

## Pearson BTEC Entry Level 6-Credit Award in Workskills (Entry 3) (QCF)

**Qualification Number: 601/0689/X**

### Qualification Overview

The qualification is flexible and adapts to the individual needs of the learner. There is no core and all of the units are optional.

The qualification is available to learners aged 14+, including adult learners. It is primarily designed for learners who are not currently in work. This includes two distinct groups: Firstly people who are out of work and are looking to enter the workplace or a traineeship and secondly those currently undertaking other programmes, for example a study programme at school or college. There are no requirements of prior achievement for this qualification, it is open to everyone.

The Entry Level Award includes units at Entry Level and Level 1, so it allows for learners to start at Entry level and progress to achieving Level 1 units towards the end of their programme. It is suitable for learners taking short, targeted programmes in aspects of employability.

The primary outcome of the Pearson BTEC Entry Level 6-credit Award in Workskills is to **break down barriers to engagement with work.**

The entry level award has the content to support learners with different needs. Often learners will lack confidence; will be unable to see the strengths and skills that they have that will help them to take the next steps towards work. Therefore a programme including self assessment, support with the job application and interview process will overcome this. A different learner's barriers may be about retaining a job once it has been secured. A programme that concentrates on positive attitudes at work, solving work-related problems, self-management skills, managing your health at work and money management will support the learner in preparation for their re-entry to the workplace.

### What the qualification leads to

The Pearson BTEC Entry Level Award in Workskills leads to learners being able to secure a traineeship or employment as generic skills have been developed and barriers to work broken down. It will also enable learners to progress to level 1 during the course of their programme so that a vocational qualification at level 1 can be undertaken.

### Why a learner would take this qualification

This qualification is suitable for learners who are taking a short employability programme with the aim of moving onto a vocational qualification at level 1, a traineeship programme or into work.

Also available are awards at 3 and 9 credits and a certificate qualification. The range of sizes and flexibility of the qualifications means that learners are able to access a qualification which meets their individual needs. It is likely that where learners are starting at Entry level, the certificate-sized qualification will be most popular as it gives more time to allow progression to level 1 units.

**Who supports the qualification**

The Pearson BTEC Entry Level 6-credit Award in Workskills is well supported and there are a large number of centres who offer it to learners.

The following centres have indicated their support to the SFA to ensure that the qualification is funded:

Intraining

SPS Training

Potential for Skills