



Level 4 Award in the

Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice

Qualification Specification

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1. ABBE

1.1 Introduction

ABBE, the Awarding Body for Building Education is a forward thinking organisation that offers a range of apprenticeships, qualifications, benefits and support.

ABBE is regulated by Ofqual for the delivery of a range of qualifications. Our qualifications are nationally recognised helping learners to achieve their full potential and ambitions. The full range of qualifications can be found on ABBE's website.

1.2 Mission statement

Our Values - Quality through Standards: Our aim is to provide a high quality experience by building a strong community of mutual support and trust. We can use our collective talents to build meaningful partnerships to help us all to achieve our goals. ABBE is a recognised Awarding Organisation with strong professional integrity.

Our Vision: Is that every learner is confident, successful and has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Our Mission: ABBE Educates, inspires and empowers learners

1.3 Qualification specification

The aim of this specification is to provide learners and centres with information about the content of this qualification.

This specification is a live document and, as such, will be updated when required.

1.4 Enquiries

Any enquiries relating to this qualification should be addressed to:

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2. Qualification Information

2.1 Qualification Purpose

The purpose of this qualification is to provide the learner with the skills, knowledge and understanding, relating to the internal quality assurance of the assessment processes.

2.2 Who could take this qualification?

There is no specific entry requirement; however, learners will need to have the minimum core skills in literacy, numeracy and IT to successfully undertake this qualification. Learners will need to achieve the minimum core requirement of personal skills in these areas. However, it would be advantageous if you are already a qualified Assessor.

2.3 Qualification number

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2.4 Qualification level

This qualification has been listed on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) at: Level 4

2.5 Total Qualification Time

This qualification is allocated Total Qualification Time (TQT) this includes Guided Learning (GL) expressed in hours, which indicates the number of hours of supervised or directed study time and assessment. Credit has also be allocated to this qualification.

- The Total Qualification Time (TQT) for this qualification is: 120
- Guided Learning (GL) for this qualification is: 90
- Credit Value: 12 credits

2.6 Progression

Learners who have completed the ABBE Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) of Assessment Processes and Practice may develop within the IQA role, progress onto the ABBE Level 4 Award in External Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice or other level 4 qualifications.

2.7 Age ranges

Pre 16	No
16-18	No
18+	Yes
19+	Yes

2.8 Structure of the Qualification

To achieve this qualification, learners must successfully complete the two mandatory units.

Mandatory Unit			
URN	Unit Name	Credit Value	Level
H/616/8520	Understanding the principles and practices of internally assuring the quality of assessment	6	4
K/616/8521	Internally assure the quality of assessment	6	4



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2.9 Barred Units

Units with the same title at different levels or units with the same content cannot be combined in the same qualification.

2.10 Language

ABBE qualifications and assessment materials will be provided through the medium of English.

2.11 Grading

This qualification is: Pass/Fail

2.12 Pre-course Procedures

This qualification is available to anyone who is capable of reaching the required standards. They have been developed free from any barriers that unfairly restrict access or progression thereby promoting equal opportunities.

2.13 Qualification Review Boards

Qualification Review Boards (QRBs) are set up for each qualification. The Boards are drawn from employers, centres, Higher Educational Institutes (HEIs) and others with a vested interest in the sector in which the qualification is used. The purpose of the QRB is to ensure that the content of the qualification and the proposed assessment methodology are fit for purpose and are appropriate to meet the requirements of the sector.

QRBs are ongoing and will be scheduled for specific points within the qualification lifetime; at the notional mid-point and again towards the review date of the qualification. During this process, the QRB will consider any feedback received on the performance of the qualification and will consider if the content, structure, purpose and assessment methodology remain appropriate to the needs of the sector. This will help to improve both our qualification and the specification.



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3. Qualification Unit(s)

Unit 1: Understanding the principles and practices of internally assuring the quality of assessment

Unit Reference Number: H/616/8520

Credit: 6

Level: 4

Unit Summary

The aim of this unit is to assess the knowledge and understanding of a trainee Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) practitioner

Assessment Guidance

This unit can be assessed using the following method(s):

- Portfolio of evidence

Relationship to National Occupational Standards

Learning and Development NOS Standard 11: Internally monitor and maintain the quality of assessment.

