

ABC Awards – a guide to our School Choice Adviser VRQ



ABC Awards (ABC) Level 2 Award for School Choice Advisers vocationally related qualification is aimed at age 19+ candidates who are working as School Choice Advisers. It is accredited by QCA and therefore eligible for LSC funding.

Vocational qualifications give candidates the ability to work individually and as part of a team, be competent in communication, IT and numeracy skills and have vocational experience in a particular field, giving them the knowledge and skills to succeed in their chosen sector.

Level 2 Award for School Choice Advisers

Whilst School Choice Advisers are funded through the Local Authorities – and their training organised by them, it is essential that School Choice Advisers are independent and are seen to offer impartial advice. The DfES believes that an accredited qualification in School Choice Advice will give a Choice Adviser a clear status as an independent professional.

This qualification is unique in that it incorporates a singular combination of skills and knowledge – based on communicating with hard-to-reach groups and using, interpreting and passing on relevant information about an ever-changing range of schools to choose from at year six.

This qualification accredits and enables School Choice Advisers to provide independent, impartial, realistic, quality advice to parents and carers.

It is designed for the 19+ age group who are working as School Choice Advisers. There are no pre-requisites although it is expected that candidates will be actively involved in providing school choice advice to parents and carers.

The Award is made up of one mandatory unit and has been allocated ten guided learning hours for completion.

Unit

- School Choice Advice

The ABC Level 2 Award for School Choice Advisers is internally assessed by the centre through a portfolio of evidence, which is externally moderated by ABC Awards. All candidates must compile a portfolio of evidence that shows achievement of all the relevant learning outcomes and knowledge requirements for the mandatory unit.

ABC Awards is developing a level 3 Award for School Choice Advisers based on a more self-evaluative and reflective approach to the information, advice and guidance given to parents and carers.

ABC Awards (ABC) is one of the largest vocational awarding bodies in the United Kingdom with an established reputation for quality and customer service. ABC is a major provider of Vocationally Related, and National Vocational Qualifications in the UK. We work with representatives from Sector Skills Councils, QCA and industry bodies to ensure that qualifications are developed to the standards required for the National Qualifications Framework.

ABC's portfolio contains over 250 accredited qualifications and there is the opportunity for all schools, colleges and training organisations to become approved as centres to offer any number of ABC's qualifications.

ABC has a broad choice of qualifications, from Entry Level to Level 6, all offering stepping stones to success. Each qualification is assessed in a rigorous but user-friendly manner and most are in manageable bites of learning. It is ABC's aim to open up opportunities for students and to widen participation in education.

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