



Level 4 Award in

Introduction to the Construction of Walls and Floors for Housing Professionals

Qualification Specification

Qualification Recognition Number: 610/3840/4

ABBE Qualification Code: AwardICWFHPL424

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1. ABBE

1.1 Introduction

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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 walls and floors in residential buildings. Learners should be able to recognise different construction of walls and their function as well as how they may deteriorate over time. Learners should also recognise common floor construction and their function as well as how they may fail. They should be aware of ground gas, how this may enter the property and how to mitigate any health risks.

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 the Construction of Walls and Floors for Housing Professionals is aimed at those seeking to update their knowledge and understanding within residential building industry.

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 been allocated to this qualification.

- The Total Qualification Time (TQT) for this qualification is: 50 hours
- Guided Learning (GL) for this qualification is: 40 hours
- Credit Value: 5 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	610/3840/4	Introduction to the Construction of Walls and Floors for Housing Professionals	4	5



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2.8 Grading

This qualification is: Pass/Fail



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3. Qualification Unit(s)

Unit 1 – Introduction to the Construction of Walls and Floors for Housing Professionals

Unit reference Number: 610/3840/4

Level: 4

Credit: 5

GLH: 40

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand how walls are constructed and the impact on owners and occupiers if walls deteriorate over time
2. Understand how walls contribute to the energy efficiency of buildings
3. Understand common floor construction types, their failures and the implications for owners and occupiers
4. Understand how defects in timber and building materials are caused
5. Understand how floors can contribute to energy efficiency
6. Understand how floor design and construction can impact on ground gases and how to mitigate health risks



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