Learning Outcome The learner will:	Assessment Criterion The learner can:
1. Understand the context and principles of internal quality assurance	1.1 Explain the functions of internal quality assurance in learning and development
	1.2 Explain the key concepts and principles of the internal quality assurance of assessment
	1.3 Explain the roles of practitioners involved in the internal and external quality assurance process
	1.4 Explain the regulations and requirements for internal quality assurance in own area of practice
2. Understand how to plan the internal quality assurance of assessment	2.1 Evaluate the importance of planning and preparing internal quality assurance activities
	2.2 Explain what an internal quality assurance plan should contain
	2.3 Summarise the preparations that need to be made for internal quality assurance, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information collection • communications • administrative arrangements • resources
3. Understand techniques and criteria for monitoring the quality of assessment internally	3.1 Evaluate different techniques for sampling evidence of assessment, including use of technology
	3.2 Explain the appropriate criteria to use for judging the quality of the assessment process



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4. Understand how to internally maintain and improve the quality of assessment	4.1 Summarise the types of feedback, support and advice that assessors may need to maintain and improve the quality of assessment
	4.2 Explain standardisation requirements in relation to assessment
	4.3 Explain relevant procedures regarding disputes about the quality of assessment
5. Understand how to manage information relevant to internal quality assurance of assessment	5.1 Evaluate requirements for information management, data protection and confidentiality in relation to the internal quality assurance of assessment
6. Understand the legal and good practice requirements relating to internal quality assurance of assessment	6.1 Evaluate legal issues, policies and procedures relevant to the internal quality assurance of assessment, including those for health, safety and welfare
	6.2 Evaluate different ways in which technology can contribute to the internal quality assurance of assessment
	6.3 Explain the value of reflective practice and continuing professional development in relation to internal quality assurance
	6.4 Evaluate requirements for equality and diversity and, where appropriate, bilingualism, in relation to the internal quality assurance of assessment



Unit 2: Internally assure the quality of assessment

Unit Reference Number: K/616/8521

Credit: 6

Level: 4

Unit Summary

The aim of this unit is to assess the skills a trainee Internal Quality Assuror (IQA) requires for internally assuring and maintaining the quality of assessment.

Assessment Guidance

This unit can be assessed using the following method(s):

- Portfolio of evidence

Relationship to National Occupational Standards

Learning and Development NOS Standard 11: Internally monitor and maintain the quality of assessment.

Simulation is **NOT** allowed for this unit.

Learning Outcome The learner will:	Assessment Criterion The learner can:
1. Be able to plan the internal quality assurance of assessment	1.1 Plan monitoring activities according to the requirements of own role
	1.2 Make arrangements for internal monitoring activities to assure quality
2. Be able to internally evaluate the quality of assessment	2.1 Carry out internal monitoring activities to quality requirements
	2.2 Evaluate assessor expertise and competence in relation to the requirements of their role
	2.3 Evaluate the planning and preparation of assessment processes
	2.4 Determine whether assessment methods are safe, fair, valid and reliable
	2.5 Determine whether assessment decisions are made using the specified criteria
	2.6 Compare assessor decisions to ensure they are consistent
3. Be able to internally maintain and improve the quality of assessment	3.1 Provide assessors with feedback, advice and support, including professional development opportunities, which help them to maintain and improve the quality of assessment
	3.2 Apply procedures to standardise assessment practices and outcomes
4. Be able to manage information relevant to the internal quality assurance of assessment	4.1 Apply procedures for recording, storing and reporting information relating to internal quality assurance
	4.2 Follow procedures to maintain confidentiality of internal quality assurance information
5. Be able to maintain legal and good practice requirements when	5.1 Apply relevant policies, procedures and legislation in relation to internal quality assurance, including those for health, safety and welfare



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internally monitoring and maintaining the quality of assessment	5.2 Apply requirements for equality and diversity and, where appropriate, bilingualism, in relation to internal quality assurance
	5.3 Critically reflect on own practice in internally assuring the quality of assessment
	5.4 Maintain the currency of own expertise and competence in internally assuring the quality of assessment



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