EDUCATION & TRAINING
LEARNING SUPPORT
QUALIFICATION FACTSHEET
LEVELS 2 AND 3 AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES IN LEARNING SUPPORT 6259

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Qualification aim

These qualifications are for people working in or looking to enter roles in learning support.

The qualification suite is underpinned by the National Occupational Standards for Learning Support staff and supports the professionalisation of the learning support workforce.

Qualification levels and definition

The Award prepares the learner for supporting learning in a wide range of contexts and it is useful for those wishing to try out the role and for others who have learning support as a small part of their wider work role.

The Certificates equips the learner with the necessary skills, knowledge and competence to provide learning support. It supports learners with different needs in a range of contexts.

Progression routes

The Awards can provide an important stepping stone for those in learning support or related volunteer roles, wishing to progress to the certificates or to the preparing to teach qualifications.

The Certificates can allow practitioners to learn, develop and practise the skills required for employment in the learning support sector, with emphasis on a particular context. Progression opportunities include a Senior Learning Support Practitioners and other specialist roles.

Key features

Structure
The Learning Support suite of qualifications consist of two Awards and four Certificates that can be tailored in a range of contexts.

Assessment
Learners are assessed via a portfolio of evidence. Some exemplar assignments are provided in assessment packs that centres can use to evidence the knowledge required for specific units.

Support
Our support resources include a dedicated qualification webpage, support events and assessment packs.

National Portfolio Advisors provide network events, centre support and guidance on qualification delivery.

Key benefits

The Awards are structured to allow candidates to achieve the qualification without undertaking a learning support role.

The Certificates contain a range of routes including a generic qualification and a qualification in Communication Support for Deaf learners. This allows a degree of flexibility for the learners to choose the most suitable context.

Assessments can be managed flexibly and holistic assessment is encouraged. Clear assessment guidance is provided, that facilitates inclusion and differentiation.

Website - Our dedicated webpage provides resources and general information about our Learning Support suite of qualifications.

Qualification updates - Sign up for our ‘Focus’ instant news update to receive the latest qualification and support resources information through our instant messaging system.

Reasons to choose City & Guilds

Wide range and choice of qualifications
We provide a broad range of qualifications developed specifically to provide a clear pathway of profession for Learning Support staff equipping the learner with the relevant knowledge and skills needed.

Industry expertise
We have worked in partnership with The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS), with training providers, industry experts and employers to provide a relevant qualification that will address the skills needed in Learning support.

Recognised by employers
Our qualifications are trusted and valued both by experts and employers across the Learning Support sector. They were developed to equip the learner with the skills and knowledge that are relevant for the sector.

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