

# ABC Awards – a guide to our Print Professional Development Awards VRQs



**ABC Awards (ABC) suite of Print Professional Development vocationally related qualifications are aimed at candidates across all levels and abilities. They are all accredited by QCA and therefore eligible for LSC funding.**

These qualifications are aimed at a wide target market and provide progression routes through ABC's own portfolio and onto other vocational/national qualifications.

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 sector, giving them the knowledge and skills to succeed in their chosen industry.

This suite of qualifications has been developed with a primary aim of enabling candidates to acquire the depth of skills and underpinning knowledge to support progress into further education/training or employment within the Print Industries, at entry and junior level.

Additionally the qualifications support transfer across specialist sectors within the Print Industries, enhancing promotion in employment for individuals. The depth of subject specialism and profile of the learner distinguishes these qualifications.

All the courses provide progression routes directly into employment and to higher level study. Progression may be lateral, adding breadth and depth of skills, or vertical adding and updating specific specialist and technical skills required by particular occupations for entry into employment. The further breadth and depth that the specialist qualifications will add to portfolios will enhance opportunities for progression to HE for many of these students. Recommended guided learning hours are as detailed.

## **Level 3 (Awards, Certificate and Diplomas) in Print Production**

Recommended guided learning hours are as follows:

### **Awards**

60 Guided Learning Hours

- Award in Understanding Printing Technology Processes
- Award in Lithographic Print Processes
- Award in Print Finishing and Paper Purchasing
- Award in Print Production Workflow Management
- Award in Print Specification and Production for Designers
- Award in Screen Printing Skills
- Award in Multi-Colour Lithographic Printing
- Award in Print Buying
- Award in Screen Printing

### **Certificate**

240 Guided Learning Hours

- Certificate in Design Production Skills

### **Diploma**

480 Guided Learning Hours (360 hours internally assessed, 120 hours externally assessed)

- Diploma in Print Media
- Diploma in Digital Pre-Press
- Diploma in Digital Media

**ABC Awards (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 4, 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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