



Level 4 Diploma in Building Control Site Inspection and Plans Assessment

Qualification Specification

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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

The ABBE Level 4 Diploma in Building Control Site Inspection and Plans Assessment has been developed to enable those working in building control to take a qualification which not only recognises their current skills and knowledge but gives them an opportunity to develop role specific skills and competencies. The qualification is designed to cover all aspects of the job role, including legal and statutory responsibilities, building structures, the science of materials used in buildings, fire safety as well as; building control assessment and residential plan checking assessment.

Learners may already be working in the construction sector or already in building control as a trainee or an assistant for a local authorities and approved inspectors or private sector consultancies.

On successful completion of the qualification learners can then apply for: the grade of ACABE with the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE).

2.2 Who could take this Qualification?

This qualification has been designed for people working in or wanting to, work the field of building control in the technical aspects of site inspection and plan checking.

2.3 Qualification Number

ABBE Level 4 Diploma in Building Control Site Inspection and Plans Assessment:
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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: 1350
- Guided Learning (GL) for this qualification is: 443
- Credit Value: 135 credits

2.6 Age ranges

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



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2.7 Structure of the Qualification

To achieve this qualification, learners must achieve **eight** mandatory units.

Mandatory Units			
URN	Unit Name	Credit Value	Level
Y/618/3600	Building Control Legal and Statutory Responsibilities	15	4
D/618/3601	Understanding Structures in Building Control	15	4
H/618/3602	Building Control Science of Materials	18	4
K/618/3603	Understanding Fire Safety in Building Control	15	4
M/618/3604	Building Control Residential Inspection	20	4
T/618/3605	Building Control Residential Plan Checking Assessment	22	4
J/651/8236	Competency Requirements in Building Control	15	4
K/651/8237	Codes of Conduct and Professional Ethics	15	4

2.8 Grading

This qualification is: Pass/Fail.



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3. Qualification Unit(s)

Unit 1 – Building Control Legal and Statutory Responsibilities

Unit reference Number: Y/618/3600

Level: 4

Credit: 15

GLH: 50

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand Legal and Statutory Responsibilities within Building Control



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Unit 2 – Understanding Structures in Building Control

Unit reference Number: D/618/3601

Level: 4

Credit: 15

GLH: 50

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the behaviour of a buildings structure



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Unit 3 – Building Control Science of Materials

Unit reference Number: H/618/3602

Level: 4

Credit: 18

GLH: 78

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand human comfort levels in buildings
2. Understand the performance of a buildings materials and the effects on human comfort
3. Understand how to select appropriate materials when specifying domestic building construction



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Unit 4 – Understanding Fire Safety in Building Control

Unit reference Number: K/618/3603

Level: 4

Credit: 15

GLH: 62

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the nature of fire and the significance of fuel load
2. Understand how to identify the type of structure and fabric of a building and how they affect fire safety
3. Understand regulations and techniques used to reduce the impact of fire in buildings



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Unit 5 – Building Control Residential Inspection

Unit reference Number: M/618/3604

Level: 4

Credit: 20

GLH: 5

Learning outcomes:

1. Be able to inspect buildings in relation to Building Regulation compliance



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Unit 6 – Building Control Residential Plan Checking Assessment

Unit reference Number: T/618/3605

Level: 4

Credit: 22

GLH: 18

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand building control applications and plans
2. Be able to check a residential Plan for Building control approval
3. Be able to confirm elements of technical detail to be compliant with the Building Regulations



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Unit 7 – Competency Requirements in Building Control

Unit reference Number: J/651/8236

Level: 4

Credit: 15

GLH: 90

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand the purpose and function of the Building Safety Regulators' Building Inspector Competence Framework (BICoF)
2. Understand the roles, responsibilities and competencies required in relation to the Building Safety Regulators' Building Inspector Competence Framework (BICoF)



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Unit 8 – Codes of Conduct and Professional Ethics

Unit reference Number: K/651/8237

Level: 4

Credit: 15

GLH: 90

Learning outcomes:

1. Understand professional ethics in Building Control
2. Understand codes of conduct in Building Control



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