

Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Work and Study

Qualification Number: 603/6328/9



Includes Endorsed Pathways:

Pathway 1 Preparation for Work

Pathway 2 Preparation for Work and Enterprise

Pathway 3 Pathway for Study

Qualification Overview

Title: AIM Qualifications Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Work

and Study

Qualification Number: 603/6328/9

Level: Level 2

Credit Value: 25 credits

Guided Learning Hours: 200 hours

Total Qualification Time: 250 hours

Qualification Objective: This qualification has been designed to provide pathways into

further study, including Apprenticeships, or directly into employment where a Level 2 qualification is the entry level requirement. By providing a range of study and employment-related skills that are equally applicable to work, work-based learning or Higher Education, this qualification allows learners to gain a range of academic and work-based skills to support them

in later career and life choices.

Progression Routes: On successful completion of the Level 2 Certificate in Preparation

for Work and Study, learners may progress to further study at the same or higher levels including Apprenticeships and Access to HE Diplomas (Preparation for Study Pathway only) or directly into

employment at Level 2.

Entry requirements: There are no entry requirements for this qualification, except for

a minimum age of 16.

Assessment method(s): Assessment is through a Portfolio of Evidence/Workbook.

How is the qualification assessed?

The assessment process is as follows:

Internal Assessment by Portfolio of Evidence

Where the assessment method for the qualification is by internally set assessments (Portfolio of Evidence), then centres are free to devise their own assessments for the qualification/unit.

- All assessments should be designed in such a way as to minimise the requirement for Reasonable Adjustments to be made.
- Centre devised assessments must allow learners to meet all of the requirements of the assessment criteria for each unit. Assessments must not require learners to produce evidence above and beyond that stipulated in the Assessment Criteria.
- Centres must then have these assessments approved by their IQA.

When devising assessments, centres may choose from a range of assessment methods but where assessment guidance is provided within a unit this must be adhered to unless otherwise agreed with Aim Qualifications.

Assessment methods must be valid, fair, reliable and safe leading to authentic, sufficient and current evidence produced by the candidate.

Holistic assessment is good practice wherever possible and permitted by the assessment strategy for the qualification if this exists.

Other guidance and sample documentation is available to recognised centres covering: planning assessment; recording achievement; planning, carrying out and documenting IQA.

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 <u>Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy</u> 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.

Qualification size

About the 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).

Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

GLH are defined as the time a learner spends being taught or instructed by – or otherwise participating in education or training under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a lecturer, supervisor, tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training. This includes guidance or supervision time:

- a) With the simultaneous physical presence of the learner and that person, or
- b) Remotely by means of simultaneous electronic communication.

It does not include the number of hours a learner spends in preparation, study or any other form of participation in education or training, including assessment, which takes place as directed by – but not under the immediate guidance or supervision of – a lecturer, supervisor, tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training.

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

TQT is comprised of the following two elements:

- The number of hours which an awarding organisation has assigned to a qualification for Guided Learning, and
- b) An estimate of the number of hours a learner will reasonably be likely to spend in preparation, study or other form of participation in education or training, including assessment, which takes place as directed by but unlike Guided Learning, not under the immediate guidance or supervision of a lecturer, supervisor, tutor or other appropriate provider of education or training.

Rules of Combination and level for this qualification

In order to achieve the AIM Qualifications Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Work and Study, learners must achieve a minimum of 25 credits from any combination of units in Optional Unit groups A to E.

In order to achieve the AIM Qualifications Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Work and Study (Preparation for Work), learners must achieve a minimum of 25 credits from any combination of units in Optional Unit Groups A and B.

In order to achieve the AIM Qualifications Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Work and Study (Preparation for Work and Enterprise), learners must achieve a minimum of 25 credits from any combination of units in Optional Groups A to C.

In order to achieve the AIM Qualifications Level 2 Certificate in Preparation for Work and Study (Preparation for Study), learners must achieve a minimum of 25 credits from any combination of units in Optional Groups D and E.

