



Level 3 Certificate in

Building Control

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 our 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 Level 3 Certificate in Building Control has been specifically designed for people new to the Building Control sector, or for people looking to move within the construction to a career in Building Control. The qualification covers a broad range of knowledge that the individual will need in order to gain an appreciation of the Building Control function, in respect of its origin, legislation, responsibilities, technical documentation, site inspection and plan assessment.

2.2 Who could take this Qualification?

People wishing to or who are already working in the Building Control sector, or may be new to the construction industry and would like to pursue a career in this field.

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 3

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: 180
- Guided Learning (GL) for this qualification is: 66
- Credit Value: 18 credits

2.6 Progression

This qualification has been designed to encourage participation in education and training in other Building Control specific qualifications by:

- Level 4 Diploma in Building Control Site Inspection and Plan Assessment
- NVQ level 6 Diploma in Building Control

2.7 Age ranges

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

2.8 Structure of the Qualification

To achieve this qualification, learners must achieve six mandatory units.

Mandatory Units			
URN	Unit Name	Credit Value	Level
L/618/7224	Understanding the Building Regulations and Their Requirements	3	3
H/618/7228	Understanding the Building Control Application Process	3	3
K/618/7229	Introduction to the Approved Documents	3	3



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D/618/7230	Understanding Plan Assessment and Site Inspection	3	3
H/618/7231	Building Control Plan Assessment	3	3
K/618/7232	Building Control Project	3	3

2.9 Barred Units

Units with the same title and unit number cannot be combined in the same qualification. Additionally, units with the same title or with the same content at different levels 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

ABBE qualifications are 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.

There are no formal requirements for entry onto this qualification.

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 Building Regulations and their Requirements

Unit Reference Number: L/618/7224

Level: 3

Credit: 3

GLH: 10

Unit Summary

This unit is about the origins of the Building Regulations, the legislation which underpins the Building Regulations, the roles of those involved in the Building Control function and the enforcement powers found in the Building Act 1984.

Assessment Guidance

For guidance, this unit can be assessed using the following method(s):

- Assignment
- Portfolio

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand Building Regulations and their requirements



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Unit 2: Understand the Building Control Application Process

Unit Reference Number: H/618/7228

Level: 3

Credit: 3

GLH: 8

Unit Summary

This unit is about the Building Control application process, the different types of applications that can be used, and the roles and responsibilities of people associated within the application process.

Assessment Guidance

For guidance, this unit can be assessed using the following method(s):

- Assignment
- Portfolio

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the Building Control Application Process



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Unit 3: Introduction to the Approved Documents

Unit Reference Number: K/618/7229

Level: 3

Credit: 3

GLH: 14

Unit Summary

This unit is about the Building Regulations and the Approved Documents which are used for technical guidance

Assessment Guidance

For guidance, this unit can be assessed using the following method(s):

- Assignment
- Portfolio of evidence

Learning outcomes:

1. Be able to apply Approved Documents



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Unit 4: Understanding Plan Assessment and Site Inspection

Unit Reference Number: D/618/7230

Level: 3

Credit: 3

GLH: 10

Unit Summary

This unit is about the process of plan checking and site inspection in relation to works which require Building Control approval, the understanding technical literature that is required when carrying out this process as well as the statutory consultations required.

Assessment Guidance

For guidance, this unit can be assessed using the following method(s):

- Assignment
- Portfolio of evidence

Learning outcomes:

1. Be able to understand Plan Assessment and Site Inspection



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Unit 5: Building Control Plan Assessment

Unit Reference Number: H/618/7231

Level: 3

Credit: 3

GLH: 12

Unit Summary

This unit is designed so the student can carry out a basic plan assessment of a domestic project using the Building Regulations Approved Documents for technical guidance.

Assessment Guidance

For guidance, this unit can be assessed using the following method(s):

- Technical drawings and technical summary
- Portfolio of evidence

Learning outcomes:

1. Be able to carry out a basic plan assessment



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Unit 6: Building Control Project

Unit Reference Number: K/618/7232

Level: 3

Credit: 3

GLH: 12

Unit Summary

This unit has been designed to enable the student to carry out their own the Building Control pre-construction assessment in relation to a proposed domestic project.

Assessment Guidance

For guidance, this unit can be assessed using the following method(s):

- Portfolio of evidence

Learning outcomes:

1. Be able to carry out the Building Control function prior to the commencement of work on site



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