

Achieving the Qualification

- to achieve a qualification, learners must complete **two** units from the **same** occupational area;
- learners should undertake 70 guided learning hours per unit equating to 140 hours per qualification;
- learners should present evidence of achieving the assessment objectives in an annotated portfolio;
- units in bold type are common to more than one occupational area to allow for greater choice and flexibility – learners cannot submit any unit towards a qualification more than once;
- those who achieved a qualification based on a previous version of the Occupational Studies specification cannot take another qualification in the same occupational area;
- when offering/designing courses, centres should take account of the facilities and teaching resources available; and
- centres must ensure that learners have access to tools, equipment and materials (including protective clothing) necessary to complete practical tasks.

Occupational Studies Support

Key Contacts

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Microsite

A dedicated subject microsite is available at www.ccea.org.uk. Here you can access information on the revised Occupational Studies specifications, agreement trials and training events as well as exemplar support materials.



Teacher Guide Occupational Studies Level 1 and 2 Qualifications

For first teaching from September 2013
For first award in summer 2014

Occupational studies

- Business and Services* 
- Construction* 
- Design and Creativity* 
- Engineering and Engineering Services* 
- Environment and Society* 
- Technology and Innovation* 



Occupational Studies

- targets Key Stage 4 learners;
- is accredited at NQF Levels 1 and 2;
- is practical and motivates learners in a hands-on occupational environment;
- focuses on work-related tasks, enabling learners to make informed decisions about progression opportunities and career choices; and
- can help to raise levels of achievement by giving learners opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and skills in a context directly related to employability.



What has changed and why?

We have:

- added new units to address the STEM agenda;
- removed some units and refreshed the content of others to reflect changes in industry and occupations;
- changed the way that we assess units and grade the qualification – we assess each unit out of a total of 100 marks (previously 25 marks); and
- not changed the percentage marks allocated to the three assessment objectives.

Assessment Objective	Percentage
AO1 – Knowledge and Understanding	20%
AO2 – Application of Knowledge	60%
AO3 – Evaluation	20%

- removed the availability of first skills in Occupational Studies.

NQF	Occupational Studies Grades
Level 2	Distinction*
	Distinction
	Merit
	Pass
Level 1	Distinction
	Merit
	Pass
	Unclassified

The Occupational Studies Qualifications

There are six general occupational areas within the qualification. These are:

Business and Services	Construction	Design and Creativity	Engineering and Engineering Services	Environment and Society	Technology and Innovation
15 Units	8 Units	12 Units	11 Units	9 Units	9 Units
Childcare: the Play Environment Communication in an Office or Business Environment Contemporary Cuisine Creative Styling using Blow-Drying Techniques Customer Service Facial Skincare Logistics and Transport Manicure and Nail Art Modern Office Procedures Modern Retailing Patisserie and Baking Shampooing and Conditioning Treatments The Physical Care of Babies Using Office Technology Vehicle Servicing and Valeting Operations	Bench Joinery Brick and Block Work Carpentry and Joinery Hard Landscaping Painting and Decorating Plastering Plumbing Tiling	Contemporary Cuisine Creative Hairstyling on Long Hair Creative Hair Styling Setting Techniques Creative Styling Using Blow-Drying Techniques Enterprise Crafts Graphic Design Interior Design Patisserie and Baking Specialised Crafts Textile and Fashion Design Total Beauty Website Development	Basic Fast-Fit Operations Basic Vehicle Body Components and Fitting Computer Aided Design Electronic Circuit Construction Electrical Wiring Installation Maintenance of Land-Based Machinery Manufacturing Techniques – Hand Fitting Manufacturing Techniques – Sheet Metal Plumbing Vehicle Servicing and Valeting Operations Vehicle Technician Operations	Animal Care Horticulture: Caring for Plants and Flowers Horticulture: Growing Plants in a Sustainable Way Reminiscence with Individuals in a Care Environment Running a Leisure Event Sports Leadership Tour Guiding Working in a Care Environment Working in Tourism	Bench Joinery Carpentry and Joinery Computer Aided Design Digital Imaging Digital Music Manufacturing Techniques – Hand fitting Manufacturing Techniques – Sheet Metal Sound Production TV and Film Production