Optional Group A - Preparation for Work

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	тот	Unit code	Unit reference number
Career Planning	2	3	24	30	HC1/2/NQ/027	F/504/8648
Conflict Resolution	2	3	24	30	HB1/2/NQ/141	M/504/8726
Developing Confidence and Self-Esteem	2	1	8	10	HB1/2/NQ/160	A/507/1099
<u>Developing Own</u> <u>Interpersonal Skills</u>	2	3	24	30	HB1/2/NQ/128	D/506/0662
Environmental Action in Communities	2	2	16	20	QA1/2/NQ/006	D/506/9040
Improving Assertiveness and Decision Making Skills	2	3	24	30	HB6/2/NQ/008	F/505/8709
Introduction to Self Employment	2	2	10	20	HC4/2/NQ/041	F/504/6530

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	тот	Unit code	Unit reference number
Introduction to Social Work	2	3	24	30	EE2/2/NQ/002	H/505/2093
Management	2	3	24	30	AA3/2/NQ/003	H/505/6726
Marketing	2	3	24	30	BA1/2/NQ/002	K/505/6730
Planning a Career in Social Care or Social Work	2	3	24	30	PR1/2/NQ/018	L/507/6386
Recognising Leadership Skills	2	2	16	20	HC4/2/NQ/036	M/505/0220
Responsible Work Practice	2	1	8	10	HC1/2/NQ/017	A/505/4481
Stress and Stress Management Techniques	2	3	24	30	HB3/2/NQ/003	H/504/8819
Time Management Skills	2	2	16	20	HB1/2/NQ/113	K/505/5500
<u>Understanding Business</u> <u>Organisations</u>	2	3	24	30	AY7/2/NQ/003	F/504/9587
Understanding Disability, Society and the Law	2	3	24	30	PT1/2/NQ/084	R/504/8590
<u>Understanding Retail</u> <u>Consumer Law</u>	2	2	16	20	EC3/2/NQ/001	R/505/2350
Understanding the Law for Public Services Workers	2	6	48	60	EC3/2/NQ/002	T/506/3356
Undertaking an Enterprise Project	2	3	24	30	HC4/2/NQ/058	D/507/6019
Working with Data and Probability	2	3	24	30	HD4/2/NQ/015	F/505/2165

Optional Group B – Work Skills

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	тот	Unit code	Unit reference number
Aspects of Citizenship	2	3	24	30	HE4/2/NQ/011	Y/504/8512
Business Skills	2	3	24	30	AY6/2/NQ/005	Y/505/6707
<u>Business Studies</u>	2	3	24	30	AY5/2/NQ/001	D/505/6708
Communicate in a Business Environment	2	3	18	30	AY6/2/NQ/002	L/505/3285
Communicating Information	2	1	8	10	HC7/2/NQ/004	H/508/4963
Conflict Resolution	2	2	24	20	HB1/2/NQ/167	K/508/4964
Data Protection and Confidentiality in a Working Environment	2	3	24	30	AJ4/2/NQ/001	H/505/6712
Financial Management	2	3	24	30	AY5/2/NQ/003	M/505/6714
<u>Handle Mail</u>	2	3	17	30	AY6/2/NQ/010	J/505/6363
How to Run Effective Meetings	2	1	8	10	AF6/2/NQ/001	F/505/6720
Improving Punctuation and Grammar Skills	2	3	24	30	HD3/2/NQ/021	L/504/8488
Introduction to Business	2	3	24	30	AB1/2/NQ/008	H/505/1977
Introduction to Business Administration	2	1	8	10	HC4/2/NQ/025	Y/504/9899
Law in the Workplace	2	4	21	40	EC1/2/NQ/007	F/504/0629
<u>Management</u>	2	3	24	30	AA3/2/NQ/003	H/505/6726

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Marketing	2	3	24	30	BA1/2/NQ/002	K/505/6730
Meet and Welcome Visitors	2	3	23	30	AY7/2/NQ/002	Y/505/3290
Minute Taking	2	3	24	30	AF6/2/NQ/002	L/505/6736
Note Taking	2	3	24	30	HB1/2/NQ/086	K/505/2113
Planning and Reviewing Learning	2	2	20	20	HC7/2/NQ/005	T/508/4966
Risk Management	2	1	8	10	AG8/2/NQ/001	Y/505/6738
Social Work Practice	2	3	24	30	PR1/2/NQ/019	A/507/6383
Solve Business Problems	2	3	24	30	AY5/2/NQ/005	R/505/6365
<u>Spreadsheets</u>	2	3	24	30	CP3/2/NQ/002	A/505/2150
<u>Undertaking an Enterprise</u> <u>Project</u>	2	3	24	30	HC4/2/NQ/058	D/507/6019
Use Office Equipment	2	4	18	40	AY8/2/NQ/001	M/505/9127
<u>Using Email</u>	2	3	20	30	CR3/2/NQ/005	D/505/3310
Using the Internet	2	4	30	40	CR3/2/NQ/006	K/505/3312
Word Processing	2	3	24	30	CQ1/2/NQ/002	T/505/2163
Working in a Group	2	3	24	30	HB1/2/NQ/093	A/505/2164
Working with Data and Probability	2	3	24	30	HD4/2/NQ/015	F/505/2165
Writing for Meaning Skills	2	3	24	30	HD3/2/NQ/014	J/503/3391

