

Entry 3 - Unit 1 - Facility Services Fundamentals

Assessor's guide to interpreting the criteria

General Information

- Entry Level 3 in the Qualification Credit Framework. It is mapped to the National curriculum at levels 3 and 4.
- The definition of an entry level qualification is to recognize basic knowledge and skills and the ability to apply learning in everyday situations under direct guidance or supervision. Learning at this level involves building basic knowledge and skills and is not geared towards specific occupations.
- The criteria are designed to provide opportunities to promote numeracy, literacy and social skills as well as ICT capability and are fully compatible with the UK National Curriculum programmes of study with some strengthening of important contemporary issues related to open systems providing support for PLTS and citizenship.
- Bronze 3 is designed to promote a wider range of participation by providing a progression pathway from Bronze 2 to Level 1 in the RQF and from national curriculum levels 3 and 4 to level 5.
- The specification for the Entry Level 3 certificate provides an outcome framework for assessment and is not intended to dictate any particular context for learning and so can be used with young children or adults.

Requirements

- Standards must be confirmed by a trained Bronze Assessor or higher
- Assessors must at a minimum record assessment judgements as entries in the on-line mark book on the INGOTs.org certification site
- It is expected that there will be routine evidence of work used for judging assessment outcomes in the candidates' records of their day to day work. Samples should be available at the annual visit and/or by video conference.
- Different approaches to learning will be required in order to match differing needs, for example, the needs of children will be different from the needs of adults with learning disabilities.
- Completing the criteria for this unit entitles the candidate to the Award of the Entry level 3 Unit . In general, the candidate should demonstrate that criteria related to co-operative behaviour can be sustained over time.
- We expect at least 15 hours of guided study to be under-taken before this Unit Award is made to those new to computers but discretion can be used to take account of prior learning where this is sensible in individual cases. In terms of making the award, what matters is outcomes.
- Certificates must be printed on INGOT logo template paper for which there is a charge of 50p per template

Assessment Method

Assessors can use the criteria to determine levels of prior learning through dialog with the candidate, direct observation and any other appropriate and relevant evidence. They can score each of the criteria "L", "S", "H". An "N" indicates no evidence and this is the default setting. "L" indicates some capability but some help still required and the candidate is not secure with that particular criterion. "S" indicates secure mastery of the criterion. "H" indicates that the candidate is operating beyond the basic requirements of the criterion. If all criteria are matched with "S" or "H" the unit is passed. All criteria must be at least "S" for a pass.

Expansion of the assessment criteria

The Entry 3 learner will be becoming increasingly capable of making use of skills, knowledge and understanding to carry out simple structured tasks and activities with occasional guidance and intervention. They will start to relate tasks to contexts and be aware of consequences of actions for themselves and others. While support and guidance are still needed they will demonstrate increasing capability of working self-sufficiently with simple structured tasks.

An activity will typically be 'structured' when:

- * there are several steps that need to be sequential; and
- * the learner has opportunities to practice the sequence or clear guidance is provided.

1. The candidate will manage resources associated with cutting and construction

1.1 I can select the required quantity of resources

The candidate should be able to minimise waste

Evidence: Relevant information in their publications and documents.

Additional information and guidance

Candidates need to demonstrate that they have a good idea of what is required for a job and only choose the materials to achieve this..

1.2 I can select the required quality of resources

Candidates should be able to prepare what they need

Evidence: From portfolio files and assessor verification.

Additional information and guidance

Depending on the job at hand, candidates should be able to demonstrate that they can get the right quality of materials required.

1.3 I can use the resources correctly in accordance with guidelines

Candidates should be able to demonstrate skills

Evidence: From portfolio files.

Additional information and guidance

Many materials used in cutting and construction will have a set of key guidelines or best practices in order to make them work properly. Candidates should follow these as closely as appropriate.

1.4 I can work to deadlines

Candidates will be able to work to deadlines

Evidence: Assessors observation of finalised published work.

Additional information and guidance

Working to deadlines is a key to success and for jobs to be on time.

1.5 I can maintain the tools and equipment used

Candidates will be able to show their overall skills

Evidence: Assessors observation of finalised published work.

Additional information and guidance

Having a good practice for looking after materials used is key to long term success and candidates should demonstrate how they will carry this out.

1.6 I can correctly use occupational signs and codes

Candidates will be able to show a good understanding signs

Evidence: Assessors observation of finalised published work.

Additional information and guidance

Candidates need to demonstrate they understand the meaning of various signs and make sure they apply best practice.

1.7 I can use personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with guidelines

Candidates will be able to demonstrate use and understanding of safety equipment

Evidence: Assessors observation of finalised published work.

Additional information and guidance

If a job calls for eye of breathing protection equipment, then candidates need to show they follow these guidelines.

1.8 I can react and deal with problems which arise during my work

Candidates will be able to manage their work environment

Evidence: Assessors observation of finalised published work.

Additional information and guidance

Sometimes everything that could go wrong will go wrong and candidates need to show that they can deal with these problems and keep to their tasks.

Moderation/verification

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The assessor should keep a record of assessment judgements made for each candidate and make notes of any significant issues for any candidate. They must be prepared to enter into dialog with their Account Manager and provide their assessment records to the Account Manager through the on-line mark book. They should be prepared to provide evidence as a basis for their judgements should it be required by the Principal Assessor or their Account Manager/external moderator. Before authorising certification, the Account Manager must be satisfied that the assessors judgements are sound.

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