

## **Purpose Statement**

# **SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Psychology – 610/4239/0**

## **Overview**

The SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Psychology aims to guide learners towards higher level Psychology study or careers related to the topics within the Diploma. The qualification explores the scientific study of mind and behaviour, to gain an understanding of how individuals think, feel, and behave in various situations.

The qualification covers:

- An introduction to scientific research methodology and ethical considerations
- An overview of the Biopsychological perspective, considering the biological, psychological, and social influences on mental processes and behaviour
- An exploration of Psychology subfields: Cognitive; Developmental; Social
- An overview of research methods, including the types and uses for data analysis
- An introduction of the application of psychological principles to real-world situations

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

The SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Psychology is designed for learners, **18 years of age and over**, who have an ambition to gain a foundation of knowledge and understanding of relevant theories, principles and methodologies associated with the study of Psychology.

Prospective learners are required to have the following qualifications prior to registering on the SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Psychology:

- GCE A Level or equivalent, or an appropriate school leavers certificate deemed by Skills and Education Group Awards to be of a similar level.

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

The SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Psychology covers:

- the historical foundations of Psychology as a Science
- theoretical perspectives of key areas in the study of Psychology
- connecting research methods that the Founding Fathers used to understand how the human body is connected to thinking, development from cradle to grave, and how we behave in a social world
- understanding psychological perspectives
- comparing and evaluating research findings
- connecting the work of psychologists
- understanding the mind and behaviour of humans

The key areas covered include:

- Foundations of Psychology as a Science
- Biological Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Research Methods

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

Learners who successfully achieve the SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Psychology may progress onto the SEG Awards Level 5 Diploma in Psychology - 610/4246/8.

The knowledge and skills gained will prepare learners to progress onto higher programmes of study in Psychology and related subjects, as well as provide an opportunity to explore a range of professions where an understanding of psychology is relevant.

Centres should be aware that Reasonable Adjustments, which may be permitted for assessment, may in some instances limit a learner's progression into the sector. Centres must, therefore, inform learners of any limits their learning difficulty may impose on future progression.

### **Further Information**

Further information on this qualification can be found on the Skills and Education Group Awards website.

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