

AIM Qualifications Level 1 Award in Environmental Sustainability Specification

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About us

Qualification specification for Level 1 Award in Environmental Sustainability

AIM Qualifications and Assessment Group is a leading Awarding Organisation supplying hundreds of centres with high-quality regulated vocational and technical qualifications. We also offer non-accredited provision and apprenticeship end-point assessments.

AIM qualifications cover a range of academic levels from Entry Level to Level 6 across a wide range of subject areas.

About this qualification specification

This specification is intended for tutors, internal verifiers, centre managers and other staff within AIM recognised centres and/or prospective centres. It provides information about the structure and delivery of the qualification. The specification should be read in conjunction with the AIM Centre Handbook and other policy documents available on the website.

Offering this qualification

In order to offer this qualification, you must be an AIM recognised centre and be approved to deliver this qualification. If your centre is not yet recognised, please contact our business development team to discuss becoming an AIM recognised centre. They can advise you on the best qualifications for your organisation.

You can arrange a meeting by emailing businessdevelopment@aimgroup.org.uk or calling [0333 034 8833](tel:0333 034 8833). More information can be found on: www.aim-group.org.uk/newcentre



Section 1 – Qualification overview

About this qualification

The Level 1 Award in Environmental Sustainability is designed to give the learner knowledge and understanding of the basic principles of sustainability and environmental impacts. The qualifications introduce the learner to key issues in sustainability, raising awareness of the topic and encouraging them to consider their role in helping to make sustainable choices. The qualifications may be used as an induction programme or as part of a wider vocational context e.g. Study Programmes, Traineeships.

Public bodies including schools, colleges and other learning providers are encouraged to demonstrate the provision of sustainability within their curriculum offer as well as through their operational activities. Learning providers are accountable for this in the new Ofsted Common Inspection Framework.

Qualification details

AIM Qualifications Level 1 Award in Environmental Sustainability	
Qualification	Foundation
Assessment	Portfolio of evidence, exam
Grading	There is no grading for this qualification
Geographical coverage	England
Operational start date	01/06/2012
Review date	31/12/2023
Sector	3.4 Environmental Conservation
Qualification number	600/5653/8
Credit value	2
Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	20
Total Qualification Time (TQT)	21
Minimum learner age	N/A
Rules of combination	To achieve this qualification learners must complete the single mandatory component.

Entry requirements

It is recommended that learners have a minimum of Level 2 literacy and numeracy skills or Grade 4/C GCSE English and Maths, or equivalent.

Progression opportunities

These qualifications can be used as an introduction to (or for) an integral part of a wide range of programmes.

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Regulated Qualification Framework (RQF)

The Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) provides a single, simple system for cataloguing all qualifications regulated by Ofqual. Qualifications are indexed by their level and size. Levels indicate the difficulty and complexity of the knowledge and skills associated with any qualification. There are eight levels supported by three “entry levels”. Size refers to the estimated total amount of time it could typically take to study and be assessed for a qualification. Size is expressed in term of Total Qualification Time (TQT). The part of the TQT spent being taught or supervised is known as Guided Learning Hours (GLH).

Total Qualification Time (TQT) and Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

Total Qualification Time (TQT) is the number of notional hours it takes a typical learner to achieve the full qualification and is **made up of two elements**:

- the minimum number of Qualification Guided Learning Hours (GLH) - the number of Tutor led contact hours
- the number of hours spent on preparation, studying and the assessment that is non-guided

For example, the number of tutor-led contact hours (GLH) for a qualification is 30 and the number of hours spent by the learner (non-GLH) on preparation, studying and the assessment is 6 hours. Therefore, the Total Qualification Time (TQT) for the qualification is 36 hours.

Requirements to deliver this Qualification

Centre Staff Requirements

As an Awarding Organisation, we require that:

Tutors have relevant teaching experience and/or a qualification, and experience and/or a qualification in the relevant subject area. Suitable teaching qualifications include:

- Level 3 or 4 Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS) or above
- Level 3 Education and Training or above
- Diploma or Certificate in Education
- Bachelors or Masters Degree in Education

Assessors have an assessor qualification or evidence of recent relevant experience. Suitable assessor qualifications include:

- Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment
- Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement
- A1 Assess Candidate Performance using a Range of Methods

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- D32 Assess Candidate Performance and D33 Assess Candidate using Differing Sources of Evidence

Internal Verifiers (IV) have an internal verification qualification or evidence of recent relevant experience. Suitable internal verification qualifications include:

- Level 4 Award in Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- Level 4 Certificate in Leading the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice
- V1 Conduct Internal Quality Assurance of the Assessment Process
- D34 Internally Verify the Assessment Process

Resource requirements

You must ensure that your centre has appropriate resources in place to deliver the components in these qualifications. If your centre uses the online Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) assessment method, they must ensure they have the appropriate resources in place to deliver the externally set, invigilated assessment.



