

Purpose Statement

Open Awards Entry Level 3 Award and Certificate in Skills for the Travelling Independently (RQF)

The primary purpose of this qualification is to recognise personal growth and engagement in learning and, specifically, to recognise your development of knowledge and/or skills to operate independently and effectively in life, learning and work. This qualification aims to give you the skills and knowledge needed to use public transport safely and to start to progress towards independent travel. If you are starting to think about travelling independently and want a good introduction to the skills required for this, then this qualification could be for you.

Who is it for?

Young people or adults with barriers to travelling independently who want an introduction to the skills and knowledge required for safe and independent travel on pedestrian routes or using public transport.

What does this qualification cover?

To achieve the qualification you will be required to achieve 8 credits for the Award and to commit to approximately 80 hours of learning and to achieve 15 credits for the Certificate and commit to approximately 150 hours of learning.

You will be required to complete a mandatory unit 'Travel Independently on a Chosen Route', which will evidence you travelling independently on a chosen route on a minimum of 3 occasions. You will also be required to sustain these skills to continue to travel independently for a minimum of 3 months. This is designed to give you practical experience in travelling independently and to hone these skills over a meaningful length of time.

You will then complete a range of generic optional units. Examples of these include:

- Crossing Roads Safely
- Problem Solving Skills when Travelling by Public Transport
- Preparing for the Weather
- Personal Safety when Travelling by Public Transport
- Using a Mobile Phone

What are the Entry Requirements?

There are no age restrictions for working towards this qualification and no specific prior achievements required. However, it is recommended that your learning provider completes robust initial assessment and risk assessments to ensure that this qualification is appropriate for you and will support your long-term career and personal goals and aspirations.

What are the Assessment Methods?

You will be required to complete a portfolio of evidence to achieve this qualification. There is an expectation that components of this qualification will be completed in a practical setting. For example, you are required to travel a journey using public transport with support. Types of evidence included in your portfolio could include:

- Videos/photographs of you travelling on a journey
- Reflective Journals
- Questions/Answers
- Worksheets
- Recorded discussions with your tutor

What are the Progression Opportunities?

The qualification provides a mechanism for you to recognise your development of knowledge and/or skills to operate independently and effectively in life, learning and work.

This qualification will provide the skills and confidence needed to continue to travel travelling by public transport independently, which will enable you to continue honing your skills naturally over time. Although the qualification focuses on one chosen journey, it is recommended, where appropriate, that you are encouraged and supported to look at additional routes to enhance your learning and to widen your experiences for your future personal and career aspirations.

Who supports this qualification?

The qualification was developed with and is supported by a diverse range of training providers and Further Education Colleges who have established experience of delivering independent travel training programmes. These include Go4it ITTU Sandwell Council, Pure Innovations and Manchester Travel Training Partnership (Lancasterian School).