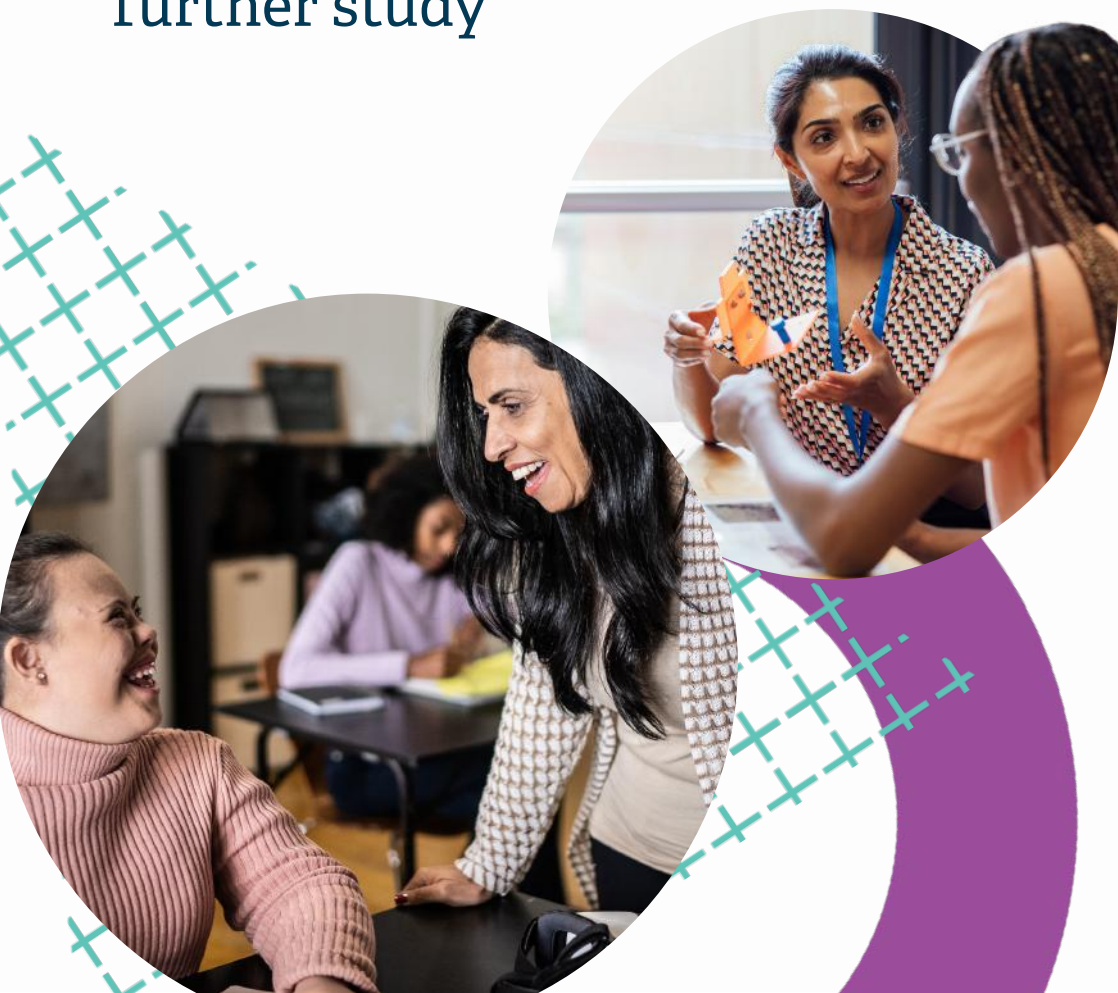


Creating Accessible Routes to Independence:

A preparation for life, work and
further study



The Purpose of these Qualifications

Our Entry Level to Level 2 Regulated Qualifications give you the freedom to build a route that really works for your learners. With a wide range of units to choose from, learners can explore everything from everyday independent-living skills to becoming confident and work-ready.

These qualifications are perfect for supporting NEET and SEND learners, offering gentle stepping stones that help them grow, achieve key milestones, and move on to their next chapter, whether that's an apprenticeship, a job, or greater independence.

You can mix and match the skills to support their development, including vocational tasters and valuable add-ons like customer service or understanding workers rights. Assessments can be shaped around what suits your learners best. With lots of flexibility built in, it's easy to design a curriculum that is meaningful, supportive, and empowering.

In February 2026 the government issued the SEND Reform White Paper. The goal being to have an inclusive education system for all learners to thrive within mainstream settings with support quickly as required.



Our offer helps you deliver inclusive curriculum, designed to meet the needs of all of your learners

“This is a generational challenge. Our country’s future rests on the next generation. We all have a responsibility to ensure they are set up to succeed.

Young people have not given up on work. We must not give up on them.”

- Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson, Department for Education (Young People and Work: Interim Report)

Progression Award Levels

Qualification	Credits	Hours
Entry Award	3	30
Level 1 Award	6	47
Level 1 Certificate	21	175



Five Principles

The SEND Code of Practice categorises young people's needs into five areas and is statutory guidance for identifying, assessing and supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

- Executive Function
- Motor/Physical
- Speech/Communication
- Sensory
- Social and Emotional

Example Units and Sectors

Vocational Introduction

- Building and Construction
- Business and Administration
- Catering
- Customer Service Skills
- Engineering
- Travel and Tourism

General life Skills

- Personal Hygiene and Oral Health
- Develop Skills for a Healthy Lifestyle
- Road Safety
- Managing Social Relationships
- Budgeting
- Speak to Communicate

IT Units

- Presentation Software
- IT User Fundamentals
- Spreadsheet Software
- Using Email
- Using the Internet
- Word Processing Software

Work Ready Skills

- Interview Skills
- Preparing for Work
- Induction to Study
- Stress and Stress Management Techniques
- Time Management
- Prepare for Work Experience

Additional Quals

- Money Management
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Awareness
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness
- Food Safety
- Workers Rights'
- Customer Service

For a full list of units or to speak to our team email:

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Examples to Get You Started*

*For illustrative purposes only,

Choose from *over 100 units* to build the qualification that works for your learners

Entry Level Award

Unit	Credits	Area of need supported
Speak to Communicate	2	Speech / Communication
Individual Roles & Responsibilities	1	Social and Emotional

Level 1 Award

Unit	Credits	Area of need supported
Skills for an Independent Life	3	Executive Function
Personal Confidence and Self Awareness	3	Social and Emotional



Over
1 million

young
people
are
NEET
that's
13.5%
of 18 - 24
year olds



Unlocking Individual Routes to Success

The recent Review of Young People and Work by The Rt Hon Alan Milburn shows there is a decline in entry level jobs and work experience opportunities, a rise in mental health and health related barrier to employment.

Our pick and mix qualification units allow you to design flexible vocational programmes that meet learners where they are and take them where they need to go.

Ideal for engaging NEET learners with diverse needs, experiences and ambitions.

Design Programmes Around the learner

Create personalised routes by combining units that meet individual needs:

1. Employability and work readiness
2. Personal development and confidence building
3. Sector-specific vocational skills
4. Functional skills integration
5. Wellbeing and resilience
6. Build a programme that is relevant, achievable, and motivating from day one



Why it works for NEET Learners

Personalised from the Start

Start small and Build

Unit-based delivery allows learners to:

- Gain qualifications in stages
- Experience quick wins
- Build confidence through success

No “one size fits all” curriculum, learners follow a route tailored to their goals, interests and starting point.

Flexible to Fit Real Lives

Programmes can be structured to support:

- Part-time or blended delivery
- Changing attendance patterns
- Learners with complex circumstances

Clear Routes to Progression

Mix and match units to create routes into:

- Further education
- Apprenticeships
- Successful transition into work
- Independence



Examples to Get You Started*

*For illustrative purposes only, you have access to over 100 units to build a qualification that suits your learners and their life skills.

Entry Level Award

Unit	Credits	Sector
IT User Fundamentals	2	IT Units

Intro to the IT Sector	1	IT Units
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Level 1 Award

IT Communication Fundamentals	2	IT Units
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Customer Service Skills	3	Work Ready Skills
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Enterprise Skills	1	Work Ready Skills
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Level 1 Certificate

Career Planning	3	Work Ready Skills
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Intro to the IT Sector	3	IT Units
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Teamwork Skills	3	Work Ready Skills
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Assertiveness and Decision Making	3	Work Ready Skills
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Using Email	2	IT Units
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Word Processing	3	IT Units
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Intro to Retail	1	Vocational Intro
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Work Experience	3	Work Ready Skills
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Empowering your Delivery Staff

1 Teach with Flexibility

Staff can adapt delivery, pace, and content to suit each learner group

2 Engage Harder-to-Reach Learners

Relevant, tailored content leads to better attendance and participation

3 Deliver Holistic Support

Easily embed pastoral care, wellbeing and employability throughout programmes

4 Innovate with Confidence

Use project-based learning, employer engagement and practical activities

A Smarter Way to Deliver Outcomes

Using pick & mix units, you can:

- Increase NEET enrolment and retention
- Improve achievement through unit-based success
- Strengthen progression into employment or further study
- Deliver a truly inclusive curriculum aligned with Ofsted priorities



Investing in your Delivery Staff

The White paper proposes that everyone working with children and young people should receive SEND training making inclusive practice a core expectation.

Settings will be expected to evidence how staff are equipped to support learners with SEND and workforce capability to become a measure of school effectiveness.

CPD Events supporting SEND Educators

- Every Classroom a SEND Classroom
- Inclusive Curriculum Assessment and Design
- Inclusive Teaching
- Mental Health Training Graduated Approach
- Safeguarding Network
- Supporting Students Emotional Wellbeing
- Understanding Autism
- Understanding Learners with specific Literacy and Numeracy Difficulties

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