Optional Group C - Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Skills

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	тот	Unit code	Unit reference number
Developing Confidence and Self-Esteem	2	1	8	10	HB1/2/NQ/160	A/507/1099
Exploring Entrepreneurship	2	1	10	10	HB7/2/NQ/016	R/507/1111
International Aspects of Business	2	3	24	30	AA3/2/NQ/002	R/505/6723
Undertaking an Enterprise Project	2	3	24	30	HC4/2/NQ/058	D/507/6019
Understanding Motivation	2	1	8	10	HB7/2/NQ/017	Y/507/1109

Group D – Preparation for Study

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	тот	Unit code	Unit reference number
Action Planning for Own Development	2	2	16	20	HB1/2/NQ/084	T/505/1952
<u>Calculations</u>	2	3	24	30	HD4/2/NQ/013	Y/505/1958
Critical Thinking	2	3	24	30	HB1/2/NQ/085	A/505/1967
Development of Social Policy	2	3	30	30	EE3/2/NQ/001	J/507/0697
Equality and Diversity	2	3	24	30	HC4/2/NQ/014	R/505/1974
Essay Writing	2	3	21	30	HD3/2/NQ/016	Y/505/1975
Ethical Issues in Social Policy	2	3	30	30	EE3/2/NQ/002	L/507/0698

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	тот	Unit code	Unit reference number
<u>Information Literacy</u>	2	3	24	30	HD3/2/NQ/017	D/505/1976
Introduction to History	2	3	24	30	DB6/2/NQ/002	Y/504/9742
Introduction to Law in the United Kingdom	2	3	24	30	EC1/2/NQ/003	F/505/1999
Introduction to Literature	2	3	24	30	FC4/2/NQ/001	к/505/2001
Note Taking	2	3	24	30	HB1/2/NQ/086	К/505/2113
Oral Communication Skills	2	3	24	30	HD2/2/NQ/001	M/505/2114
Oral Presentation Skills	2	2	16	20	HB6/2/NQ/006	L/505/3206
<u>Plagiarism</u>	2	1	7	10	HB1/2/NQ/171	F/615/5774
Planning and Reviewing Learning	2	2	20	20	HC7/2/NQ/005	T/508/4966
Portfolio Building	2	1	7	10	HB1/2/NQ/088	J/505/2118
Punctuation and Grammar	2	2	16	20	HD3/2/NQ/018	A/505/2133
Reading and Understanding	2	3	24	30	HD3/2/NQ/019	J/505/2135
Research Methods	2	3	30	30	EE3/2/NQ/007	J/615/5775
Research Project	2	3	14	30	HB1/2/NQ/089	H/505/2143
Revision and Exam Skills	2	3	24	30	HB1/2/NQ/090	M/505/2310
Scientific: Practical Investigation	2	2	20	20	RA1/2/NQ/022	K/507/0692

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Setting Learning Goals	2	3	24	30	HB1/2/NQ/091	A/505/2147
Spelling	2	3	24	30	HD3/2/NQ/020	Y/505/4326
<u>Spreadsheets</u>	2	3	24	30	CP3/2/NQ/002	A/505/2150
Study Management	2	2	14	20	HB1/2/NQ/092	M/505/2162
Working with Data and Probability	2	3	24	30	HD4/2/NQ/015	F/505/2165

Optional Group E – Additional Study Units – Academic Subjects

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	тот	Unit code	Unit reference number
Atomic Structure	2	2	20	20	RA1/2/NQ/017	A/507/0714
Chemistry: Structure and Changes	2	3	30	30	RA1/2/NQ/018	Y/507/0686
Children's Social and Emotional Development	2	3	24	30	HF1/2/NQ/028	H/505/1574
Communication in a Social Care or Social Work Context	2	3	24	30	PR1/2/NQ/017	J/507/6385
Consumer Law	2	2	16	20	EC1/2/NQ/004	L/504/9771
Family Law	2	4	21	40	EC1/2/NQ/005	H/504/0400
<u>History: Period Study</u>	2	3	24	30	DB2/2/NQ/001	H/504/2390
Human Health and Disease	2	3	30	30	RH4/2/NQ/009	J/615/9261
<u>Human Life Processes</u>	2	2	20	20	RA1/2/NQ/019	R/507/0685

