

Purpose Statement

Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Award in Personal and Social Development (QCF)
Qualification Number: 500/5859/9

What is the purpose of this qualification?

The Level 1 Award is part of a suite of qualifications in Personal and Social Development available from entry to level 2. The Level 1 Award is an appropriate size for learners who may need to gain in confidence and cover a small range of skill areas. The qualification is designed to meet the personal and social needs of learners. The range of units available reflect the personalised and flexible approach of this qualification, unit choices can be matched to individual skill development needs such as confidence building, working with others or preparation for work.

What does this qualification cover?

All the content of the qualification, relates directly to the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to support students in progressing to further study. This qualification is 6 credits in size taken from a choice of 41 optional level 1 units and a choice of higher or lower level units, this is because the qualification recognises that students may be better at or not so good in certain skills areas. Therefore the qualification allows students to choose units from higher and lower levels in order to consolidate and stretch their learning. The rules surrounding the choice of units mean that over 50% must be at level 1.

The units cover topics such as; goal setting, dealing with everyday problems, working as part of a group, developing self, managing social relationships, individual rights and responsibilities, community action, healthy living, preparation for work and money management.

The Award in Personal and Social Development is usually studied alongside other qualifications and activities, such as English, Mathematics and vocational learning as part of a broader learning programme.

Is this qualification available in an apprenticeship?

This is a level 1 qualification and is not available as part of an apprenticeship.

Who could take this qualification?

This qualification is aimed at any learners over the age of 14 who wish to improve their personal and social skills in order to be able to manage their relationships, develop confidence and prepare for employment.

What are the qualification outcomes?

The primary outcome of this qualification is to support individuals to operate effectively in life, learning and work, by developing the skills necessary to succeed in further study and employment. In addition the qualification will suit learners who are returning or re-engaging with learning and need to consolidate their learning, social and employability skills before considering entering work. The choice of units will reflect each individual learner's needs.

What higher level learning will this qualification lead to?

Personal and Social Development qualifications are designed to support broader learning programmes. Their intention is to support the development of skills within a vocational context. Therefore students may progress to any higher level qualification.

Why choose the Award in Personal and Social Development?

The Pearson Edexcel Level 1 Award in Personal and Social Development will suit students working at this level who are looking to address a small number of identified skills

gaps in order to overcome barriers to work or to support them in re-engaging with learning. By studying the Award, students will develop the identified skills in preparation for higher level vocational learning.

Pearson offers the Level 1 Certificate and Diploma in Personal and Social Development for those students wishing to study and develop a broader range of skills. Other similar qualifications are also available at higher levels.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by Pearson centres including:

- West Herts College
- Accrington and Rossendale College
- City and Islington College
- Solihull College
- Tower Hamlets College

Further Information

Further information about this qualification can be found on our website:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-personal-and-social-development/personal-and-social-development-11.html>