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Level 4 Award in

**Sites and Foundations for Housing
Professionals**

Qualification Specification

Qualification Recognition Number: 610/3705/9

ABBE Qualification Code: AwardISFHPL424

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1. ABBE

1.1 Introduction

ABBE, the Awarding Body for the Built Environment is a forward thinking organisation that offers a range of 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.

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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

Successful achievement of this qualification gives the learner knowledge and understanding relating to sites and foundations. Learners will recognise different types of foundations and why variations are needed, how water affects foundations and the risks of sloping sites. They will look at the detrimental impact water has on owners and occupiers especially if the properties proximity is near rivers or water courses.

Learners wishing to complete this qualification may have some experience within the residential housing industry.

2.2 Who could take this Qualification?

The ABBE Level 4 Award in Introduction to Sites and Foundations for Housing Professionals is aimed at those seeking to update their knowledge and understanding within residential building industry.

2.3 Qualification Number

ABBE Level 4 Award in Introduction to Sites and Foundations for Housing Professionals:
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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 been allocated to this qualification.

- The Total Qualification Time (TQT) for this qualification is: 30 hours
- Guided Learning (GL) for this qualification is: 20 hours
- Credit Value: 3 credits

2.6 Age ranges

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

2.7 Structure of the Qualification

To achieve this qualification, learners must achieve **one** mandatory unit.

Mandatory Units				
Unit No.	URN	Unit Name	Credit Value	Level
1	M/651/0074	Introduction to Sites and Foundations for Housing Professionals	4	3

2.8 Grading

This qualification is: Pass/Fail only



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3. Qualification Unit(s)

Unit 1 – Introduction to Sites and Foundations for Housing Professionals

Unit reference Number: M/651/0074

Level: 4

Credit: 3

GLH: 20

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the different foundation types and why variations are needed for residential buildings
2. Understand the main two types of soil and the implications for foundations
3. Understand how water affects foundations and can cause risks in residential buildings
4. Understand how the proximity of rivers and water courses can affect residential buildings and create risk for owners and occupiers
5. Understand the specific risks for buildings and their occupants due to sloping sites
6. Understand the purpose of retaining walls and potential issues for property owners and occupiers if they fail



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