



Level 3 Award in

Introduction to Domestic Retrofit

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.

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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

PAS 2035 covers how to assess dwellings for retrofit, identify improvement options, design and specify energy efficiency measures. Such retrofits are absolutely essential to help reduce the carbon emissions from homes and to help tackle climate change. Originating from the work of the Each Home Counts review, PAS aims to establish a robust framework of standards on how to conduct effective, whole house energy retrofits of existing buildings.

The ABBE Level 3 Award in Introduction to Domestic Retrofit qualification has been developed to give an overview of aspects of PAS2035 giving the learner the knowledge and understanding of the retrofit process and who is involved.

2.2 Who could take this Qualification?

Learners may already be working in the built environment or construction sector, however, this qualification may also be of interest to learners wishing to develop a knowledge of retrofit.

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: 14
- Guided Learning (GL) for this qualification is: 7
- Credit Value: 1 credit

2.6 Progression

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

- Providing the foundation for enhanced learning and development
- Attracting learners from outside the industry
- Allowing individuals with qualifications in other fields to find out about this discipline

This qualification forms part of a wider suite of retrofit qualifications including the:

- Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Insulation Building Treatments
- Level 3 NVQ Certificate in Insulation Building Treatments
- Level 3 Award for Retrofit Advisors
- Level 5 Diploma for Retrofit Co-ordinators, in fact this unit is Unit 1 in the Level 5 qualification so can be used as RPL'd.

2.7 Age ranges

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



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2.8 Structure of the Qualification

Mandatory Units

To achieve this qualification learners must achieve one mandatory unit.

Mandatory Unit(s)				
Unit No.	URN	Unit name	Level	Credit value
1	F/650/0124	Introduction to domestic retrofit	3	1

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 – Introduction to domestic retrofit

Unit reference Number: F/650/0124

Level: 3

Credit: 1

GLH: 7

Unit Summary:

This unit is about the legal requirements and standards set by PAS 2035. It looks at the standards framework, retrofit roles and the principles of domestic retrofit, as well as energy efficiency in homes. It also covers energy use in typical domestic dwellings and how this may vary between dwellings.

Assessment Guidance:

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

- Portfolio of evidence
- Question and answers
- Professional discussion
- Work book

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the political and technical context of domestic retrofit in the UK
2. Understand retrofit standards framework
3. Understand retrofit roles
4. Understand the principles of TrustMark
5. Understand the principles of domestic retrofit
6. Understand energy efficiency in protected buildings
7. Understand the pattern of domestic energy use and how it varies between dwellings



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