmanship which could promote career opportunities within the bespoke and luxury garment market.

This qualification is designed for you (18+) who should have completed a recognised Level 2 maths and English qualification. You must be proficient in tailoring, garment making and cutting skills equivalent to a Level 3. Many learners may have already achieved qualifications within the Tailoring or Cutting pathways of the Advanced Apprenticeship. If you have not yet achieved a Level 3 qualification, the centre you select must be sure that you have sufficient skills and previous knowledge within tailoring and cutting to successfully work towards the Level 5 qualification.

It is advised that you should seek appropriate advice and guidance on the suitability of the qualification level before embarking on a course of study.

ABC expects approved centres to recruit with integrity on the basis of a learner's ability to contribute to and successfully complete all the requirements of a unit(s) or the full qualification

### **What does the qualification cover?**

This 50 credit qualification has one mandatory unit: 16 credits and two optional pathways; Cutting a single 34 credit unit or Tailoring a single 36 credit unit.

The objective of this qualification is to help you on the acquisition of Bespoke tailoring skills/competence, knowledge and understanding, at Level 5 that is needed within bespoke tailoring industry and luxury garment making, including; bespoke garment manufacture and pattern construction. The qualification requires you to demonstrate these high level skills with speed, accuracy, precision and consistency.

You will cover aspects of:

Mandatory Unit:

**Bespoke Garment Production** – you will acquire and demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the cultural heritage of bespoke garment production and carry out analysis and evaluation of the bespoke tailoring industry, different textile brands and European standards. You will also recognise and implement a high standard of customer service through understanding the importance of communication within the business and throughout the production of a bespoke garment, demonstrating appropriate use of equipment and materials whilst displaying safe working practices.

Optional Units:

Cutting Pathway

**Cutting Practices and Processes for Bespoke Garments** – you will develop and demonstrate the skills and behaviours required to carry out cutting practices and processes for the construction of bespoke garments. You will build: effective customer relations through understanding how to identify and respond to customer requirements, working closely with a Tailor; be able to prepare and cut component parts of a bespoke garment and follow company systems when organising purchasing of materials whilst implementing the stock control process.

Tailoring Pathway

**Tailoring a Bespoke Garment** – you will develop and demonstrate the skills, knowledge and behaviours required for the construction of a bespoke garment, ensuring precision, speed and accuracy is achieved. Through following the disciplined processes of bespoke production the garment you produce should show a high level of hand stitching, finishing and pressing. You will also demonstrate your understanding of making amendments to garments meeting the customer specifications and following the company systems.

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 what level?**

The Level 5 Diploma in Bespoke Tailoring provides you with the practical skills and knowledge needed to work as a highly-skilled tailor and/or cutter within the bespoke/luxury garment production industry.

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

Successful completion of the Level 5 Diploma in Bespoke Tailoring provides you with a sound preparation for progression onto Higher Education, such as:

- Degrees: Bespoke Tailoring

Or more vocational horizontal route:

- Bespoke Tailoring Apprenticeship Standards – undertaking the end point assessment which is required for full achievement.

### **WHO SUPPORTS THE QUALIFICATION?**

#### **Industry**

- **Savile Row Bespoke:** the professional association which is dedicated to protecting and promoting the practices and traditions that have made Savile Row the acknowledged home of the best bespoke tailoring and a byword for unequalled quality around the world.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information on the qualification can be found at

<http://www.abcawards.co.uk/Fashion and Textiles/L5 Diploma in Bespoke Tailoring>