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The ability to design and make things with one's own hands is an envied skill. As such, the creative arts will always be a popular area among learners, whether their motivations are recreational, therapeutic or professional. City & Guilds qualifications in creative arts can help you open up this valuable new market by offering a nationally recognised qualification, which will enable your learners to receive due credit for the skills they learn, and take them forward into new pursuits.

Which qualifications are available in this area?

Level 1 Design and Craft (7722)

This certificate is intended for people who want to do a creative activity for the first time. Each certificate has two units enabling them to start using the techniques of the chosen craft. Candidates can choose from 30 options including textiles, ceramics, interior decorating, sugar modelling, fashion, flower arranging and creative computing. Each certificate takes 30 hours to complete.

Level 2 Design and Craft (7822)

These are for people who would like to pursue their skills beyond basic level. Each certificate consists of two units (introduction to design and one craft), chosen from 11 major categories. Candidates will need to produce three original items and the certificate takes 120 hours to complete.

Level 3 Certificate in Design and Craft (7922)

This is for learners who want to develop their skills to a professional level. They will be expected to make more demanding items as well as develop their skills in observation, recording and research. They will have the opportunity to explore new techniques and progress innovative ideas. A design unit plus the craft unit must be completed.

Level 3 Diploma in Design and Craft (7923)

The level 3 Diploma aims to develop learners' skills to a highly advanced level. Each level 3 qualification normally takes two years part time study to complete.

A business unit is available to complement all the above qualifications.

Level 4 Higher Professional Diploma in Creative Arts (4440)

This Higher Professional Diploma (level 4) is suitable for people who work in a variety of creative businesses including stitched textiles, stained glass, woodwork and metal work. They will be assessed by producing assignments showing independent working in design, production, marketing and business skills. It is intended to equip learners with the knowledge for related degree programmes and could form part of a foundation degree. For more information, please see the separate centre's guide.

Do the qualifications form part of a recognised framework?

These awards are accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority at levels 1-4 and are therefore eligible for funding.

Are there learning materials available?

Logbooks will be issued to every candidate automatically upon registration, and further copies can be ordered from publications sales if required. Tutor handbooks are also available.

Are there any specific resource or administration requirements?

Centres will be expected to have up-to-date facilities and equipment appropriate to the pathways they intend to run. For more details of what's required in each area, please contact your nearest City & Guilds office.

Are there any other qualifications that may be of interest?

Photography

City & Guilds offer photography courses at levels 1-4. Further details are available from our website, or the number below.

What's the next step?

If you are an existing approved centre, you will need to complete a scheme approval form (SAP). If you are not an approved centre and would like to become one, please contact your nearest City & Guilds office who will guide you through the approval process.

How can I find out more?

You can find out more by contacting your nearest City & Guilds office. Log on to our website to find the location of your nearest one, or contact our Customer Relations team at:

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Key points

- Nationally recognised qualifications
- Awards from levels 1-4; from absolute beginner to skilled professional
- 30 skills to choose from
- Eligible for funding under the National Qualifications Framework