

Purpose Statement

Pearson Edexcel Entry Level Certificate in Skills for Independence and Work (Entry 2) (QCF)
Qualification Number: 500/8856/7

What is the purpose of this qualification?

The Entry 2 Certificate is part of a suite of qualifications within Pearson's Personal and Social Development offer. Smaller Awards and Larger Diploma sized qualifications are available if learners need to develop more or less skills than the Certificate provides. The Entry 2 Certificate is an appropriate size for learners who may need to develop confidence in operating independently in life and work. The qualification is designed to meet the personal home, community 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, personal care, working with others or preparation for work. The qualification also provides an opportunity for learners to begin to explore vocational sectors such as performing arts, waste management, floristry, retail, sport and hospitality.

How does this qualification differ from other Entry 2 Personal and Social development qualifications?

The Skills for Independence and work qualifications offer students the opportunity to develop skills that will enable them to transition from personal development to vocational learning. This is provided by the choice of vocational units that have been designed to provide students with the experience of vocational learning within a simulated or home environment, whereas The Entry 2 Level qualifications in Personal and Social Development have a primary focus on independence and life skills.

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification is 13 credits in size taken from a choice of 54 optional units.

The units cover topics such as; community action and participation, healthy living, personal care, home cooking, parenting, home laundry, pet care, exploring the arts and money management.

The Certificate in Skills for Independence and Work (Entry 2) may be studied alongside other qualifications and activities, such as English and Mathematics Functional Skills as part of a broader learning programme.

Is this qualification available in an apprenticeship?

No

Who could take this qualification?

This qualification is aimed at any learners over the age of 14 who wish to improve their personal, social and independent living skills in order to be able to manage their relationships, develop confidence and learn vital home management skills in becoming independent.

What are the qualification outcomes?

The primary outcome of this qualification is to support learners in becoming independent and effective in everyday life, learning and work. 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.

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by Pearson centres including:

- Havering College
- Hopwood Hall
- Bexley 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/skills-for-independence-and-work-l1.html#tab-1>