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Open Awards Level 2 Award in Skills for Teaching Independent Travel (RQF)

Award 601/8876/5



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About the Qualification

Title	Open Awards Level 2 Award in Skills for Teaching Independent Travel (RQF)
QAN	601/8876/5
Sector	Health, Public Services and Care
Level	2
Funding	Please click here for more information
Pricing Information	Please click here for more information
Review Date	31/08/2028

Ofqual Purpose	C – Prepare for Employment
Ofqual Sub-Purpose	C2 – Prepare for Employment in a Specific Occupational Area

Total Qualification Time/Guided Learning	
Award	
Total Qualification Time (hours)	80
Guided Learning (hours)	52

Age Range and Restrictions:	
Pre -16	x
16 – 18	✓
19+	✓
Any other restrictions specific to the qualification(s)	None

Any specified entry requirements
<p>As the qualification is designed to support people to progress into the role of a travel trainer, it would not be suitable for learners under the age of 16. It is most likely to be suitable for learners aged 18+, however it may be suitable for young people aged 16-18 who are looking to support younger learners to travel independently (peer mentoring model) or who have aspirations of progressing into a career within the health and social care sector.</p> <p>There are no other restrictions on learner entry and this Award may be studied alongside other vocational qualifications.</p>

Recommended Assessment Method Summary

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

Candidates must provide sufficient evidence that they have the required knowledge, skills and understanding of the assessment criteria and that it is their own work.

Types of evidence could include:

- a) Reflective Journals
- b) Assignments
- c) Practical work e.g. risk assessments or route plans
- d) Observation of performance
- e) Questioning (written or oral)
- f) Practical Activities
- g) Photographs or videos
- h) Personal statements
- i) Project work
- j) Witness testimonies
- k) Group discussion
- l) Recognition of Prior Learning

Assessment practices must reflect the Equality and Diversity Policy of Open Awards.

Qualification Units

Rules of Combination	
Award	
Credit Value of the Qualification:	8
Minimum Credits to be achieved at the Level of the Qualification:	5
Mandatory Units A:	5
Generic Optional Group B:	A minimum of 3 credits to be achieved

Mandatory Unit Group A

QAC Code	Unit Name	Credits	Level
D/651/8946	Problem Solving When Delivering Independent Travel Training	1	Level Two
D/508/4668	Understand and Implement the Processes for Teaching Independent Travel	4	Level Two

Optional Unit Group B

QAC Code	Unit Name	Credits	Level
T/651/8943	Understanding autism	3	Level Two
A/651/8945	Communication and Social Interaction with autistic people	3	Level Two
K/505/2256	Communication in the Workplace	2	Level Two
A/651/8945	Developing Communication Skills	3	Level Two
R/507/6776	Introduction to Learning Disability	1	Level Two
Y/508/4653	Introduction to Visual Impairment	2	Level Two
K/508/4673	Principles of Safeguarding	3	Level Two
L/508/4651	Support the Learning and Development of Individuals	3	Level Two
J/508/4647	Understand Physical Disability	2	Level Two
R/508/4649	Understanding Challenging Behaviour	3	Level Two
R/507/6745	Understanding Mental Health and Wellbeing	2	Level Two

Delivering this Qualification

Becoming a Centre

To deliver this qualification you must be a recognised Open Awards centre. For more information, head to our website or contact the team on 0151 494 2072

How to Deliver

You can deliver this qualification by completing a [New Qualification Request Form](#) via the Open Awards portal. For more information, see the Centre Handbook, or contact the team on 0151 494 2072.

Registering Learners

Once you are ready to deliver this qualification, you will need to register your learners in line with the timescales below:

Short courses (15 weeks or less) within 25 working days of the course start date.

Full year long courses (over 15 weeks) within 60 working days of the course start date.

You will need to register your learners via the Open Awards [portal](#).

Quality Assurance and Standardisation

Delivery of this qualification must be done so in accordance with Ofqual regulatory guidelines and in line with Open Awards' quality assurance processes. Template forms and guidance documents are available via the Open Awards portal.

Centre Staff Requirements

Centres are responsible for ensuring that their staff are suitably skilled and experienced. Tutors/ assessors and internal quality assurance (IQA) staff must have relevant occupational knowledge and/or occupational competence at the same level or higher as the units being delivered.

It is recommended that any trainer delivering the Level 2 Skills for Teaching Independent Travel has achieved the Level 3 Certificate in Skills for Managing Travel Training Programme or is able to demonstrate sufficient experience of delivering independent travel training successfully.

Although not mandatory, best practice would be for Assessors to hold the relevant D32/D33/A1/AQA unit(s) and Level 3 Award in Education or Training. Likewise, best practice would be for Internal Verifiers to hold the relevant D34/V1/IQA unit(s).

Centres are responsible for notifying Open Awards of staff changes.

Training and support

Open Awards offers training and support events in Delivery & Assessment and Quality Assurance. These events are held throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of these training events are on our [website](#).

Internal Quality Assurance (IQA)

All centres delivering Open Awards provision must operate rigorous internal quality assurance systems. A centre must identify how they will internally quality assure and standardise their delivery and assessment before delivering a course.

External Quality Assurance (EQA)

Centre approval compliance monitoring and external quality assurance is carried out by Open Awards' Lead Quality Reviewers/External Quality Assurers who will confirm that the centre is assessing to standard and ensure that there are robust quality assurance systems embedded.

Please refer to Internal and External Quality Assurance within the Centre Handbook.

Standardisation

Centres are required to contribute to national standardisation as requested by Open Awards. Open Awards offers Standardisation events that are held throughout the year. Such events will also provide an opportunity to identify and share best practice. Up to date details of training and standardisation events can be found on our website.

Further guidance on Quality Assurance and Standardisation please refer to the [Centre Handbook](#)

Recognition of Prior Learning and Achievement (RPL)

RPL is a method of assessment that considers whether a learner can demonstrate that they can meet the assessment requirements for a unit through knowledge, understanding or skills they may already possess. Evidence of learning must be sufficient, reliable and valid.

It is the responsibility of the centre to inform Open Awards at registration of any exemptions and/or equivalences for which a claim may be made. These claims will be subject to external verification by the Open Awards' Lead Quality Reviewer for the centre.

For more information, please see our Recognition of Prior Learning Policy found on the Open Awards [portal](#).

Health and Safety

It is recognised, that there is a high element of risk associated with independent travel training – teaching people with disabilities and/or learning difficulties to travel independently. The aim of this learning programme is to reduce that risk to the same level as anybody else travelling on their own. Centres are responsible for their own training delivery and risk assessment processes and evidence collection to comply with their internal policies. It is recommended that centres put in place training activity risk assessments and individual risk assessments for each learner to ensure the learners safety throughout the programme.

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