Section 2 – Qualification structure

Qualification structure and components

This section details the rules of combinations for the qualifications. Select the component titles to view the component details.

Rules of combination for:		Level 1 Award in Environmental Sustainability			
To achieve this qualification learners must complete the single mandatory component					
Component code	Component title	Level	Credit	GLH	
Mandatory					
L/602/1107	Environmental Sustainability	One	Two	20	

Level descriptors

Components are assigned a level based in the current requirements for the RQF as issued by OFQUAL.

Level	Knowledge descriptor	Skills descriptor
Level 1	Has basic factual knowledge of a subject and/or knowledge of facts, procedures and ideas to complete well-defined routine tasks and address simple problems; and Is aware of aspects of information relevant to the area of study or work.	Use basic cognitive and practical skills to complete well-defined routine tasks. Select and use relevant information. Identify whether actions have been effective.



Section 3 – Assessment



How this qualification is assessed

This qualification may be assessed through:

- 1) an internally set, internally marked and externally verified portfolio of evidence
- 2) an externally set, externally marked online multiple choice exam. The online multiple choice exam must be invigilated by an AIM approved invigilator.

Centres may use only one of the above assessment methods in the assessment of the qualification.

Reasonable adjustment and special considerations

Reasonable adjustments and Special Considerations are available for all assessments, irrespective of whether they are internally or externally set. Where a learner or group of learners may not be able to access the assessment without Reasonable Adjustments, centres should ensure that they apply in good time for relevant reasonable adjustments to be made, using the [AIM Qualifications Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy](#) which gives clear guidance on the reasonable adjustments and arrangements that can be made to take account of disability or learning difficulty without compromising the achievement of the assessment criteria.



Section 4 – Operational guidance

Offering this qualification

Centres wishing to offer this qualification must be an AIM recognised centre.

New centres can apply to become a centre using the centre recognition application process on our website: www.aim-group.org.uk.

We can advise centres of the best and most efficient methods for offering this qualification.

All procedures for the use of this qualification, including approval, registration of learners, verification and certification will be completed through AIM and all centres will have an allocated customer experience advisor to support them.

Approval to offer qualifications

Centres wishing to offer this qualification must complete and submit a qualification approval request. [This can be found on the AIM website when choosing a qualification](#). Some qualifications require centres to have specific resources in place and/or their assessors/internal verifiers should hold certain qualifications. Where this is the case, centres must provide evidence of resources/staff qualifications when completing the Qualification Approval request.

Registration and certification

Once your centre has approval to offer a qualification, you will be able to register learners to these qualifications via our Quartzweb portal, at this point you can also select their chosen components. Please ensure that learners are registered against the correct qualification and are aware of the rules of combination required to achieve the qualification.

For all registration and certification processes, please refer to the Quartzweb guidance document which can be downloaded from our website's [centre handbooks and forms page](#). Details of assessment, internal verification and external verification can be found in the [AIM Qualifications: Assessment Handbook](#).

Learners achieving a qualification will be issued with a qualification certificate detailing the achieved qualification and components. Learners who have not achieved a qualification will, on request, be issued with a component certificate detailing the components achieved.



Section 5 – Appendices and links

Appendices and links

Select an appendix or link from the list below to view the document.

Useful links

Link 1 - [AIM Centre handbooks and forms](#)

Link 2 - [AIM Qualifications: Assessment Handbook](#)

Link 3 - [Fees and Charges](#)

Link 4 - [Qualification Search](#)

Command verbs

Level 1	
Compare	Looking at similarities and differences.
Demonstrate	Complete a practical task or activity to show competence.
Describe	Write or speak about the topic or activity.
Give (an example of...)	Provide relevant examples for the topic.
Give ways	Provide information about how to support the topic.
Identify	List or name the main points
Illustrate	Give clear information with examples (e.g. spoken, written, pictures, diagrams etc)
List	State or make a list of items, words, statements or comments
Outline	Identify briefly the main points
State	Give the main points in brief, clear sentences
Summarise	Briefly present the main points

Calculate	Work out a numerical problem, showing how they arrived at their answer.
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