



**Level 2 Certificate in**

## **Principles of Fire Risk Assessment**

### Qualification Specification

Qualification Recognition Number: 603/7771/9

ABBE Qualification Code: CertPFRAL221

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## **Why this document is being revised**

This document has been revised by ABBE in January 2023. A summary of the changes made to this document is, as follows:

- Page 6 – Purpose of the qualification. This has been changed to reflect the content of the qualification which only covers knowledge and understanding. This qualification does not cover any skills to carry out a Fire Risk Assessment.

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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 2 Certificate in Principles of Fire Risk Assessment provides learners with the knowledge and understanding that underpins the importance of fire risk assessments and the concepts involved including legal, regulatory and the methods used to undertake a fire risk assessment within a low risk building.

Evidence should demonstrate the knowledge of candidates to ensure it is up to date with current practices.

The unit relates to low-risk buildings defined as:

Residential buildings with family or familiar occupancy of less than 15; or retail and commercial buildings occupied by less than 15 staff and the public; and is,

- Less than 3 storey height above ground floor level
- With internal travel distances of less than 30 metres
- With no abnormal hazards or substantial quantities of controlled products, and
- With a floor area of less than 300 square metres

### 2.2 Who could take this Qualification?

This qualification is aimed at those starting out in their fire risk assessment career, no prior knowledge is needed.

### 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 2

### 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: 125
- Guided Learning (GL) for this qualification is: 60
- Credit Value: 13 credits

### 2.6 Progression

This qualification has been designed to encourage progression into other Fire Risk Assessment qualifications by achieving the following:

- ABBE Level 3 Award in Fire Door Inspection
- ABBE Level 3 Certificate in Fire Risk Assessment
- ABBE Level 4 Diploma in Fire Risk Assessment

### 2.7 Age ranges

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



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## 2.8 Structure of the Qualification

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

<b>Mandatory Units</b>			
URN	Unit Name	Credit Value	Level
D/618/8149	Understand legislation, guidelines and process for fire risk assessment	1	2
R/618/8150	Understand the behaviour of fire in buildings	2	2
Y/618/8151	Understand the 'means of escape'	3	2
D/618/8152	Understand passive fire safety provisions	2	2
H/618/8153	Understand active fire safety provision	2	2
K/618/8154	Understand behaviour of people in a fire situation	3	2

## 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 – Understand legislation, guidelines and process for fire risk assessment

Unit reference Number: D/618/8149

Level: 2

Credit: 1

GLH: 2

#### Unit Summary:

This unit is about understanding the legislation and guidance associated with fire risk assessment. It will look at the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, the fire risk assessment process and the procedures for lone working.

#### Assessment Guidance:

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

- On-line examination

#### Learning outcomes:

1. Understand legislation associated with fire risk assessment
2. Understand the process of fire risk assessment
3. Understand how to keep safe whilst working alone



## **Unit 2 – Understand the behaviour of fire in buildings**

Unit reference Number: R/618/8150

Level: 2

Credit: 2

GLH: 8

### **Unit Summary:**

This unit is about the chemistry of combustion and the relationship between aspects of a building and fire. It will also look at classes of fire and different fire extinguishers.

### **Assessment Guidance:**

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

- On-line examination

### **Learning outcomes:**

1. Understand the chemistry of combustion
2. Understand the relationship between aspects of a building and fire
3. Understand the UK classifications of fire



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### **Unit 3 – Understand the ‘means of escape’**

Unit reference Number: Y/618/8151

Level: 2

Credit: 3

GLH: 18

#### **Unit Summary:**

This unit is about fire signage and escape routes. It looks at different buildings and how people may have different needs when escaping from a fire.

#### **Assessment Guidance:**

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

- On-line examination

#### **Learning outcomes:**

1. Understand how the different needs of people can affect the provision of appropriate means of escape
2. Understand how signage and lighting play a key roles in ‘means of escape’
3. Understand ‘stay put’ policies in relation to purpose-built flats



## **Unit 4 – Understand passive fire safety provisions**

Unit reference Number: D/618/8152

Level: 2

Credit: 2

GLH: 12

### **Unit Summary:**

This unit is about understanding the structure of a building, building regulations, how fire spreads and passive ways to prevent or delay the spread of fire.

### **Assessment Guidance:**

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

- On-line examination

### **Learning outcomes:**

1. Understand the structure of a building
2. Understand Building Regulations approved Document B (ADB)
3. Understand how fire spreads and the passive ways to prevent or delay spread



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## **Unit 5 – Understand active fire safety provision**

Unit reference Number: H/618/8153

Level: 2

Credit: 2

GLH: 8

### **Unit Summary:**

This unit is about active fire safety provision. It looks at active ways that fire can be prevented ensuring they are still appropriate and suitable and why occupants should know about third-party certification.

### **Assessment Guidance:**

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

- On-line examination

### **Learning outcomes:**

1. Understand 'active fire safety'
2. Understand active fire safety provisions



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## **Unit 6 – Understand behaviour of people in a fire situation**

Unit reference Number: K/618/8154

Level: 2

Credit: 3

GLH: 12

### **Unit Summary:**

This unit is about how people behave in fire situations, including evacuation methods for the elderly, children and people with mobility issues. The unit also covers fire safety training and the role of Fire Marshalls.

### **Assessment Guidance:**

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

- On-line examination

### **Learning outcomes:**

1. Understand people's behaviour in fire situations
2. Understand evacuations methods
3. Understand why the competence of the person responsible for fire safety is paramount



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