



Level 3 Award in

Fire Door Inspection

Qualification Specification

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This qualification specification was amended in May 2023. A summary of the changes can be found below:

- References to Qualifications in Wales have been removed

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1. ABBE - The Awarding Body for the Built Environment

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 Our values, vision and mission

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 ABBE Qualification Specification

This is the ABBE Qualification Specification for the ABBE Level 3 Award in Fire Door Inspection. 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.

Additional qualification details are available for ABBE approved centres in the ABBE qualification handbook.

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 the Level 3 Award in Fire Door Inspection qualification is to allow learners to demonstrate that they are capable of carrying out fire door inspections and have the underpinning knowledge needed, at the required depth and to confirm occupational competence.

Achievement of these qualifications will provide learners with the required knowledge and skills to work within the sector specialising in this area.

2.2 Who could take this Qualification?

These qualifications are aimed at those who intend to carry out fire door inspections as 'competent persons'. Specifically designed to enable learners to demonstrate their ability to undertake this work, these qualifications are suitable for both in-house fire risk assessors and independent consultants.

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: 45
- Guided Learning (GL) for this qualification is: 8
- Credit Value: 5 credits

2.6 Progression

This qualification has been designed to encourage participation in education and training in other related areas by:

- Enabling existing individuals who work, or wish to work, in this field to gain a recognised qualification and enhance their depth and breadth of knowledge.

2.7 Age ranges

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



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2.8 Structure of the Qualification

To achieve the ABBE Level 3 Award in Fire Door Inspection the learner must complete the four mandatory units.

Mandatory Unit			
URN	Unit Name	Credit Value	Level
J/617/5864	Understand what is meant by a 'fire door'	1	3
L/617/5865	Understand regulations and standards for fire doors	2	3
R/617/5866	Prepare to undertake fire door inspection	1	3
Y/617/5867	Carry out a fire door inspection	1	3

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

These 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 pre-entry requirements for this qualification/The following pre-entry requirements apply to 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 what is meant by a 'fire door'

Unit Reference Number: J/617/5864

Level: 3

Credit: 1

Unit Summary

This unit is aimed at those needing to understand how a fire doors offer protection from the passage of fire and smoke, and how to identify the different types of fire doors.

Assessment Guidance

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

- Portfolio of evidence

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand what is meant by a 'fire door' (i.e. a fire resisting door) in terms of its resistance to the passage of fire and smoke and its functions
2. Understand how to identify a fire door and its performance rating
3. Understand the component parts of a fire door set and the importance of each on the holistic performance



Unit 2: Understand regulations and standards for fire doors

Unit Reference Number: L/617/5865

Level: 3

Credit: 2

Unit Summary

This unit is aimed at those needing to understand the regulation and standards for fire doors. This will also include having an understanding of building regulations and construction production regulation.

Assessment Guidance

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

- Portfolio of evidence

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the regulations that apply to fire doors, in terms of installation and performance
2. Understand how the European Directives impact on UK Regulations, Standards and Codes
3. Understand the relevant parts of Building Regulations Approved Document B, and the equivalent standards in the devolved nations
4. Understand the relevant parts of Building Regulations Approved Document M, and the equivalent standards in the devolved nations
5. Understand the fire safety duties of owners and occupiers of non-domestic premises
6. Understand the Construction Products Regulation 2011 (CPR) and its relevance to Fire Doors



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Unit 3: Prepare to undertake fire door inspections

Unit Reference Number: R/617/5866

Level: 3

Credit: 1

Unit Summary

This unit is aimed at those who will need to inspect fire doors. The unit covers the inspection requirements for undertaking a fire door inspection, including the use of appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Health and Safety.

Assessment Guidance

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

- Portfolio of evidence

Learning Outcomes:

1. Understand what equipment is required to inspect a fire resistant door
2. Understand the health and safety requirements when undertaking fire door inspection
3. Understand the nature of professional conduct required when conducting fire door inspections
4. Be able to maintain health, safety and security at work



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Unit 4: Carry out Fire door inspections

Unit Reference Number: Y/617/5867

Level: 3

Credit: 1

Unit Summary

This unit is aimed at those who will need to inspect fire doors. This unit covers the inspection requirements for timber fire doors, steel fire doors, glazed steel fire screens and roller shutter fire doors.

Assessment Guidance

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

- Portfolio of evidence

Learning outcomes:

1. Be able to set out the inspection procedure required to inspect a fire door
2. Be able to recommend the pass or fail guidance for fire door frames
3. Be able to recommend pass or fail for fire door leaf(s)
4. Be able to pass or fail intumescent and smoke seals
5. Understand the pass/fail guidance for hinges
6. Understand the pass/fail guidance for locks, latches, closers and vent grilles
7. Understand the pass/fail guidance for glazing in fire doors
8. Understand the pass/fail guidance for signage on fire doors
9. Understand the pass/fail guidance for over panels and side panels
10. Be able to carry out a Fire Door Inspection



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