

## Purpose Statement

Pearson Edexcel Entry Level Diploma in Skills for Independence and Work (Entry 2) (QCF)  
Qualification Number: 500/8855/5

### What is the purpose of this qualification?

The Entry 2 Diploma is part of a suite of qualifications within Pearson's Personal and Social Development offer. Pearson offers Personal and Social Development qualifications from entry 1 to level 2.

The Entry 2 Diploma is an appropriate size for learners who may need to develop confidence in operating independently in life and work and need to pace their learning so that they experience a fuller range of opportunities.

Smaller sized Award and Certificate qualifications are available if learners need smaller sizes to fit in with their chosen learning programme.

This 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.

At entry 2 and higher, the qualifications recognise that students may be better at or not so good in certain skills areas. Therefore the qualifications allow students to choose units from higher and lower levels in order to consolidate and stretch their learning.

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

The Entry Level Diploma in Skills for Independence and Work offers 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. This differs from the purpose of the more generic entry 2 personal and social development qualifications that have a primary focus on independence and life skills.

This qualification would suit students, working at entry 2 who have identified particular vocational interests and provide them with the opportunity to explore them.

### 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 37 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 Diploma 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?

This is an entry level 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, 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. In addition a choice of vocationally specific units may help students decide on an appropriate vocational learning or employment progression pathway.

**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?**

This qualification is 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 vocational qualification.

**Why choose the Diploma in Skills for Independence and Work?**

The Pearson Edexcel Entry Level Diploma will suit students working at this level who are looking to develop particular skills in order to overcome barriers to work or support them in re-engaging with learning. By studying the Diploma, students will develop a broad range of skills in preparation for higher level vocational learning.

Pearson offers the Entry 2 Award and Certificate in Skills for Independence and Work for those students wishing to study and develop a narrower range of skills.

The Level 1 Diploma in Skills for Independence and Work provides a comprehensive introduction to the skills required to progress to higher level learning.

**Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification is supported by Pearson centres including:

- Barking and Dagenham College
- South Cheshire College
- Bexley College
- Hull 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-2>