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## SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in Footwear and Leather (NVQ) – 500/6572/5

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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 2 Certificate in Footwear and Leather (NVQ) is a work-based qualification designed for adults and young people (16+) who wish to enhance their performance at work and career progression, giving them currency to enter further qualifications.

The flexible nature of this qualification enables you to select a specific pathway e.g., footwear production; handcraft/bespoke/orthopaedic footwear production; footwear repair and associated services; saddlery; leathersgoods production and leather production. The qualification offers you, the learner the opportunity to demonstrate competence of industrial performance, knowledge and understanding at Level 2 for a specific role.

Aspects covered by this qualification include carrying out leather cutting operations, machinery footwear/ leathersgoods and examining footwear, right through to producing duplicate keys and servicing / repairing watches.

### Benefits for employees

Undertaking this qualification allows you to:

- undertake a flexible vocational learning route into a wide variety of job roles within the apparel industry and into higher levels of training and education
- develop knowledge related to the footwear and leather industries
- develop skills in footwear and leather
- develop their own personal growth and engagement in learning
- demonstrate the achievement of knowledge, skills and understanding needed to carry out a particular role and work in the field of footwear and leather
- achievement of a nationally recognised Level 2 qualification that is vocationally focused.



## Who is this qualification for?

The SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in Footwear and Leather (NVQ) has been designed in collaboration with the sector skills council for the creative industries and through them in collaboration with representatives of the industry. It is based on the National Occupational Standards developed by the industry and for the industry, to support their training needs.

Taking the qualification within the current Apprenticeship framework is for you, if you are new to the sector as it forms the foundation of work-based learning for any future career developments within the industry.

It is also suitable to be taken outside of the Apprenticeship framework, as a stand-alone qualification if you are a mature, semi-experienced employee. By completing this qualification, it will ensure recognition of your industrial experience and competency skills at Level 2.

Potential job roles that you could be operating in to complete this qualification are:

<b>Leather Goods</b>	<b>Footwear</b>	<b>Saddlery</b>	<b>Leather Production</b>
Quality Control Inspector	Quality Control Inspector	Society of Master Saddlers (SMS) Registered Trainee Saddler	Leather Tanner
Leather Craftworker	Leather Craftworker	Leather Craftworker	Leather Trimmer/ Finisher
Leather goods Service Operative	Footwear Manufacturing Operative	Saddlery Service Operative	
Cutter	Product Tester	Cutter	
Pattern Cutter	Footwear Service Operative	Pattern Cutter	
Product Tester		Sewing Machinist	

You do not need a formal qualification for entry onto the Level 2 Certificate in Footwear and Leather (NVQ). However, to fully benefit from this qualification at level 2, you may find it advisable to have some prior knowledge and understanding of fashion and textiles qualification examples could include:

- SEG Awards Level 1/2 Fashion and Textiles qualifications
- Foundation/Higher Diploma in Manufacturing and Product Design
- GCSE in Design and Technology: Textiles Technology
- SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in Fashion and Textiles Production



## What does this qualification cover?

You will cover aspects of health, safety and security at work along with maintaining the quality of production working with textiles, leather and materials.

The additional choice of topics from one pathway of the optional units will support you to develop skills and confirm competence in your particular job role/career choice, for example:

**Footwear and Leather (unendorsed pathway)** – maintaining work area, manufacture material to add value in leather production (chemical processing), carrying out leather cutting operations, carrying out repairs on footwear/leather goods / saddlery, machine sewing components to produce leather goods, carrying out: upper making, machining, lasting and associated operations, carrying out component moulding operations, carry out multiple shoe room operations, servicing and repairing watches, producing duplicate keys, carrying out engraving to meet customer requirements.

**Footwear production** - maintaining the work area for manufacturing sewn products, carrying out leather cutting operations, carrying out multiple operations in footwear manufacture, carrying out multiple operations in orthopaedic / bespoke footwear manufacture, and carrying out lasting, making and associated operations for orthopaedic / bespoke footwear.

**Handcraft/Bespoke/Orthopaedic Footwear Production** – maintaining the work area, carrying out leather cutting operations, carrying out multiple operations in: footwear, orthopaedic and bespoke footwear manufacture, carrying out lasting, making and associated operations and finishing for orthopaedic / bespoke footwear, leather goods or saddlery.

**Footwear Repair and Associated Services** – maintaining the work area for manufacturing sewn products, carry out repairs on footwear / leather goods / saddlery, producing duplicate keys, servicing and repairing keys, carrying out engraving to meet customer requirements and selling footwear / leather goods / saddlery care and ancillary products.

**Saddlery** - maintaining the work area for manufacturing sewn products, manufacturing material to add value in leather production (chemical processing), processing customer orders for footwear/ leather goods /saddlery, carrying out leather cutting operations, repairs and preparing components for footwear / leather goods and saddlery, skive and/or splitting material for leather goods, carrying out upper making / leather goods / saddlery closing/ machining and association operations.



**Leather goods production** - maintaining the work area for manufacturing sewn products, carrying out leather cutting operations, preparing components for footwear / leather goods / saddlery, skive and/or split material for footwear/ leather goods / saddlery manufacture, machine form and embellish components of footwear / leather goods, machine sew components to produce leather goods / saddlery, processing customers' orders for footwear / leather goods / saddlery.

**Leather production** - maintaining the work area for manufacturing sewn products, manufacturing material to add value in leather production (chemical processing) and selling footwear / leather goods / saddlery care and ancillary products.

This 18 credit qualification has one 3 credit and one 5 credit mandatory unit and the remaining units are 3-8 credits depending upon unit selection in relevant pathway. The qualification is 100% vocational learning that relates to the competences needed to work in the footwear and leather sector, at Level 2.

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 could this qualification lead to?

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

This qualification provides you with the practical competence that the footwear and leather industry require, enabling you to possibly progress into the following examples of higher level job roles:

<b>Leather Goods</b>	<b>Footwear</b>	<b>Leather Production</b>	<b>Saddlery</b>
Leather goods Team Leader / Supervisor	Footwear Team Leader / Supervisor	Tanner Process Supervisor	Qualified Saddler
Leathergoods Designer	Footwear Designer	Leather Technician / Technologist	Qualified Harness Maker
Pattern Cutter (Manual / CAD)	Shoe Repairer		Pattern Cutter (Manual / CAD)
Sample Machinist	Production Pattern Cutter (Manual / CAD)		Saddlery Team Leader / Supervisor
Leather goods Team Leader / Supervisor	Bespoke Pattern Cutter (Manual / CAD)		Hand Stitcher



	Bespoke Footwear Technician		
	Sample Machinist		

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

After you complete the SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate in Footwear and Leather (NVQ) you may wish to further your learning and there are a variety of learning opportunities open to you:

#### **Further work-based learning**

- Advanced Apprenticeship in Fashion and Textiles (Leather goods/Footwear/Saddlery/Leather Production)
- SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Footwear and Leather (NVQ)

#### **Further Education progression**

- SEG Awards Awards Level 3 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Fashion and Textiles
- Advanced Diploma in Manufacturing and Product Design
- Edexcel BTEC Level 3 Textile qualifications

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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