

Pearson BTEC Level 6 Diploma in Career Guidance and Development (QCF)**Qualification Number: 601/2598/6****What is the purpose of this qualification?**

The Level 6 Diploma in Career Guidance and Development is a qualification for learners wishing to qualify as careers guidance professionals in a work-based setting. It confirms occupational competence in the sector.

What does this qualification cover?

Learners complete seven mandatory units: Preparing to work in the career information, advice and guidance sector; Agree the purpose of client-centred career guidance interviews and maintain communication with clients; Career guidance theory; Explore and agree the career guidance and development needs of clients; Reflect on and improve professional practice; Use career and Labour Market Information with clients; Work with other agencies for the benefit of clients and the organisation.

A minimum of two optional units are then taken depending on the requirements of the learner. Examples of options that can be chosen include: Undertake research on behalf of the service; Advocate on behalf of clients; Understand how to support specific client groups to overcome barriers to learning, training and work.

All the content of the qualification, mandatory and optional relates directly to the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to work in professional Career Guidance and Development roles.

The qualification is accredited on the OFQUAL register.

Who could take this qualification?

The qualification is for all learner aged 19 and above who are capable of reaching the required standards. Learners do not need any specified prior qualifications, knowledge or experience before starting the qualification. However, this is a professional qualification at level 6 and therefore it is expected as a minimum that learners would either have gained a level 4 qualification or demonstrated this level of competence in a work setting before starting this qualification.

It is suitable for those working in organisations providing career guidance services such as national careers service, employability providers, schools, colleges, university careers services.

Specifically the level 6 Career Guidance and Development qualification is suitable for those who wish to qualify as Career guidance professionals.

What could this qualification lead to?

On completion of this qualification learners can work as careers guidance professionals. Learners who have completed this qualification can if they wish register on the UK register of Career Development Professionals.

Post-graduate or graduate-qualified teachers can register as Career Development Professionals on completion of the following 3 units (CDI Certificate in Careers Leadership):

- Lead and manage career development work in an organisation
- Continuously improve career development work in an organisation

- Plan and design career-related programmes

Who supports this qualification?

The Career Development Institute (CDI), support and were involved in developing this qualification.