

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the City & Guilds Level 4 Independent Advocacy Practice qualification (603/6889/5)

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
<p>What does this qualification cover?</p>	<p>The City & Guilds Level 4 in Independent Advocacy Practice is a competence based qualification which means that it covers the knowledge and skills that are required to work in a particular job role, in this case as an independent advocate. This means that you must be working in a role where you will be responsible for providing independent advocacy to an individual in either a statutory or non-statutory independent advocate role.</p> <p>This qualification consists of 3 mandatory units covering core knowledge and skills competencies required by all independent advocates. The mandatory units include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the core legislation and policy drivers which an independent advocate needs to understand and work to. • what is meant by entitlements to independent advocacy, and • the skills required to demonstrate competence within the independent advocacy role. <p>The different contexts in which independent advocates may work are covered by the optional unit content. This includes working with adults, children and young people, mental health, mental capacity or specifically concerning complaints advocacy.</p> <p>Learners must complete the THREE mandatory units and ONE optional unit to gain the full qualification.</p> <p>The assessment of the qualification mostly takes place in your real work environment whilst you carry out the day to day activities of your job. This means that you are also proving you work to a nationally recognised level at the same time as doing your job.</p>
WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?	
<p>Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?</p>	<p>This qualification is ideal for you if you are working as an independent advocate and wish to develop your skills and knowledge to a level which demonstrates that you are competent.</p> <p>Delivery of the qualification can be flexible to meet your needs and assessment usually takes place in your place of work.</p> <p>This qualification has been developed with Kate Mercer Training, Carers Federation and in consultation with</p>

	representatives of the Department of Health & Social Care and the Department for Education.
Alternatives routes to achieve the same outcome?	This qualification is the only Ofqual accredited independent advocacy practice qualification at level 4, covering a range of contexts in which independent advocates may work.
How this qualification supports the identified outcome(s)?	This qualification allows you to learn, develop and demonstrate the skills and knowledge required for employment and/or career progression. With additional experience, learners can progress to the City & Guilds Learning & Development, Advice and Guidance or ILM Team Leader qualifications.
WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?	
Employer/Higher Education Institutions	This Level 4 in Independent Advocacy Practice was developed in consultation with representatives of the Department of Health & Social Care and the Department for Education. It is supported by Carers Federation and Kate Mercer Training.
Further information	Further information on the qualification content and assessment is available on the 3614 qualification webpage on the City & Guilds website www.cityandguilds.com