

Purpose Statement

ABC Level 3 Certificate in Fashion and Textiles (500/4448/5)

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. This suite of qualifications have been designed and developed as a result of employer feedback identifying a demand for programmes of learning in particular specialist areas and the development of technical skills in specific occupational areas.

The flexible structure of the qualification enables you the opportunity to tailor your learning in areas that you are interested in. Aspects that are covered range from pattern and grading technology, tailoring, garment technology, pattern production, CAD lay planning and grading, garment production techniques and managing fashion product development and so much more. Learners undertaking ABC qualifications 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.

Overview

The suite of ABC Level 3 qualifications in Fashion and Textiles has been developed with the primary aim of enabling you to acquire the depth of advanced technical skills and knowledge through practical experience of certain fashion and textiles industrial processes, to support progression into further education/training or possibly employment, including Apprenticeships within the fashion and textiles industries, addressing the current skills gaps in the industry.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is designed for young people aged 16+ and adults who have an interest in the fashion and textiles sector as an occupational area of employment and want to develop advanced practical skills in this subject.

There are no specific qualification requirements for entry onto the Level 3 Diploma in Fashion and Textiles. However, to fully benefit from this qualification at level 3, learners may find it advisable to have some prior knowledge and understanding of fashion and textiles qualification examples could include:

Classroom based learning

- ABC Level 2 Award / Certificate or Diploma in Fashion and Textiles or equivalent, and/or industry experience, but this is not essential.

Or

work based learning:

- Intermediate Apprenticeship: Fashion and Textiles (Apparel)
 - Level 2 NVQ in Manufacturing Sewn Products
 - Level 2 Certificate in Apparel, Footwear, Leather or Textile Production

ABC would recommend that learners receive appropriate advice and guidance on the suitability of the qualification before embarking on any learning at level 3.

What does the qualification cover?

You will cover aspects of the following pathways:

- Pattern Technology
- Garment Technology
- Tailoring

Each pathway consists of a number of 4, 8 and 16 credit units. These units are made up of a combination of skills and knowledge. To achieve the Diploma you need to achieve 80 credits from a single pathway. There is an unendorsed pathway containing a number of 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 16 credit units. This flexible structure enables you to develop and expand your fashion and textiles skills and knowledge, tailored to your interests and requirements, providing you with an insight of potential occupations and job roles at level 3 within the industry.

Aspects covered within the qualification range from: manual lay planning and grading techniques, advanced pattern cutting technology, an introduction to garment technology processes and their review, garment production techniques and quality testing materials in the fashion industry, handcraft tailoring techniques, basic blocks and construction techniques.

This qualification is not available as part of an Apprenticeship.

What could this qualification lead to?

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

Horizontal progression onto an Advanced Fashion and Textiles Apprenticeship (Apparel) could lead to employment in the following roles:

- Pattern Cutters (Manual / CAD)
- Lay Planners (Manual / CAD)
- Garment Technologists
- Designers
- Sewing Machinists
- Tailors.

This qualification also prepares you for the next level in industry via vertical progression, for instance onto the Higher Apprenticeship in Fashion and Textiles:

Technical – Level 4, which could lead to employment in the following roles:

- New product development manager
- Research and development manager (Apparel and Textile Goods)
- Process engineer
- Quality Manager

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

Successful achievement of the ABC Level 3 Diploma in Fashion and Textiles provides you with a sound preparation for further specific vocational training in either apprenticeships or other forms of further education and training. For instance:

Classroom Based Learning

- HND in Pattern Cutting
- HND Diploma in Fashion and Textiles
- Level 4 Diploma in Garment Technology for Fashion Retail

Work based learning

- Advanced Apprenticeship: Fashion and Textiles (Apparel):
 - ABC Level 3 Certificate in Apparel Manufacturing Technology
 - ABC Level 3 Diploma in Apparel, Footwear or Leather Production
- Advanced Apprenticeship: Fashion and Textiles (Tailoring):
 - ABC Level 3 Diploma in Bespoke Cutting and Tailoring (NVQ)
 - ABC Level 3 Diploma in Apparel, Footwear or Leather Production
- Higher Apprenticeship in Fashion and Textiles: Technical
 - ABC Level 4 Diploma in Technical Textiles and Apparel

If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification or it is available at different skills levels, why should a student take this particular one?

The Level 3 Certificate in Fashion and Textiles is part of a larger suite of Fashion and Textiles qualifications: Level 3 Award/Certificate or Diploma in Fashion and Textiles.

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 Award sized smallest qualification in the suite is designed to introduce you to the technical skills, techniques and knowledge required at Level 3 and is suitable for those who are more comfortable with a bite sized approach. It is also suitable for those who wish to undertake personal development and attain updated knowledge and skills in order to upskill for employment/ promotion opportunities.

The addition of a minimum of 2 units to the bite sized Award, to complete the Certificate, allows you to develop across a broader area depending on your specific needs and interests, within a particular pathway. This qualification is suitable for those who wish to follow a short programme of study related to an aspect of employment that they wish to move into. From the Certificate sized qualification you are able to extend your programme of study and by adding additional credits to complete the Diploma.

The Diploma is suitable for those individuals who are committed and more motivated who are ready to make a longer-term commitment to their learning. This qualification has greater depth of technical skills and vocational knowledge.

Each qualification supports transfer across specialist sectors within the fashion and textiles industries. These qualifications are designed to provide the opportunities for incremental learning.

The different size qualifications add depth and breadth to the specialism being studied without duplicating the learning covered by each qualification

It is hoped that you will successfully complete this qualification and move forward with increased confidence into further training or employment.

Who supports the qualification?

- UK Fashion & Textiles Association (UKFT) – Sector Skills Body for the fashion and textiles industry.

Further Information

Further information on the qualification can be found at

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