

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Level 1 Award in Use & Production of UEB Braille Content (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to enable you to build on elementary Braille skills with a view to taking your Braille skills further.

The qualification focuses on the basic Braille skills and knowledge and will help you to read and produce basic Braille code.

Who is it for?

This qualification is designed for you if you are unsighted or sighted and would like to develop essential Braille skills through achieving a registered qualification.

The qualification may also be useful as a progression route if you are seeking to establish Braille skills to progress to further learning or training to a higher level.

What does this qualification cover?

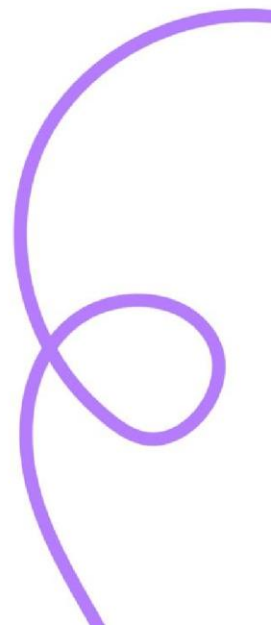
The qualification consists of four mandatory units, covering key principles and forms of Braille:

- The purpose and principles of Braille
- Using Word signs
- Using Group signs
- Using Shortforms

When complete, this will give you a firm base of Braille skills which will prepare you for further learning and development, and prepare you to start supporting Braille users in a paid or voluntary role.

What are the entry requirements?

There are no Entry or Age Requirements as such for this Award, although a prior qualification at GCSE pass in English, Functional Skills Level 2 in English or equivalent, would be advisable, as reading and writing skills are essential.



What are the assessment methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence set and marked by your education provider and externally quality assured by Open Awards.

Types of evidence could include:

- Portfolio of evidence
- Observations
- Witness statements
- Assignment
- Professional discussion
- Reflective journals
- Presentations

What are the progression opportunities?

By completing this qualification, you will establish a basic set of Braille skills, on which you can build through further learning or training to a higher level. This qualification will enhance the life of unsighted people by broadening their opportunities, as well as assist those who aspire to using Braille code either in a paid or voluntary position.

Who supported the development of this qualification?

This Qualification has been developed by Open Awards in partnership with Braille IT, a specialist Braille learning provider. The qualification is also supported by St Vincents School, Liverpool.