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	тот	Unit code	Unit reference number
<u>Human Physiology</u>	2	6	60	60	RH4/2/NQ/010	L/615/9262
Introduction to Computer Studies	2	3	24	30	CN1/2/NQ/001	T/505/1983
Introduction to Education	2	3	24	30	GA1/2/NQ/003	F/505/1985
Introduction to Humanities	2	3	24	30	EE2/2/NQ/001	A/505/1998
Introduction to Life Science	2	3	24	30	RH8/2/NQ/001	H/505/2000
Introduction to Literature	2	3	24	30	FC4/2/NQ/001	K/505/2001
Introduction to Psychology	2	3	24	30	PK1/2/NQ/001	R/505/2090
Introduction to Social Work	2	3	24	30	EE2/2/NQ/002	H/505/2093
Introduction to the Law of <u>Tort</u>	2	3	24	30	EC1/2/NQ/006	J/504/9770
Investigative Geography	2	3	24	30	RF4/2/NQ/001	T/504/2653
Law in Action: Criminal Law	2	3	24	30	EC6/2/NQ/001	J/505/6041
Measures and Shape	2	3	24	30	HD4/2/NQ/014	H/505/2112
<u>Physics</u>	2	4	40	40	RA1/2/NQ/020	D/507/0687
Physiology and Exercise	2	6	60	60	RH4/2/NQ/004	T/507/0677
<u>Psychology</u>	2	3	24	30	PK8/2/NQ/006	T/505/0378
<u>Psychopathology</u>	2	3	30	30	PK8/2/NQ/003	T/507/0694

Title	Level	Credit	GLH	тот	Unit code	Unit reference number
Research Methods in Sociology	2	3	30	30	EE3/2/NQ/004	A/507/0700
Science: Practical Investigation	2	2	20	20	RA1/2/NQ/022	K/507/0692
Skeletons and Muscles	2	3	30	30	RH4/2/NQ/012	Y/615/9264
Social Psychology	2	3	27	30	PK8/2/NQ/007	Y/617/8235
The Cardiovascular System	2	3	30	30	RH4/2/NQ/013	F/615/9260
The Importance of Play	2	3	24	30	HF1/2/NQ/026	D/505/1606
The Intellectual and Language Development of Children	2	3	24	30	HF1/2/NQ/023	M/505/1609
The Sociology of Health	2	3	30	30	EE3/2/NQ/005	F/507/0701
Understanding Child Protection Theory	2	3	24	30	HF1/2/NQ/021	R/504/8525
Understanding the Physical Development of Children and Young People	2	3	24	30	HF1/2/NQ/025	D/504/8589

Level Descriptors

Units are assigned a level based on current RQF guidance issued by Ofqual.

Level	Knowledge Descriptor (the holder)	Skills Descriptor (the holder can)
Level 2	Has knowledge and understanding of facts, procedures and ideas in an area of study or field of work to complete well-defined tasks and address straight-forward problems. Can interpret relevant information and ideas. Is aware of a range of information that is relevant to the area of study or work.	Select and use relevant cognitive and practical skills to complete well-defined, generally routine tasks and address straightforward problems. Identify, gather and use relevant information to inform actions. Identify how effective actions have been.

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Requirements to deliver the qualification

To offer this qualification, centres must ensure that tutors: hold or are working towards:

- Level 3 Award in Education and Training; or
- Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training; or
- Level 3 or 4 PTLLS (or equivalent) and
- Has experience of working in, or teaching qualifications in study skills, employability skills, business and enterprise skills or specific academic subjects.

Centres must also ensure that they have in place an Internal Quality Assurance person who:

- Holds or is working towards a Level 4 Award in Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practices or its equivalent
- Has substantial experience of working in or assessing qualifications in study skills, employability skills, business and enterprise skills or specific academic subjects
- Is familiar with the assessment requirements of the qualification for which they are the Internal Quality Assurer

Support for centres

AIM Qualifications provide all of our centres with on-going support and advice on the use of AIM Qualifications units and qualifications, including the requirements for assessment.

Centre responsibilities

Each centre should identify a centre contact who will be responsible for:

- ensuring that the centre meets all the AIM Qualifications requirements for centre recognition and adheres to all policies and procedures.
- AIM Qualifications provision within the centre
- ensuring all procedures relating to the delivery of the qualification operate effectively in the centre
- ensuring all relevant AIM Qualifications documentation is distributed as required within the centre and that the security requirements for external assessment are adhered to, where applicable.

The information provided in this qualification specification is accurate at the time of publication but is subject to change. AIM Qualifications will occasionally update qualification information, so please refer to the 'AIM Qualifications' page of our website to view any updates, including qualification end dates and the latest versions of our qualification specifications.

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