

INTRODUCTION

What is an NVQ?

National Vocational Qualifications are occupation based qualifications which are developed using the National Occupational Standards (NOS). They are work-related, competency based qualifications which are designed specifically to define specific occupations.

Widely recognised by employers, NVQs are often used as the main focus of training as they demonstrate that an employee has the skills and knowledge necessary to perform competently and successfully. Our courses are assessed entirely in the workplace and employees are required to develop a portfolio of evidence that shows them carrying out work activities to an NVQ standard.

As an employer in the industry, you will know that the manufacturing industry is huge and faces numerous problems across the sub-sectors including skills shortages and the recruitment and retention of staff.

This course is suitable for all employees working within a manufacturing operative environment with particular appeal to sectors including:

- Manufacturing
- Advanced Engineering & Metals
- Ports & Logistics
- Construction

The course outline is based around the concept of achieving a more productive and efficient business in relation to cost and quality as well as to standardise documentation and procedures.

Why choose a Manufacturing NVQ?

Vocational Qualifications are a great way of boosting skills and knowledge within the work place whilst creating a more competent and effective workforce. Of course, we think that everyone with suitable job roles should take a manufacturing NVQ but you might think us biased. Here are 10 good reasons to take up a Vocational Qualification:

Manufacturing skills are essential to many organisations from food related processing through to engineering related occupations. Employers recognise the importance of these skills with many organisations unable to recruit suitable qualified personnel to meet their organisational needs due to the high volume of staff required in the region.

- NVQs in Manufacturing are versatile and cover job roles in a number of environments covering all areas within the manufacturing process.
- NVQs develop employees into more motivated, better skilled and more flexible workers.
- NVQs reduce the margin of service issues resulting in fewer dissatisfied customers and clients.
- NVQs provide a benchmark to evaluate business performance against national standards.
- Provide a base for identifying organisational policies, procedures and systems as well as training analysis for employees, departments and entire organisations.
- NVQs link with other quality initiatives such as IIP, EFQM and ISO.
- NVQs support personnel departments in carrying out job analysis, designing job descriptions, recruiting new and training existing staff, designing appraisal and reward systems.
- Improved manufacturing practices result in significant cost savings, improved performance and increased

- productivity.
- NVQs provide a structure to deliver quality training schemes for operational staff.

NVQs create a common level of expectation across all employers.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE

The NVQs Manufacturing delivered within the workplace take between 6-12 months dependant on the learner's level of competency and their current job role.

All delivery takes places within the working environment on the employer's premises.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

There are no pre-entry qualifications for this award, however learners must be able to study to the required levels (literacy & numeracy support can be provided) and be working within a suitably related job role.

WHERE COULD IT LEAD

The level 2 qualification provides a good working knowledge and understanding of an occupation. It demonstrates an employee's ability to perform a range of tasks with some guidance or supervision. Progression to level 3 standards would allow the candidate to obtain detailed knowledge, skills and understanding within a relevant field. It demonstrates team leading and specialist technical skills with competence in communication, problem solving and applied.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Where courses last for more than one year, only the first year's fees are shown.

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for this course by applying [online](#), by filling out an application form from the College prospectus or by contacting the Information Officer on 01205 313218 for further information.

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