

Self Employment and Enterprise Unit Titles

Copies of the units included in each of these qualifications can be downloaded in full from our website at: <http://www.nocn.org.uk/qualifications/qcf-qualifications>

Who are we?

The National Open College Network (NOCN) is a leading UK Awarding Organisation that is recognised by the Regulatory Authorities in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

- We provide flexible, credit-based qualifications to a range of education and training providers and employers.
- The emerging Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), endorses the Open College Network's 25 years' experience in the recognition of flexible, bite size learning to meet the needs of adults and young people.
- We work in partnership with Open College Networks (OCNs) which are licensed by us (NOCN) to offer our national qualifications.

What to do now

- Visit our Website www.nocn.org.uk
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The **Diversity** of Learning

NOCN Self Employment and Enterprise Qualifications (QCF)

*NOCN Level 2 Award in
Self Employment and Enterprise (QCF)*

*NOCN Level 2 Certificate in
Self Employment and Enterprise (QCF)*

*NOCN Level 3 Award in
Self Employment and Enterprise (QCF)*

*NOCN Level 3 Certificate in
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*Information for
learning providers*

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NOCN's qualifications in Self Employment and Enterprise are designed to enable learners to find out about self employment and enterprise as a realistic opportunity for employment, or to generally develop their entrepreneurial skills within a variety of contexts.

The qualifications have been developed in conjunction with the small business standard setting body, the Small Firms Enterprise and Development Initiative (SFEDI), and as such address the identified development needs of people who are setting up or running a small business.

The qualifications cover the practical issues involved in setting up and running a business and are intended for those learners who already have a business idea and are about to start a business, or those who have already started a small business and wish to gain recognition and accreditation of the practical skills and knowledge they are developing.

Who are these qualifications for?

The qualifications are particularly targeted at those learners who:

- are considering running their own business, or have already started in self employment as a career option
- wish to further develop an existing business
- seek to gain a firm understanding of good business working practice
- want recognition of their learning in setting up in self employment.

The minimum age for access to these qualifications is 16.

Key benefits for your Learners

These qualifications will allow your learners:

- to achieve a qualification that prepares them for setting up a business or develop an existing business
- to achieve a qualification that is nationally recognised
- to work towards a qualification at their own pace
- the opportunity to receive certification for individual units
- flexibility, allowing them to take assessments at anytime, using methods to suit their learning aims and styles
- the opportunity for progression onto other training and qualifications within the Qualifications and Credit Framework.

Key benefits for your Centre

These qualifications:

- are accredited by the regulatory authorities
- are flexible and learner-centred, to enable you to provide a course that meets the particular needs of target learners
- are nationally recognised and quality assured
- are suitable for use in a variety of learning environments.

All our providers have access to good practice, curriculum advice and support through their Open College Network (OCN).

To locate your OCN visit: www.nocn.org.uk/about-us/ocn-locations

Assessment and Achievement Information

Learners are assessed through internally set assessments. These are then internally marked and verified by the Centre and externally verified by NOCN.

All NOCN qualifications are credit-based and consist of individual units of assessment, each with an assigned level and credit value. Qualifications are awarded to learners who achieve the approved combination of units.

To achieve the:	The learners must successfully complete:
NOCN Level 2 Award in Self Employment and Enterprise (QCF)	8 credits = 64 Guided Learning Hours • 3 Mandatory units = 3 credits • a choice of Optional units = 5 credits
NOCN Level 2 Certificate in Self Employment and Enterprise (QCF)	16 credits = 128 Guided Learning Hours • 5 Mandatory units = 6 credits • a choice of Optional units = 10 credits
NOCN Level 3 Award in Self Employment and Enterprise (QCF)	8 credits = 56 Guided Learning Hours • 3 Mandatory units = 3 credits • a choice of Optional units = 5 credits
NOCN Level 3 Certificate in Self Employment and Enterprise (QCF)	16 credits = 112 Guided Learning Hours • 5 Mandatory units = 7 credits • a choice of Optional units = 9 credits

For further assessment information, download a copy of our Self Employment and Enterprise Qualification Guide at: www.nocn.org.uk/qualifications/qcf-qualifications