



# Purpose Statement

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## SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Bespoke Cutting and Tailoring (NVQ) – C00/0233/3

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### Overview

Skills and Education Group Awards is the leading Awarding Organisation for Sewing and Textiles and Footwear and Leather vocational qualifications. UKFT supports all these qualifications as providing the skills required for this industry.

The SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Bespoke Cutting and Tailoring (NVQ) is a work-based qualification designed for adults and young people (16 and above) who have an interest in the high-end bespoke tailoring industry. The qualification offers you, the learner the opportunity to demonstrate competence of industrial performance, knowledge and understanding at Level 3. The development of such technical skills and knowledge, will help improve your performance at work and increase future employment prospects in the bespoke tailoring sector.

### Benefits for employees

Undertaking this qualification allows you to:

- undertake a flexible vocational learning route into a variety of job roles within the bespoke tailoring industry and into higher levels of training and education
- develop your technical tailoring knowledge
- develop your skills in cutting or tailoring bespoke garments
- 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 high-end bespoke tailoring
- achieve a nationally recognised Level 3 qualification that is vocationally focused.

### Who is this qualification for?

The SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Bespoke Cutting and Tailoring (NVQ) has been designed in collaboration with the sector skills council for the creative industries and through them in collaboration with representatives of the high-end bespoke tailoring industry. 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 high-end tailoring 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 high-end bespoke tailoring 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 (Tailoring). The SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Bespoke Cutting and Tailoring (NVQ) was included within the Apprenticeship framework, along with the SEG Awards 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 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 tailoring work-related skills.

The qualification is 100 percent vocational learning that relates to the competences needed to work in the bespoke tailoring sector, at Level 3. You will most likely to be working in some capacity as one of the following job roles in order to complete this qualification:

- Tailoring team leader / supervisor
- Tailoring technical salesperson
- Handcraft tailor

You do not need a formal qualification for entry onto the Level 3 Diploma in Bespoke Cutting and Tailoring (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:

- SEG Awards Level 2 Award/Certificate in Fashion and Textiles
- Edexcel BTEC Level 2 Fashion / Textiles qualifications
- GCSE in Design and Technology: Textiles Technology
- Higher Diploma in Manufacturing and Product Design

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

- SEG Awards Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Manufacturing Textile and Sewn Products
- SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in Fashion and Textiles Production



- 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.

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 does this qualification cover?**

You will cover all aspects of health, safety and security at work pertinent to a tailoring establishment.

The additional choice of topics from one pathway of the optional units (minimum of three) will support you to develop skills and confirm competence in your particular job role/career choice i.e., Cutting or Tailoring.

#### **Cutting Pathway**

- Prepare materials and trimmings for the cutting process
- Lay patterns, mark-in and cut cloth for bespoke tailoring
- Construct patterns for bespoke tailoring
- Carry out selling of bespoke tailored garments
- Make handcraft/bespoke trousers or skirt and waistcoat: basting, using hand and machine sewing skills and techniques

#### **Tailoring Pathway**

- Carry out selling of bespoke tailored garments
- Make handcraft/bespoke trousers or skirt and waistcoat: basting, using hand and machine sewing skills and techniques
- Make handcraft/bespoke trousers or skirts and waistcoat: adjustments and pockets – involving putting in leg linings, constructing pockets, adding facings, making pleats and godets and matching flared and biased seams
- Make handcraft/bespoke trousers or skirts and waistcoat: completion and finishing – involving inserting zips and button closures, closing side seams, putting on waist bands, closing trousers/skirts and waistcoats, final finishing and pressing
- Make handcraft/bespoke coat: baste making – involving preparing a baste, marking stitching, preparing a canvas, under canvassing and liaising with cutter, sewing in pockets, basting foreparts back onto canvas and cutting through for pockets
- Make handcraft/bespoke coat: forward making – involving putting the facings on, putting the fore-part linings in, putting the back in, making up sleeves and basting on undercollar



- Make handcraft/bespoke coat: finishing and pressing – involving finishing coat including buttonholes, edging stitching and lining and final pressing.

### **What could this qualification lead to?**

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

The SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Bespoke Cutting and Tailoring (NVQ) qualification provides you with the practical competences that high end tailoring businesses need, enabling you to possibly progress into the following higher level job roles:

- Self-employed Tailor
- Sales Manager (Apparel and Textiles Goods)
- Technical Manager (Production)
- New Product Development Manager
- Design Room Manager
- Research and Development Manager (Textiles and Apparel goods)

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

After you complete the SEG Awards 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
- Relevant Trade Associations and Professional Bodies sector specific training

##### **Higher Education progression**

- Foundation Degrees, Higher National Diplomas / Certificates or BA Honours Degrees. An example of progression could be: BA (Hons) in Bespoke Tailoring.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information on the qualifications can be found on the Skills and Education Group website.