

SUSTAINABILITY SKILLS

teaching tomorrow's global citizens



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BTEC in Sustainability Skills will teach learners the role they play as global citizens by developing workplace, citizenship, sustainability and personal skills.

Part of the MySkills suite, Sustainability Skills has been designed as a flexible qualification that can fit around your existing curriculum. Indeed, many topics covered are already taught in PSHE and Citizenship lessons, so learners can work towards a nationally recognised qualification whilst participating in the wider enrichment and community activities that form part of a balanced programme of study.

Personal skills...

... aim to develop the skills that contribute to healthy, happy lives, such as personal identity and social relationships.

Citizenship skills...

... include units that teach responsible citizenship, including community action and rights and responsibilities.

Workplace skills...

... provide learners with the opportunity to develop the core skills needed to succeed in working life, such as team work and leadership.

Sustainability skills...

... include core learning about the environment, such as sustainable buildings and waste management, that will help create environmentally aware students.

What is it?

Sustainability Skills are flexible, personal development qualifications designed to teach learners what it means to be a global citizen. Students will develop a range of knowledge, skills and understanding that is essential for successful performance in work and life. Learning is based around 4 central themes:

- personal skills
- citizenship skills
- workplace skills
- sustainability skills.

How does it work?

Sustainability Skills come in two sizes – Award and Certificate – and are available at Entry Level 3, Level 1 and Level 2.

Sustainability Skills is designed to be flexible – you can shape it to meet the needs of your learner.

This qualification is roll-on, roll-off – and you can register and enrol learners onto this course at any time of the year without incurring late fees.



Why offer it?

The qualifications are designed to help learners realise the positive contribution they can make as an individual to their communities, environments, places of work and the world as a global citizen.

With Sustainability Skills you can be imaginative!

Sustainability Skills has been designed so that it can be tailored to your learning aims and the interests of your students.

At each level there is just one mandatory unit - a three-credit project. This allows learners to undertake independent research into an area that interests them - excellent preparation for further or higher education.

We've included a wide range of optional units and no rules of combination so you can adapt the course further and build in exciting project work, where your learner would benefit from it.

Inspire passion in learners

Sustainability is a subject area many learners feel passionate about. This course allows them to expand their knowledge in this field and gives them the opportunity to develop practical skills. They also gain the understanding needed to pass on their knowledge and encourage an awareness of sustainability in others, helping to safeguard and promote a future for all through good citizenship.

Recognise achievement

Sustainability Skills is accredited on the QCF (Qualifications and Credit Framework), which means learners receive credits for the units they complete and these can be recognised towards other qualifications in which they feature, such as BTEC WorkSkills.

Accredit a balanced curriculum

Many topics covered in the qualifications are already being taught in PSHE and Citizenship lessons, so learners can achieve a recognised qualification for the enrichment that comes within a balanced curriculum. Some schools, have also told us that they find Sustainability Skills an excellent option for religious education classes.

The units

This qualification includes PSHE and Citizenship optional units you may already be teaching.



Unit title	Credit value	GLH*	Unit type
Entry Level 3 units			
Project in Sustainability	3	30	Mandatory
Healthy Living	2	20	Optional
Sustainable Buildings	1	10	Optional
Shopping and Waste Management	1	10	Optional
Developing Self	2	20	Optional
Manage Social Relationships	2	20	Optional
Working in a Team	3	30	Optional
Working Towards Goals	2	20	Optional
Dealing with Problems in Daily Life	2	20	Optional
Individual Rights and Responsibilities	1	10	Optional
Community Action	2	20	Optional
Level 1 units			
Project in Sustainability	3	30	Mandatory
Healthy Living	2	20	Optional
Healthy Lifestyles	1	10	Optional
Sustainable Buildings	1	10	Optional
Purchasing and Waste Management	1	10	Optional
Understanding Personal Identity	1	10	Optional
Personal and Social Relationships	1	10	Optional
Exploring the Impact of Diversity in our Communities	1	10	Optional
Working in a Team	3	30	Optional





Unit title	Credit value	GLH*	Unit type
Level 1 units (cont.)			
Working Towards Goals	2	20	Optional
Dealing with Problems in Daily Life	2	20	Optional
Individual Rights and Responsibilities	1	10	Optional
Community Action	2	20	Optional
Rights and Responsibilities of a Citizen in a Democracy	1	10	Optional
The Changing Nature of Society in the UK	1	10	Optional
The Role of the UK in Worldwide Organisations	1	10	Optional
Developing Personal Skills for Leadership	2	20	Optional
Practising Leadership Skills with Others	2	20	Optional
Level 2 units			
Project in Sustainability	3	24	Mandatory
Healthy Lifestyles	1	8	Optional
Sustainable Buildings	1	8	Optional
Procurement and Waste Management	1	8	Optional
Understanding Personal Identity	1	8	Optional
Personal and Social Relationships	1	8	Optional
Exploring the Impact of Diversity in our Communities	1	8	Optional
Working in a Team	3	30	Optional
Learning from More Experienced People	2	16	Optional
Rights and Responsibilities of a Citizen in a Democracy	1	8	Optional
The Changing Nature of Society in the UK	1	8	Optional
Worldwide Citizenship	1	8	Optional
Developing Personal Skills for Leadership	2	20	Optional
Practising Leadership Skills with Others	2	20	Optional

* GLH - Guided Learning Hours, defined as the amount of time a member of staff is present to give specific guidance towards the unit's learning aims.



Teaching resources

Free teaching resources

To help you with planning and delivering, we've developed a range of free resources specifically for Sustainability Skills.

Firstly, we've developed some free sample assignments for the following units:

- Project in Sustainability
- Sustainable Buildings
- Purchasing and Waste Management
- Working in a Team

We've also been working with British Gas, the Woodland Trust and Water Aid to produce a range of activities which you can use in your lessons. These include some interactive flash resources and sample projects.

Specification

To help you get off to a flying start, the specification for Sustainability Skills gives you all the information you need to start teaching straight away. This includes:

- a framework of equivalencies, so you can see how this qualification compares with other Edexcel vocational qualifications;
- information on rules of combination, structures and quality assurance, so you can deliver the qualification with confidence;
- explanations of the content's relationship with the learning outcomes;
- guidance on assessment, and what the learner must produce to achieve the unit.

Don't forget that we're always here to offer curriculum and qualification updates, local training and network opportunities, advice, guidance and support.

To download the specification or free resources visit
www.edexcel.com/sustainability

Assessment and approval

Method of assessment

Learners compile a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate their competence.

There are no formal written examinations. Portfolios are internally assessed and subject to our Online Standardisation for Centre Assessors (OSCA 2) process.

There is no requirement for all staff teaching the course to be qualified assessors or internal verifiers, though one lead internal verifier is needed per centre for a particular qualification suite.

Approval

If your centre is already approved to offer BTEC qualifications you can log onto www.edexcelonline.com to get instant approval to offer Sustainability Skills.

If you're an Edexcel customer, but new to BTECs, log on to www.edexcelonline.com, select the BTEC tab and complete the online declaration of intent.

If you are not already an approved Edexcel centre call 0844 463 2535 to find out how to get approval.





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